

**EAST PALESTINE COUNCIL SEPTEMBER 9, 2014 85 N. MARKET ST. 7 PM**

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order, present were Mr. Cohen, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Figley, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser (Atty. Beagle was not present). Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Finance Director Traci Thompson, Law Director Dave Powers and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes from the August 25 regular meeting and the minutes of the August 27<sup>th</sup> S/P/R/C Committee meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen, seconded by Mrs. Wisser. The August 2014 monthly reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Elzer, seconded by Mr. Cohen. There were no agenda items. Mr. Elzer stated this is the last meeting before Chief Todd retires and he thanked him for his years of service and congratulated him on his retirement.

**CLERK:** Clerk Misti Martin stated the next Architectural Design Board meeting will be held at 6pm on Thursday September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Zuch asked Katie W. from the Morning Journal to put a notice in the paper about a vacancy on the Board of Housing Appeals stating that interested parties please send a letter of interest to the Municipal Building.

**MANAGER:** Manager Monteleone stated the dam inspection was completed, there are couple small things that will need done. He stated in Oct 2013 he received a letter saying there the Village had received matching funds of around \$40,000.00 to ODOTs \$116,000.00 for the bike trail in the W. Main St. area. He heard from ODNR a week ago and everything is clear to go. He said he has a meeting tomorrow to walk through it as he isn't very familiar with it, after that it would be council's decision if they wished to proceed with the project as there was some controversy when it originally was discussed and it does appear to be fully funded at this time. Mr. Elzer said it had been questioned whether the property would be leased or purchased and Monteleone said ODOT had brought that up to him and that is why he is doing this walk through. He said that the East Palestine Community Foundation has been raising money for the splash pad at the park and it is moving forward. Mr. Cohen said it looks like they should be able to start construction in the spring.

**LAW DIRECTOR:** Atty. Powers stated he had given council a written report. He has regular hearings in court and also that the Village received a claim for someone who fell on the sidewalk by Sparkle Market. He said he has heard from several different sources that towards the end of the year people are expecting a lot of oil & gas drilling in Columbiana County. Mrs. Wisser asked if there was anything on the Village end and Powers said no but he is in contact with them weekly. At this point Manager Monteleone stated he had passed around a piece of sewer pipe lining for council to see and that he had a meeting this morning with Mr. Elzer and a gentleman who lines sewer pipes. He said it is a soft product when they put it in and it is blown through the lines with 4 pounds of pressure and it cures in about 30 minutes, there is a camera that goes through the lines that makes a dimple outwards to mark the laterals and then the machine would go back and cut out the laterals. He said the first steps would be to camera and clean the lines and with the I & I study they would identify the problem areas. Mr. Elzer said if the Village was divided into four sections and started with the worst section and cleaned the pipes and identified the worst mile (they were told out of seven miles of lines there would probably be one mile that is bad) and lined it, doing that four years in a row it would cost less than the EQ Tank, all of the lines would be cleaned and the worst 15% would be relined, which addresses the problem rather than putting a tank in the ground to catch the water. Monteleone stated that in each quarter to do one mile of pipe, the price including cleaning, lining and laterals would be around \$290,000.00 per quarter. Mr. Elzer stated they had discussed holding the EPA off until 2016 and present this program to them, instead of the basin and there would be money to pay for it without a loan. Monteleone stated he wanted to do research in places that have had this done to see what the success rate is (The gentleman in the meeting said typically the I & I drops anywhere from 30% to 50%).

**STREET: NO REPORT**

**S/P/R/C:** Mr. Cohen stated there will be an SPRC Committee meeting prior to the next regular meeting on September 22 at 6PM to go over Park numbers, and he apologized for cancelled the meeting scheduled for today as they did not have all of the numbers. He thanked Manager Monteleone for letting he and Atty. Beagle be a part of the Fire Chief interviews. Mr. Cohen also thanked Firemen Denny Griffith and Rick Gorby for bringing their experience to the table in helping with the 7 ½ hours of interviews. He said any one of the four candidates would be a good choice. Mr. Cohen stated he had as Chairman of the SPRC Committee a request for liquor license transfer for the business located at 568 Martin St. currently operating as Good Spirits. The transfer would be to the new owners John & Anna Doss aka East Palestine Liquor Stop (they currently own the Marathon station). Mr. Cohen stated he spoke with Chief Dickey and he sees no reason the transfer shouldn't go through, council has the option to request a hearing if there are any issues or they can allow it go through without a hearing. Mr. Cohen made a motion to authorize the Clerk to fill out and sign the transfer request forms indicating they do not request a hearing, seconded by Mr. Figley. All in favor.

**DEVELOPMENT:** Mr. Elzer stated he spoke with the people digging out the culvert by Pizza Joes and they told him in half of the pipe there was only about one foot actually open. Monteleone stated they will continue to maintenance that pipe on a regular basis in the future. He also thanked the Rotary for having the cross country meet at the park and bringing in a lot of people. He also said in recent weeks he has received three complaints from people about being stopped and searched by the Police Department and he thinks it's a good thing.

**UTILITY: NO REPORT**

**FINANCE:** Mr. Tyger asked that the requested legislation be passed as emergency.

**VISITORS:** Chuck McGuire, Mary Anne Tyger, Jon Rettig Jr., John & Dot Herbert, Chief Kevin Dickey, Mark E. Walker, John & Bonnie Davis, Dianna Elzer, Larry & Terry Ward, Katie White.

**THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION.**

**LEGISLATION:** Mayor Zuch introduced Resolution 11-2014 and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **A resolution authorizing the Fiscal Manager to certify annual special assessments to the County Auditor, and declaring an emergency.** Mayor Zuch made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. Mayor Zuch called for a vote on Res. 11-2014. Mr. Cohen-y, Mr. Elzer-y, Mr. Figley-y, Mr. Tyger-y and Mrs. Wissner-y. 5 YES to pass. Mayor Zuch introduced Ord. 14-2014 and made a motion that it be read by title only, seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriations for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2014.**

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

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**MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK**

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**MAYOR MARGO ZUCH**