

EP COUNCIL 4/22/24 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Blythe, Mr. Glavan, Ms. May, Mr. Povenski, and Dr. Rocco. Mr. Simpson was not present; his absence was excused on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Glavan. Also present was Village Manager Chad Edwards, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Street Superintendent Baird, Law Director David Powers, Clerk Misti Martin and BZ Inspector CH McCutcheon.

The minutes of the regular and special meeting of 4/8/24 were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Glavan. There were no department reports, agenda items or safety committee report.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin stated the May 27 regular council meeting would need rescheduled as that was on Memorial Day. Dr. Rocco made a motion to move the May 27 meeting to Tuesday May 28th at 7:00 pm, the motion was seconded by Mr. Povenski. Passed unanimously.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway stated that the Dying Breed Diesel Truck show details are still being worked out but it will not be downtown as there as safety concerns, it will more than likely be by school where there is more room.

MANAGER: Manager Edwards stated Baird, Law he submitted a CDBG application for paving, it can only be used in LMI areas. Matching funds of \$40,000 will come from the street levy. He met with Barb Kliner about a golf cart trail, it is still a work in progress. He said they are still working on summer help recruiting. He said he and Mike Jacoby of Bricker Graydon are working on a safe route to school grant, and that the aggregate agreements for gas and electric have been signed. The electric rate will be .06608 per kwh with Dynege and natural gas will be 4.12 per mcf with IGS.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated in reference to property demolition the village is not required to get a court order to do so. The order that was issued for the Taggart St. property was a special circumstance.

STREET: Mr. Glavan stated some adjustments have been made to construction areas around town and cleanup has been better. The goal is to keep things safe and hold the contractors to the proper standard.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco noted tonight was the final reading for Ord.6-2024 to allow alcohol in the park for certain special events. She reiterated the passing of this legislation does not allow alcohol in the park on a daily basis, it is only for special events. There are rules and regulations that will need to be followed. This is not an open container opportunity. In reference to Dog Days, they desperately need volunteers, registration is available online or at the Municipal Building. She asked where things stood with bids for cemetery rehab; Street Steve Baird stated he is waiting on a couple more contractors to get back with him. Baird stated the building is made entirely of marble and a lot contractors don't want to touch it. Finally, she added the Park Board meeting was cancelled due to a tornado warning and it has been rescheduled to this week. Mayor Conaway said he felt a large sign is needed asap for the park entrance that states "Alcohol in the park by permit only", Dr. Rocco added smaller signs around the park would also be a good idea. Dr. Rocco added there has been a lot of wrong way traffic pattern at the park and it needs to be addressed. It was suggested to paint arrows around the circle.

DEV/FIN: Ms. May stated she and Manager Edwards met with the Land Bank; they received much useful information about funding for demolishing/rehabbing blighted properties. She stated they need to focus in and tie that information with some of the ongoing projects. RCAP and the Think Tank are scheduling one final opportunity for community input on prioritizing potential projects in the future of the village on May 28 & 29 at the Way Station, The CIC meets again on April 30 at 10:00 am at the Municipal Building.

UTILITY: Mr. Blythe noted that there was another large rain event and the EQ tank is really a benefit, it is protecting a lot of basements that used to backup and the streams from any loss of solids. Construction is still moving forward at the Water Plant and everything else is business as usual.

VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION: Resident Peggy Caratelli stated she feels everything seems to be falling into place and moving the village forward.

VISITORS: Mark Rhodes, Bennet Bruno, John Davis, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Jerry Coblenz, Jeremy Vranesevich, Rick & Karen Gorby, Janie & Bill Strohecker, Dan Mckinstry, Brenda Povenski, Josh Slicker, Mike Hodak, David Peters, Zach Gorby, Tom Brittain, Steph Elverd.

LEGISLATION: Dr. Rocco made a motion to amend the agenda to add a revised copy of Res. 11-2024 seconded by Mr. Glavan, all in favor. Dr. Rocco introduced Ord. 4-2024 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Glavan. **An ordinance authorizing the payment of wage bonus to temporary summer employees.** Dr. Rocco called for a vote on Ord. 4-2024. Passed unanimously. Dr. Rocco introduced Ord. 5-2024 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Blythe. **An ordinance establishing pool rates for 2024 and thereafter.** Dr. Rocco called for a vote on Ord. 5-2024. Passed unanimously. Dr. Rocco introduced Ord. 6-2024 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Blythe. **An ordinance amending section 1060.01 C of the Codified Ordinances of the Municipality of East Palestine, Ohio to permit the possession, use and sale of intoxicating liquor and beer in the Municipal Park in certain circumstances.** Dr. Rocco called for a vote on Ord. 6-2024. Passed unanimously. Dr. Rocco introduced Ord. 7-2024 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Glavan. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to advertise for public bids for the construction/paving to be known as the 2024 street resurfacing project, and to further award and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder as relates to the contract, pursuant to specifications and bidding requirements as deterred by the Municipal Manager and in compliance with law.** Dr. Rocco introduced Res.11-2024 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Glavan. **A resolution authorizing the Village Manager to enter into an economic development grant agreement with the East Palestine Community Improvement Corporation to advance the Villages industrial, commercial, distribution and research development.** Dr. Rocco called for a vote on Res. 11-2024. Passed unanimously. At this time Dr. Rocco made a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 G1 & G2 to discussion acquisition of property and personnel inviting in Managers Edwards, Law Director David Powers and Finance Director Melissa Hiner. The motion was seconded by Mr. Blythe. Passed unanimously. There would be no additional business to follow.

ADJOURN: At approximately 8:00 pm Dr. Rocco made motions to return to regular session as well as adjourn the meeting. The motions were seconded by Mr. Blythe. Passed unanimously, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY