

EAST PALESTINE VILLAGE COUNCIL MONDAY OCTOBER 12, 2015 7PM 85 N. MARKET ST.

Mayor Zuch called the meeting to order. Present were Atty. Beagle, Mr. Elzer, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Tyger and Mrs. Wisser. Also present was Village Manager Pete Monteleone, Law Director Dave Powers, Finance Director Traci Thompson and Clerk Misti Martin. At this point Mayor Zuch swore in Mr. Brett Todd (to finish the term of Fran Figley who previously resigned) as Village Councilman. Dianna Elzer presented a check to Sergeant Johnson of the EPPD in the amount of \$340.00 for K-9 Toney's care fund and then The Village presented the keys to the old 1992 Ford Ambulance to the Drug Task Force. The minutes of the September 28, 2015 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Cohen seconded by Mr. Tyger. In reference to the monthly department reports specifically the Building and Zoning, Mr. Elzer stated the high value in the "Estimated Cost of Construction" is usually from a new home being built but there were none listed, he asked if it was from the Library project and Clerk Misti Martin said yes. Mr. Todd stated that the Park report listed the profits but asked if they would receive a report on the expenses. Monteleone said he usually did that in the end of the year report but he did have some figures; he said the total revenue for the pool (excluding the concession stand) was \$60631.20 and expenses were \$81,064.85 which was a loss of \$20,433.00. He said on average over the last five years the losses were around \$12,000.00 more than that and after adding in the elimination of the \$9,000.00 concession stand loss the pool bettered itself by around \$22,000.00. Mrs. Wisser said that even though we are making strides at the pool she asked how we can do better to which Monteleone said this is a service we provide and we will continue to work on closing the gap between revenue and expenses. Atty. Beagle asked how we can continue doing that and Monteleone said to pray for good weather. Mr. Elzer said it is never going to make money; we are just trying to not lose money. Mr. Todd stated he was told the pool heater is in bad shape and Monteleone said that is correct and they are looking into replacing it. Mr. Todd asked about the cost and Monteleone said he wasn't positive but he thought it was around \$10,000.00 to \$12,000.00. Mr. Elzer made a motion to approve the September department reports seconded by Mr. Cohen. All in favor. There were no agenda items or clerks report.

MAYOR: Mayor Zuch announced a pancake breakfast to benefit Angels for Animals on Oct. 31st. She thanked the community and the Village for their help with Apple Butter days and the car cruise for the Historical Society.

MANAGER: NO REPORT

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated that a house that the village has been having long standing issues with has finally been resolved and that he had given council a first draft of an ordinance that will encompass allowing dogs in the park and the new dog park.

STREET: In reference to potholes Mr. Todd asked what the process was from reporting them to getting them repaired. Monteleone said residents need to call the office and speak to him or Misti and we will take the information and put it on a work order for the street department. Mr. Elzer asked what kind of paint the contractors used on West St. to do the crosswalks saying you can actually feel it when you drive over it, Monteleone said it is done with a machine and that it is rubberized.

S/P/R/C: Mr. Cohen asked if the Rotary dog park was in fact moving forward and Monteleone said yes. He said he spoke with them previously about the location and that council had given them the green light to go ahead but it was put on hold due to funding but it is now back on. He said he is coordinating with Sonia Early about drawings that he will go over with John Simon. Atty. Beagle said she is looking forward to the project. Mr. Cohen stated that Mr. Todd had attended the 911 meeting in Lisbon and asked him if he had any insight on what would be happening locally. Monteleone said he had recently spoke with Chief Dickey and Commissioner Tim Weigle and felt more comfortable about how things would proceed and that he would ask Chief Dickey or Commissioner Weigle to come to a meeting to explain the changes to council.

DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Elzer said that since the last meeting the West St. project has been completed, the Historical Society had Apple Butter and a car cruise, Rite Aid is being painted and the parking lot paved, the Post Office has been painted, the addition to the Library has started, there was a dinner held for K-9 Toney and had a great football game. He said this is a great community. Atty. Beagle asked John Davis from the Rotary if they were having a spaghetti dinner to help fund the dog park and Mr. Davis said they are on the 24th.

UTILITY: NO REPORT

FINANCE: NO REPORT

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: John & Dot Herbert, Mark Walker, Kent Chapman, Dan Scott, Dianna Elzer, Terri Ward, Chief Josh Brown, Brian McLaughlin, John Simon, Katie White, Traci Thompson, and Sergeant Don Johnson.

LEGISLATION: Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 19-2015 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance to amend Chapter 880 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of East Palestine regarding Municipal Income Tax.** Atty. Beagle introduced Ord. 20-2015 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Cohen. **An ordinance suspending all payments on loans owed to the Electric Trust Fund for a period of five (5) years and repealing legislation on conflict herewith, and as amended.**

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

MAYOR MARGO ZUCH

CLERK MISTI MARTIN