

EP COUNCIL 1/27/25 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Blythe, Mr. Glavan, Ms. Herriot, Mr. Povenski, Dr. Rocco and Mr. Simon. Also present was Clerk/Interim Manager Misti Martin, Finance Director Melissa Hiner, Law Director David Powers, Chief Jim Brown, Chief Keith Drabick, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Street Superintendent Steve Baird. The minutes of the regular and Park/Rec/Cem committee of 1/13/25 as well as the special meeting of 1/21/25 were approved on a motion by Mr. Glavan seconded by Mr. Povenski. There were no department reports, agenda items, park/rec/cem, utility or safety committee reports. Mr. Glavan made a motion to amend the agenda to add Resolution 2-2025 in reference to a settlement, seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously. There were no agenda items however Barb Kliner gave a brief update on her newly formed EPGO Group.

CLERK/INTERIM MANAGER: Martin stated there wasn't much to update on the park project. So far this year the Street Dept. has used over 371 tons, that figure includes a stockpile leftover from last year of 260 tons; last year only a little over 100 tons were used in all of 2024. Things are still slowly moving forward on the pharmacy project as well as the Rite Aid building project. Finally, it was noted that we have received two resumes/letters of interest for the law director position in anticipation of Atty. Powers retirement. At this time, municipal judge candidate Danielle Menning introduced herself to the audience.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers had no report but requested an executive session prior to legislation to discuss pending litigation.

STREET: Mr. Simon stated the street levy will be up for renewal in May this year, he is going to work with Street Superintendent Baird to gather information to inform the public what projects will/will not occur if the levy does or does not pass. He thanked the streets and water departments for their work during recent weather events; he added that salt is an issue and the crews are doing everything they can to keep the roads safe.

DEV/FIN: Ms. Herriot stated she met with Roberta STreiffert to discuss ongoing projects such as the Think Tank and talk about going to the school to talk with the students about their ideas on revitalization; she also stated she will be attending the Port Authority meeting coming up. She stated she met with Mike Jacoby to be brought up to speed on the CIC and the economic development plan; the CIC is working on interior plans for the train depot. In reference to the recently purchased PNC lot the plan is to turn it into a public space for the community. Small Nations has reached out to schedule a presentation on their ideas for the Village.

UTILITY: Mr. Blythe thanked the Water Dept. for repairing a water break in the sub-freezing temperatures this week.

VISITORS: Jerry Coblenz, Carol Harvey, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Rick & Karen Gorby, Barb Kliner, Kent Chapman, Officer Brian Moore, Dan McKinstry, Bill Strohecker, Ashely Murphy, Dave Biggins, John Davis, Zach Gorby, David Peters, Tom Brittain, Steph Elverd, Traci Spratt, Brodi Conover, Christy Schirra (both from Bricker Graydon).

LEGISLATION: At this time Mr. Povenski made a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 G3 to discuss pending litigation inviting in Misti Martin, Atty. Powers, Melissa Hiner, Traci Spratt, Brodi Conover and Christy Schirra. The motion was seconded by Mr. Glavan and passed unanimously. Approximately 15 minutes later Dr. Rocco made a motion

to return to regular session seconded by Mr. Glavan. Mr. Glavan introduced Res.1-2025 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Ms. Herriot. **A resolution declaring it necessary to levy a renewal tax (in excess of the ten-mill limitation) for five (5) mils, for the purposes of the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of streets, roads, and bridges pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19g.** Mr. Glavan called for a vote, passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Res.2-2025 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **A resolution authorizing the Interim Village Manager to execute a settlement agreement with Norfolk Southern Railway Company and Norfolk Southern Corporation.** Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Res. 2-2025. Passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: With no further business Dr. Rocco made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Simon. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY