

EP COUNCIL 12/9/24 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Pro Tem Jessica Rocco called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Glavan, Ms. Herriot, Mr. Povenski and Dr. Rocco. Mr. Blythe was out sick and was excused on a motion by Mr. Glavan seconded by Dr. Rocco. Ms. May was not present. The minutes of the 11/25 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Glavan seconded by Mr. Povenski. Also present was clerk/interim manager Misti Martin, Law Director David Powers, Fire Chief Keith Drabick, Street Superintendent Steve Baird, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe. There were no Dev/Fin/ or Utility Committee reports. The minutes of the 11/25 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Glavan seconded by Mr. Povenski. The November department reports were also approved on a motion by Mr. Glavan seconded by Mr. Povenski.

AGENDA: VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER'S DEPENDENTS FUND BOARD SELECTIONS Atty. Powers stated that Council is to appoint two council members to the board, the FD is to appoint two members to the board and those four members are to appoint the fifth. Chief Drabick stated that Josh Foster and himself have been appointed by the department. Ms. Herriot made a motion to appoint councilmen Glavan and Povenski to the board, the motion was seconded by Dr. Rocco. Passed unanimously.

CLERK/INTERIM MANAGER: Martin stated there is not much to update as far as phase 1 for the park other than the stone bases for some sidewalks has been completed on the west side of the infield and electrical work is delayed due to backordered materials. Sport court paving is now tentatively scheduled for the week of December 16 however that is temperature dependent and could change again. Phase 2 for the pool is still a waiting game with state permits, a Park/Rec/Cem committee meeting is needed to discuss how to handle the 2025 season. The "Welcome" sign project is going to take approximately 90 days to complete and will require complete demo of the existing sign prior to construction. In discussing the plan with the contractors/engineers we have opted to push the project back until spring so as not to leave such an important area without signage during the winter months with bad weather. She noted the second meeting in December has been moved to December 30th. The cemetery chapel roof is now complete and the new windows are in the garage. Next, in reference to the cemetery we will be getting quotes for new mausoleum doors, as well as heat and flooring for the chapel. Mandatory Drug Free Workplace Training will be on January 9 at the Park Community Center; there will be two sessions for employees. One at 1:00 pm and one at 6:00 pm. We will now be doing this training with On Demand Workplace Training. In reference to the needed boards/commissions reappointments needed we received one letter only and that was for the Library Board, the letter was from Jim Wilson. Dr. Rocco made a motion to appoint Mr. Wilson to the Library Board, the motion was seconded by Mr. Glavan. Passed unanimously. Finally, Martin stated she would like an executive session at the end of the meeting to consider compensation of an employee/pending litigation.

MAYORS: Mayor Pro Tem Rocco thanked everyone involved in putting on the Snowflake Festival and noted there was also a prayer gathering at the park that day. Everything was well done.

LAW DIRECTOR: Powers asked council to consider the release of a vacant structure lien that is on a property being purchased by the EPCIC. Mr. Povenski made a motion to direct Atty. Powers to release the lien on 74 N. Market, the motion was seconded by Mr. Glavan. Passed unanimously.

STREET: Mr. Glavan thanked the street crew for their work during the last snow event. In November they installed new catch basins, built new lids, put up Christmas decorations, built a base for the Christmas tree, paved water ditches, ran the street sweeper and made sure the trucks were ready for winter.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco stated Park Board hosted Cookies with Santa during the Snowflake Festival as well as decorated. Park Foreman Brennen Harvey helped decorate the flower pots and at the park with pine. Rocco noted that things are looking up at the cemetery with all of the repairs.

SAFETY: Mr. Povenski thanked the police and fire departments for traffic control for the Turkey Trot, the Chamber registered over 400 runners for the event. It was a huge success. The FD provided the tree topper for the village tree this year. Officer Lindan Gardner has completed the FTO program and is working scheduled shifts. It was noted PD responded to 471 calls for service; to date dispatch

has received 17,502 calls. The FD received 109 calls in November and emt's transported 49 individuals and offered mutual support on three occasions.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: Jerry Coblenz, Carol Harvey, Barb Kliner, Nicole Drabick, Dan McKinstry, Christina Dilworth, John Davis, Dave Biggins, Antonio Diaz-Guy, Stephanie Elverd, and Brian Moore.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Glavan introduced Ord.14-2024 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance adopting the negotiated pay increase between the Village of East Palestine (employer) and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council Inc (union) effective January 1, 2025.** Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Ord. 14-2024. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced amended version of Ord. 16-2024 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance adopting the appropriation for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of East Palestine, Ohio during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025 and adopting estimated resources and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Glavan made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Dr. Rocco. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Ord.17-2024 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **An ordinance adopting the negotiated addition to the terms of the collective bargaining agreement between the Village of East Palestine, (employer) and the Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (union) related to the canine officer terms of employment effective January1, 2025.** Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 18-2024 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **An ordinance adopting a wage scale and other updates to be incorporated into the personnel policy handbook (white book).** Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 19-2024 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager or the Village Finance Director to execute documents on behalf of the Village of East Palestine to receive local funds from the State of Ohio settlement(s) related to the opioid crisis and directing the Finance Directo to create a fund for receipt and disbursement of said settlement funds according to law, and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Glavan made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Dr. Rocco. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Ord. 19-2024. Passed unanimously. At this time Dr. Rocco announced a Park/Rec/Cem Committee meeting for January 13 at 6:00 pm to discuss the park pool and how to handle the 2025 season. Finally Dr. Rocco made a motion to enter executive session under ORC 121.22 G1 to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion or compensation of a public employee inviting in Interim Manager Martin, Finance Director Melissa Hiner, and Law Director David Powers, there would be no business to follow after. The motion was seconded by Ms. Herriott, passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: Dr. Rocco made motions to return to regular session as well as adjourn the meeting. The motions were seconded by Mr. Povenski. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR PRO TEM JESSICA ROCCO