

EP COUNCIL 8/12/24 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Rocco called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Blythe, Ms. May, Mr. Povenski, Dr. Rocco and Mr. Simpson. Mr. Glavan was not present, his absence was excused on a motion by Mr. Povenski seconded by Ms. May. Passed unanimously. Mayor Conaway was absent. Also present was Village Manager Chad Edwards, Chief Jim Brown, Officer Sherrill Milliken, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Street Superintendent Steve Baird, and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the regular meeting of 7/22/24 were approved on a motion by Mr. Povenski seconded by Mr. Simpson. Passed unanimously. The July 2024 reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Povenski seconded by Mr. Simpson, passed unanimously. There were no law director's, street or safety committee reports.

AGENDA: KAREN GORBY/CEMETERY FUND- Mrs. Gorby stated she has been seeking funds through grants for needed cemetery repairs and the Community Foundation wants give the village a grant. They want the monies put into a specific fund for cemetery repairs so they have reassurance that the funds will not go for anything else. Manager Edwards stated he would be sending a quarterly report to the Foundation in reference to expenses and how they funds were used. Mr. Blythe asked if there was a primary purpose for the funds, Mrs. Gorby stated the mausoleum roof was of great concern and that the garage and chapel are also in need of repairs/windows. Mr. Povenski asked they wanted it to go the general cemetery fund or have another fund created for improvements; Mrs. Gorby stated it is to only be used for improvements. Finance Director Melissa Hiner stated she could add a line in Capital Improvements specifically for cemetery improvements. Dr. Rocco noted Dr. Rocco stated that on the agenda tonight was Res.18-2024 in regards to the Community Foundation gift to create a capital improvement line for the cemetery. She also added that if anyone has concerns about the park or cemetery there is a Park Board meeting Wednesday August 21 @6:00pm.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin stated that per the Charter a public hearing would be held on August 26 @6:30 pm prior to the regular meeting to hear concerns in reference to the requested zoning change for Neighborhood Development Services (Meadowview) to all for a senior housing development. Certified letters have been mailed to any property owners with land adjoining the property in question. Planning Commission met August 8 to also review the request and the voted to recommend to Council to move forward with the request to grant the change.

MANAGER: Manager Edwards stated the shopping rewards program will begin on September 1 and so far, there are 13 businesses participating. He noted the newest addition of the newsletter is out. Jon McElroy will be the new building inspector and he will be working "non-traditional" hours (evenings and weekends). This will be on a 90-day trial basis. The new government website will hopefully be up next week. He said they are working a USDA rural development grant for the property on N. Market in reference to the proposed safety service complex. Rite Aid is closing on 8/25 and he and councilwoman May are still working on finding a replacement. He met with Tad Herrold in reference to dilapidated houses, the Land Bank will be assisting with condemned properties and he hopes to have them all torn down by the end of the year. There will another EPA TASC webinar in the near future. Work has begun at the park and the last day of the pool will be a free day for everyone.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco stated work at the park has begun; she said she is hearing that the village did not ask for community input into the project an that is untrue as there were multiple meetings/opportunities to give input into the project. In reference to the trees that have been removed she stated they will all be replaced. In reference to the spindles around Rainbow Dreamland, they will be incorporated into the new design. She thanked the lifeguards for their work this summer. The next Park Board meeting is 8/21 @ 6:00 pm at the Municipal Building. Mr. Simpson added he has been approached by several individuals who are interested in obtaining the current playground equipment when it is removed rather than it being destroyed. Dr. Rocco added the NS Assistance Center is still doing a school supply give away.

DEV/FIN: Ms. May stated there is an upcoming strategic meeting with RCAP group. The Columbiana County Leaders group will be meeting again soon. She thanked Lance Willard and Bryce Miner from Columbiana for an excellent program at the library.

UTILITY: Mr. Blythe stated year to date pool water usage is 2.1 million gallons which is one million less than 2023. Dr. Rocco added the new pool/splash pad will be far more efficient than the current set up; this will result in less water loss, utilities and chemicals. The final open house at the water plant will be August 13 from 6-8pm. The distribution system had three water leaks repaired, waste water was normal operations as well as routine maintenance of the system.

VISITORS: Rick & Karen Gorby, Jerry Coblenz, Mark L. Rhodes, Dan McKinstry, Dave Biggins, John Davis, Lisa Mahoney, Steph Elverd, Terry Keresty, Traci Spratt.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION: Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 10-2024 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance adopting a wage scale to be incorporated into the personnel policy handbook (white book).** Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 12-2024 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance granting a zoning reclassification, for permanent parcel number 68-0412.007, containing 3.159 acres from RS – single family dwelling to RA-multiple dwelling units. Said property is owned by Neighborhood Development Services, Inc., the applicant. The property is situated directly adjacent to other improved property of the applicant, on South Washington Street, immediately south of the currently improved property owned by the applicant.** Mr. Simpson introduced Res. 18-2024 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Blythe. **A resolution authorizing the Finance Director to accept a gift of thirty thousand dollars (\$30,000.00), from the East Palestine Community Foundation, to be allocated to the Cemetery Fund, for Capital Improvements to the Glenview Cemetery.** Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Res.18-2024. Passed unanimously. Mr. Simpson introduced Res. 19-2024 and made a motion that it be read by title only. **A resolution authorizing the Finance Director to transfer thirty thousand dollars from the Electric Light Fund to the Cemetery Fund for use for Capital Improvements to the Cemetery.** Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Res. 19-2024. All in favor, passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: With no further business Mr. Simpson made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ms. May. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR PRO TEM JESSICA ROCCO