

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MAY 27 2014 85 NORTH MARKET STREET

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley and Mr. Tyger. Also present were Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson, Law Director Dave Powers and Clerk Misti Martin. At this point Mr. Elzer made a motion to change the order of the agenda to allow Manager Monteleone to go over his report so he could leave to attend to a family matter, the motion was seconded by Mr. Tyger.

MANAGER: Monteleone stated he had given council a written report. He stated he has been working with John Simon on some houses in town and with the police on high grass. The pool opening has been delayed because of some leaks that were found caused by the harsh winter. He said that the company coming to do the repairs will be here Wednesday and we will hopefully be refilling the pool by this weekend. He said the chip & seal will begin Friday which will include a mile of roads and the park, the work is being done by Snyders. He said that paving will begin Monday June 9 and the crack filling is moving forward. In reference to the water loss situation he is planning on budgeting for next year a leak detection company to come in. Water Wastewater Superintendant John Jurjavic stated that those companies usually charge around \$750.00 per day, he stated they have been here periodically but not to do the entire system. Jurjavic said there are 28 miles of water line and it would take time to do the entire system. It would also require one of the water crew to go out and work with them on night turn. Mr. Elzer asked if it would be a good idea to alert everyone in town to let the Village know if they see any unusual water puddles or water going down the road, Jurjavic said yes and that the water department does check on issues that are called in. Monteleone said that could be posted on the web site but he feels it would still be a good idea to begin a program of leak detection. Mr. Elzer asked if the leak detection was done with sound and Jurjavic said yes and that his guys do go out and use similar technology to check for leaks but the companies have more sophisticated equipment. Monteleone stated that he had a meeting with Tad Herold and they got the Sumner St. bridge price down even lower and the Villages match has also decreased by 12 to 19% which could be around \$25,000.00. Mr. Elzer asked what the Village cost will be for the well and Monteleone said total it would be around \$100,000.00 with the grant portion being \$74,200.00 and the Village portion being up to \$25,000.00. Mr. Elzer stated we keep getting grants and said that is because of the Managers work and congratulated him for that. Mr. Elzer thanked the Village for all of their help with the Street Fair and he also said unofficially there were \$35,000.00 in ticket sales. Mr. Elzer said a few weeks ago he came upon an accident between Negley and Rogers, he said the department responded instantly and had the roof off and the girl out of the car in 10 minutes. He said they do incredible work. Mr. Elzer said he had pictures of the accident that he wanted to send to the Fire Chief and the Chief told him he couldn't get pictures on his phone. He stated the employee's phones are extremely outdated. He said it had previously been discussed about the new system allowing Jurjavic to monitor the water with his phone but if he doesn't have a phone capable of doing that it's a waste of money and that the Clerk should have a Village phone in case they can't get ahold of the Manager. Manager Monteleone said that is on his list to check in to. Mr. Elzer said even though we aren't responsible for state routes he asked if it would be advantageous to seal them anyway, Monteleone said that we get money from the state for that. Mr. Elzer said he wanted to discuss the money loss from the concession stand last year. Monteleone said John Herbert resigned from the Park Board and Dan Mckinstry has accepted an appointment to replace him and that the trash at the recycling bins would be picked up by CSI Wednesday and the bins would be emptied Thursday. Mr. Cohen suggested a Park Committee meeting to discuss the concession stand issue and Mr. Elzer agreed as did the rest of Council, a Park Committee meeting was scheduled for 6PM prior to the next regular meeting on June 9th. Monteleone stated we also have a total of seven county summer help workers. At this point Manager Monteleone left the meeting.

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 12 2014 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Figley, seconded by Mr. Cohen. There were no agenda items or Clerks report.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch stated that water department employee Fred Steeb will be retiring this week after many years and thanked him for his years of service. She said the fair went great and the cemeteries looked great for Memorial Day and she also thanked the Firemans Association for taking over the fundraising for the July 4th fireworks.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated he had given a written report and that he continues to meet with the Manager every Wednesday.

STREET: Mr. Figley stated Mr. Elzer and the Manager covered a lot of it but that he wanted to commend the the crews for the good job they have done repairing the holes left from water line repairs and the manholes that they replaced. He also said Baker is doing a wonderful job on crack filling. He said there is a lot of clean up going on around town, there is still a long way to go but it is looking better. Mayor Zuch introduced the Building and Zoning Inspector John Simon and thanked him for his work so far. Mr. Simon said he works with the police department on the grass issues and that they would do their best to take care of as much as possible.

SAFETY/PARK/REC/CEMETERY: Mr. Cohen stated that Rotary has offered to completely fund a dog park in the park and suggested putting it behind the Brick Pavilion that is a grassy shady area that is out of the way. They stated they would enclose the area in fence and put in whatever else is needed. He stated he and the Manager thought it is a good area along with the Park Board.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer stated that people don't realize how much work Rotary does here and that he spoke during the Managers portion.

FINANCE: Mr. Tyger stated in the last two years the Villages debt has gone from 9 1/2 million dollars to 7 ½ million dollars and that is because Pete, Traci and Council are trying to watch every penny and he wants everyone in town to know that. He also stated that Mr. Elzer and the fair committee did a great job this year.

VISITORS: Kent Chapman, Dianna Elzer, Mary Anne Tyger, John Jurjavic, Dot Herbert, Don Johnson, John Simon, Jim Williams, Dan Scott, John Martin, Pam Figley, Brian Bloor, Dan Bailey, Rick & Karen Gorby.

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 9-2014 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance providing for the authorization of the Municipal Manager to advertise for public bid the drilling of an additional water well and to further award and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, as relates to the contract, pursuant to the specifications and bidding requirements as determined by the Municipal Manger, and in compliance with law, and to appropriate funds.**

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

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH