

EP COUNCIL 1/22/24 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Blythe, Mr. Glavan, Ms. May, Mr. Povenski, Dr. Rocco and Mr. Simpson. Also, present was Village Manager Chad Edwards, Finance Directors Traci Spratt and Melissa Hiner, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Law Director Dave Powers, Clerk Misti Martin and BZ Inspector CH McCutcheon. The minutes of the 1/8/24 meeting was approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Povenski. There were no monthly reports, agenda items, law director's clerks, or mayor's reports. Finance Director Traci Spratt reminded new council members that they must take the online Sunshine Law training course.

MANAGER: Manager Edwards stated he hoped to have the year end report to council by the second meeting in February and all evaluations/expectations for department heads and employees will be completed by March 31st. He stated the videos have been recorded with WRL and will feature Commissioner Tim Weigle, Mayor Conaway, Chief Drabick, Finance Director Traci Spratt and himself. He noted in packets were choices for the sign on Rt. 14 and that the electric sign was no longer an option as ODOT stated it is a safety issue. Finally, Manager Edwards asked that press that will be in town for the anniversary of the train derailment to please park in the public lot behind the Municipal Building or the school parking areas and to please not take up the parking in front of the businesses downtown.

STREET: Mr. Glavan stated he spent some time with the Street Dept noting that they do have some new equipment to help make their jobs a little easier and that moving forward as far as weather goes, he asked that during snow events people please try to stay off of the main roads it makes clearing them easier and less chaotic.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco stated the Park Board met and the re-organization is as follows; President Karen Gorby, Vice President Becky Westover, Secretary Brenda Povenski, Treasurer Bennet Bruno. There will be a follow up meeting Feb 21 at the Municipal Building at 6:00. In reference to Dog Days Dr. Rocco stated she met with Manager Edwards and School Superintendent Neifer and they have decided to move forward using the legislation passed in 2020 forming a committee of 6 (3 appointed by Manager Edwards and 3 by Superintendent Neifer). She stated the members will be selected by Friday the 26 so as to begin moving forward for this year.

DEV/FIN: The Think Tank is continuing to meet with RCAP and are working on a mission statement as well as various goals for the community. She added the Port Authority meeting to update on the streetscapes project that was scheduled has been cancelled. She will update council when more details are available.

UTILITY: Mr. Blythe stated that for the first time in a decade there were no solids lost at the plant or any overflows which is a good indication that the EQ Basin is working as it should. During heavy rain events the basin acts as shock absorber and allows to the plant to maintain flows at a consistent rate. In reference to the water project, they are in process of removing the booster pump on Western Ave, that should be done this week. The waterline replacement project is still in process, they are currently abandoning the old line on Sebring. They will also be tying in on South Market this week. The new media is being finished at the water plant and they are waiting on weather so masonry work can be started for the new building.

SAFETY: Mr. Povenski thanked the Policemen's Association and all who contributed to No Shave November. Officers collected \$5,410.00 which resulted in 25 local children receiving Christmas gifts on 2023. Mr. Povenski reminded residents and business owners of their obligation pertaining to snow and ice cleanup of sidewalks.

VISITORS: John Davis, Mark Rhodes, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Jon Varley, Jeremy Vranesevich, Jody Solgot, Dan Sebrell, Jerry Coblenz, Dan McKinstry, Dave Biggins, Lisa Mahoney, Wanda Wolfe, Zach Gorby, Stephanie Elverd, Dave Peters, Officer Weingart.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

LEGISLATION: Mr. Simpson introduced Res. 1-2024 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **A resolution to select a member of a legislative authority of a municipal corporation within Columbiana County to serve on the count 911 program review committee.** Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Res. 1-2024. Passed unanimously. Mr. Simpson introduced Res. 2-2024 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **A resolution**

authorizing the Village Manager to enter into the agreement attached hereto for preliminary engineering for the Village of East Palestine emergency water system improvements. Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Res. 2-2024. Passed unanimously. At this time Mr. Simpson made a motion to go into executive session to discuss the purchase of property inviting in Manager Edwards, Atty. Powers, and Finance Directors Traci Spratt and Melissa Hiner. There would be no further business after.

ADJOURN: Dr. Rocco made a motion 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 TRENT CONAWAY=