

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL- NOVEMBER 26, 2012-COMMUNITY CENTER

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Minutes of the November 12 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen and seconded by Mr. Tyger. There were no agenda items or clerks report.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch stated that council received a letter in their packets about appointing a new member to the library board. The letter listed some candidates for the position, but she said it was suggested to her that there should be an article in the paper explaining that the Village is accepting letters of interest for the position. Mr. Elzer asked what qualification we should be asking for. Mayor Zuch stated that they should have an interest in the Library itself. Mayor Zuch asked Morning Journal reporter Tom Giambrone to put an article in the paper stating that the Village is accepting letters of interest for the position on the Library Board. Mr. Figley asked if they had to be a resident of East Palestine. Mayor Zuch stated that Librarian Tamara Hess suggested that because there is no official ruling yet. That they would not want to select someone from outside city limits and then the ruling come back that they have to be within the city limits and then have to do the process all over again. Mayor Zuch stated it is a 4-year term with one meeting per month, and this is a non-paying position. Mayor Zuch suggested the deadline for letters be Dec 6, as they want the new board member to take office Jan 1, 2013. Atty. Smith recommended that it be done by resolution. Mr. Cohen asked if the deadline could be extended, as Dec 6 does not give very much time. Mayor Zuch said since council would like additional time, they extended the deadline to Dec 13 and then they can vote on it at the December 27 meeting.

MANAGER: Village Manager Pete Monteleone stated the crack filling on Claybrook Dr. has been completed by Dave Baker and looks good. Mr. Elzer asked when that becomes a city street and Monteleone stated that was done at the last meeting. He also stated that Claybrook would be paying the bill for the crack filling. He stated the Moore Lane project is complete and looks great. Monteleone said that the new sign at the park entrance looks great. The sign was donated in memory of Jaison Harris. At this time Mr. Bob Harris stood up and thanked everyone involved in making the sign possible, including his sons friends, family, the community, Jerry Coblentzs daughter and the city for helping install the sign. Council thanked Mr. Harris for the donation, and Monteleone said it is a great asset for our community. Mr. Elzer commented on the grant strategy, he said they will tell you about all of the grants available and what it takes to qualify and you end up trying to fit a project to a grant. Mr. Elzer said what they did was give the grant people a list of projects and see if any of the projects fit into a specific grant. Monteleone said they stated that one of our main goals is the revitalization of downtown. Mr. Elzer said they hope to do this in smaller pieces rather than go after a large-scale project at once. Mr. Cohen asked about Buckeye Mineral. Monteleone said that is becoming a concern for him, that he calls them every week and he said it seems the more he contacts them the more elusive they are. He continually tells them he wants more information. He will continue to keep calling them. Mr. Cohen asked if our contract was up and Monteleone said it is but we are already in a group. Mr. Cohen stated maybe we should consider a different company, Monteleone said when he speaks with Buckeye tomorrow that he could mention the possibility of looking for a different company to see if the moves things along. Mr. Elzer stated there is clause in the contract that even if we leave them they still get a percent of profits. Monteleone said that is a six month time period and we are already three months in.

LAW DIRECTOR: NO REPORT

STREET: Mr. Figley stated that the Moore Lane job was done to 100%. There are some ideas for future paving projects and that the Manager is doing a good job.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEMETERY: Mr. Cohen stated he attended the Park Board meeting last week and there was a discussion on the concession stand counter. It is in bad shape and needs replaced. They also discussed having a baby pool installed. He thanked everyone in the community for passing the park levy.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer said they held the Turkey Trot on Thanksgiving and they had over 250 runners from 6 states and 2 countries. That is up over 50 people from last year. Mr. Elzer thanks the Negley FD, EPPD, and the Police Department because without their help, the race could not take place. There is a new antique store opening on Dec 1, Black Dog Antiques across from Rite Aid. Jim Vance opened a baseball training facility up on RT 14 and it is very impressive. Mayor Zuch said she helped at the Turkey Trot this year and said it went very smooth and well organized. Mrs. Wisser thanked the Elzers for organizing the race.

UTILITY: NO REPORT

FINANCE: Mr. Tyger stated that they had the Finance Committee meeting earlier, and that covered everything.

At this point Mayor Zuch gave a brief summary of tonight's legislation. Ordinance 26-2012 is just an update of our codified ordinances, which is done every year. It contains any new legislation passed in the last year along with updates of any laws. Ordinance 25-2012 is the second reading for the 2013 budget. There were no comments on current legislation.

VISITORS: Dianna Elzer, Jerry Coblentz, Tom Giambrone, Charlie Hutchens, Chief Kevin Dickey, John & Dot Herbert, Mack Warner, Scott Wolfe, Mary Ann Tyger, Park Grim, Emery Coon, John & Bonnie Davis, Tamara Hess, John Jurjavcic, Tami & Bob Harris, Dan Scott, and Pam Figley.

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced **Ord 25-2012 for a second reading** and made a motion that it be read by title only. Seconded by Mr. Tyger, All in favor. **An ordinance adopting the appropriation for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of East Palestine, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2012 and adopting estimated resources, and declaring an emergency.** Atty. Beagle introduced **Ord. 26-2012** and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Elzer. All in favor. **An ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances; providing for the adoption of new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith: and declaring an emergency.** Atty. Beagle made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Tyger. All in favor. Atty. Beagle called for a vote on **Ord. 26-2012.** Atty. Beagle-Y, Mr. Elzer-Y, Mr. Cohen-Y, Mr. Figley-Y, Mr. Tyger -Y and Mrs. Wisser-Y. 6 yes to pass, motion carried.

ADJOURN: Mr. Elzer made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH

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