

EP COUNCIL 4/28/25 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Blythe, Mr. Glavan, Ms. Herriot, Mr. Povenski and Mr. Simon. Also present was Village Manager Diaz-Guy, Finance Director Melissa Hiner, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Police Chief Jim Brown, Officer Chris Weingart, Fire Chief Keith Drabick, Law Director David Powers, and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the 4/22/25 meeting was approved on a motion by Mr. Glavan seconded by Mr. Povenski. Passed unanimously. There were no clerk's, mayor's, street, water/wastewater, or safety committee reports.

MANAGER: Manager Diaz-Guy thanked everyone involved in the PNC lot cleanup project; the space will also be used during the Street Fair and the 150th Anniversary event. Dog Days is May 10th and a sign-up link will soon be released on the EP Info FB page as well as a sign in stand the day of the event at the Municipal Building. We are currently accepting project requests as well as community items to be addressed. A list of projects for Glenview Cemetery had previously been assembled including buildings, signage and façade work. The Community Foundation issued a grant with matching funds from the village as well as a second community grant was issued. Quotes have been received and we will begin ticking of the list until funds are depleted. Finally, Nicole Drabick was congratulated for graduating with her Associates of Science Degree in Emergency Medicine from Columbia Southern University.

LAW DIRECTOR: In reference to the recently passed indigent burial policy Atty. Powers stated they have discovered that may not hold up in court and suggested repealing the legislation and any future indigent burials can just be handled on a case-by-case basis. Mr. Povenski made a motion for Atty. Powers to draw legislation to repeal Ord. 13-2024 in reference to indigent burial, the motion was seconded by Mr. Glavan. Passed unanimously.

STREET: Mr. Simon had no report. Manager Diaz-Guy the ODOT paving project has a tentative start date of Thursday May 1 however that is weather dependent.

PARK/REC/CEM: Phase 1 of the park project is still trending to be completed by May 30th. A pre-construction meeting for Phase 2 will be May 15th, adding the initial lay down of materials was to be in the Community Center parking lot but that has since changed to the area of the existing parking lot in the area between the pool and tennis courts. After the pre-construction meeting traffic will be re-routed throughout the summer for safety purposes. We are also considering change orders which would add demo of the current pool and Rainbow Dreamland into Phase 2 since demo equipment will already be onsite; once costs are in hand it will be brought to council for a vote. Phase 3 will begin consideration once Phase 2 is started. It was noted that much work did go into the construction of Rainbow Dreamland and one constraint that will be added is that we be allotted three weeks advanced notice of the playground to allow time for the village/community members to remove the pickets with names on them to be used in the park another way. The original design called for the demolition of the playground and replaced with three separate playgrounds. Discussion followed about the last two-disc golf holes during/after construction.

DEVELOPMENT: At this time Mayor Conaway nominated Rick Gorby to the vacant Planning Commission seat. Mr. Povenski made a motion to approve the nomination seconded by Mr. Glavan. Passed unanimously.

FINANCE: Ms. Herriott stated the second leadership training class will be May 5th from 6-10pm and the next EPCIC meeting will be May 27 at 10:00 am.

VISITORS: Jerry Coblentz, Mark Rhodes, Dot Herbert, Barb Kliner, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Carol Harvey, Dan McKinstry, Nicole Drabick, Steph Elverd and Ron Duffy.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 1-2025 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance amending § 1068.05 (r) Cemetery regulations of the codified ordinances of East Palestine, Ohio.** Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Ord. 1-2025, seconded by Mr. Povenski. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 2-2025 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance authorizing the Municipal Manager to advertise for public bids for construction/paving to be known as the 2025 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 the specifications and bidding requirements as determined by the Municipal Manager and in compliance with law.** Mr. Glavan made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Blythe. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Ord. 2-2025. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 4-2025 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Blythe. **An ordinance amending sections of Chapter 888 of the codified ordinances of the East Palestine, Ohio.** (CRA Program). Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Ord. 4-2025. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 5-2025 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Simon. **An ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriations for the City of East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Glavan made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Blythe. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Ord. 5-2025. Passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: Mr. Glavan made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Ms. Herriott. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY