

EP COUNCIL 8/26/24 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Blythe, Mr. Glavan, Ms. May, Mr. Povenski, Dr. Rocco, & Mr. Simpson. Also present was Village Manager Chad Edwards, Finance Director Melissa Hiner, Police Chief Jim Brown, Fire Chief Keith Drabick, Street Superintendent Steve Baird, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Law Director David Powers, and Clerk Misti Martin. At this time Mr. Simpson made a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 to discuss personnel/employment, inviting in Manager Edwards, Atty. Powers, Chief's Brown & Drabick, Nicole Drabick, Steve Baird, Scott Wolfe, Melissa Hiner, and Traci Spratt. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rocco and passed unanimously. Mr. Simpson motioned to return to regular session seconded by Mr. Glavan, passed unanimously. The minutes of the 8/12/24 were approved on a motion by Ms. May seconded Mr. Glavan.

AGENDA: BARB KLINER-EPGO – Kliner began by stating there are no organizations to deliver information specifically to the older population. She has been made aware of needs of older people that are not being met. Village emt's are often called to these residents' home because they have no one else to call; Firefighter/paramedic Nicole Drabick is working on a new Community Paramedicine Program that will provide a liaison to assist older people in dealing with medical issues which will hopefully reduce the time our ambulance crews are tied up with those issues. There used to programs such as meals-on-wheels, a transportation program, a medication program, and now our local drugstore has closed. The 2022 census states 40% of our population is over 50 years old, 25% of the population are kids 20 years old and younger. She feels we need to work on making the community a safe place for the older population. As an example, she found out that Youngstown Easter Seals has a program to deliver five well balanced frozen meals per week at no charge and it only takes a phone call, 22 people from EP have signed up so far. She is working on an organization called EPGO that will work on meeting the needs this group of people and she is looking for volunteers. Ideas include a buddy phone program or a community newsletter hand delivered to shut ins. An informational meeting will be held 9/10 at 10:00 am the Park Community Center. **MICHAEL BAKER INT.-PHASE 2 PARK PLANS-WENDY BERILL, AIMEE ST. GERMAIN & BRIAN BAKER** Ms. Berill stated Phase 2 (Aquatic Center) plans are currently at 90% completion with the next steps being getting bids for the construction phase, the goal is for the center to be open for the 2025 season. Improvements include new pool house, new pool/play pad, as well as site improvements including decking/fencing/landscaping. The floor plan of the pool house/concession stand area as well as the exterior of the building was reviewed. In reference to the event space on the pool side Mayor Conaway asked if it could be connected to both the pool and the other side so it could be rented out year-round; Ms. St. Germain said if it is truly a "through" connection it could become a safety issue and also that it is an open-air space with only a covered canopy. It was also noted that with upcoming improvements to the Brick Pavilion it will be able to be rented year-round for additional income. Resident Barb Kliner asked if the existing multi-colored pool furniture purchased by the EP Community Foundation would be re-used; Mayor Conaway said it will. Dr. Rocco asked if the lifeguard chairs would have to be reused as they are in bad shape; Ms. St. Germain said they are getting prices for new ones. Resident Ron Caratelli asked about the roof on the park side of the building; it is a prefabricated metal canopy. Next the pool/play pad areas were reviewed noting that a 7-foot-deep area was added to continue allowing for in house lifeguard training and that the water from the play pad would also be recycled. Ms. May asked about the durability of the dumping buckets in the play pad as they are known for wearing out quickly; it was noted they can look into the possibility of changing out the features. Site disturbance around the pool includes pool decking, trench drains, fencing/gates, and landscaping; additionally, there will be a drop off point as well as a 20ft wide paved path along the southern end of the pool. W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe asked about the waterline size; it was noted it is a six-inch main. It was noted the surface around the pool itself is concrete. Mayor Conaway asked for a motion to approve the phase 2 plans. Dr. Rocco made the motion while Ms. May seconded, passed unanimously.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin reminded everyone of the special meeting on Thursday Sept. 29 at 6:00 pm to review the After-Action Report from Mission Critical Partners.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway thanked everyone involved in the incident on Friday and commended all for how they handled the situation.

MANAGER: Manager Edwards stated the shopping rewards program will begin 9/1 and that the pool is closed for the season. The Village has issued a formal statement in reference to the DOJ settlement. He stated he and Councilman Glavan met with Columbiana Mayor Rick Noel and Manager Lance Willard in reference to economic development and specifically a DORA application. The DOJ grant app for the municipal service center will be submitted by August 30. In reference to the Water Plant open house W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe stated both days combined they had approximately 80 attendees.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated they are nearing completion of the property acquisition on Brookdale Ave.

STREET: Mr. Glavan noted Columbiana Highschool's entrepreneurial program has done a lot for their downtown, EP's program is more culinary based; they are willing to come here and work with our students. He feels it's a great way to bring neighboring communities students and successes to the Village.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco stated the Park Board met last week and asked where things stood with bid for the mausoleum roof. Manger Edwards stated he has the bids and the repair is scheduled, he said we need to make a down payment and then they will start; repairs should be complete by the end of September. In reference to fundraising for the cemetery she asked if they could send out letters asking for donations for the cemetery from the Friends of the Park (the Park Board itself cannot) Atty. Powers stated he didn't see why they couldn't. Finally, she asked if the fencing for the softball field in the oval could be sold/recycled; Manager Edwards said he thinks so.

DEV/FIN: Ms. May stated the Think Tank is beginning to implement action projects and will meet again on September 12. The Columbiana County Leaders Group is still meeting to share ideas and review projects such as the street scapes and will meet again on September 19. She said they are continuing to work on looking a replacement pharmacy. Finally, she noted R.I.T.A will be sending out approximately 1200 subpoenas to residents for unpaid local income taxes.

UTILTIY: Mr. Blythe stated things are business as usual and thanked W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe for putting on the open house at the water plant and that the final walk through for the waterline replacement project has not been completed.

SAFETY: Mr. Povenski reviewed the July safety states for both police and fire. The OCJS wage grant for 2025 has been submitted two weeks ahead of schedule. Dispatcher Parry has completed her training and is now on shift.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: Bill & Peggy Sutherin, Dave Biggins, Barb Kliner, David Peters, Jerry Coblentz, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Kent chapman, Rick & Karen Gorby, Nicole Drabick, Abbey Palmer, Zach Gorby, Traci Spratt, John Davis, Fran & Pam Figley, Tom Brittain, Officers Weingart & Coontz, and Stephanie Elverd.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 10-2024 for a third 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 called for a vote on Ord.10-2024. Passed unanimously. Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 12-2024 for a second 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 St., immediately south of the currently improved property owned by applicant.** Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 13-2024 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **An ordinance establishing a policy regarding the burial or other disposition of deceased persons who may be indigent.**

ADJOURN: Dr. Rocco made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Blythe. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY