

EP VILLAGE COUNCIL 7/11/22 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Ms. May, Mr. Povenski, Dr. Rocco, Mr. Runnion, Mr. Simpson, and Mr. Walker. Also present was Village Manager Mark McTrusty, Finance Director Traci Spratt, Atty. Dave Powers, Clerk Misti Martin and Bldg. Inspector CH McCutcheon. The minutes of the Utility Committee and Reg meeting of 6/27/22 were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Runnion. The June 2022 department reports were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Runnion. There were no agenda items or Clerks' report.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway thanked everyone involved in the July 4th festivities including the Firefighters Association, the Park Board as well as the Village employees.

MANAGER: Manager McTrusty reviewed the costs for AED machines that were requested. Costs could range upwards of \$32,125.00 (approximately) for what would be needed for Village facilities should the house bill pass and we have to move forward with this. In reference to the needed repairs at Market and Rebecca the ball park cost is around \$21,000.00 and the award for the work should go around the end of the week. McTrusty stated we have qualified for some loan forgiveness for the water model/waterline replacement project through the OEPA, the amount is likely to be over a million dollars. We have also qualified for the lead line replacement program through the EPA up to half a million dollars (Clark St. is most likely the area with the most lead lines). Mayor Conaway asked if we were required to notify the owners of properties where lead lines were found to which McTrusty said yes. Park Drive bridge design is continuing and he is working with ODOT to finalize a work schedule; the assessments of the properties that will be needed for the easements are currently underway. In reference to the EQ Basin, they were able to lower the cost of the HVAC/mechanical portion of the screener building to allow for all of the work to be completed and brought up to code as well as install the needed hand rails around the aeration tank and the replacement valves that were needed for the sludge tank were delivered last week and finally the new blowers should be here mid-August. He is working on re-advertising the bids for the walker trail project. Lastly, he stated residents should begin receiving letters from the service line warranty program this week. Mr. Walker asked about the cost of liners for the park pool, McTrusty stated he has not gotten those yet but he will work on it.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated the resolution on the agenda tonight is necessary to begin the process of obtaining the easements for the Park Drive Bridge project.

STREET: NO REPORT

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco thanked the Fire Department for the fireworks and stated she has heard nothing but positive comments. She also thanked Shantell Springer and Caitlyn McTrusty (head life guards) for doing a great job at the pool so far this summer. She also stated it's working out well to post on FB when the Park Pool has to close early. Mayor Conaway asked that the large tree behind the Brick Pavilion be looked at as it does not look to be in good shape.

DEVELOPMENT/FINANCE: Mr. Runnion stated he felt the changes to the Vacant Structure Ordinance were a step in the right direction.

UTILITIES: NO REPORT

SAFETY: NO REPORT

VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION: In reference to the Ord. 14-2022 (Vacant Structure) Section 1246.05 Registration Fees Finance Director Traci Spratt noted that it states that all monies collected shall be deposited in Village Vacant Structure Registration Fund and that we do not have such a fund, the money goes into the general fund. Section 1246.14 Effective Dates, Spratt stated that should be looked at because it states that the VSR will become effective until one year after the date of passage or the hiring of a building inspector (this was the original timeline). Also, in 1246.14 she said it states an updated VSR list shall be available online, she said she doesn't know that we have the capability to do that. Finally, she asked for clarification on the fees; once this is passed, she asked that if the registration fees are not paid by 12/31/22 that late fees will be assessed starting 1/1/23 as well as penalties (\$200, \$400 etc.). At this point Mr. Simpson made a

motion to table Ord.14-2022 until the above issues can be addressed and then present a clean copy of the ordinance to Council, the motion was seconded by Dr. Rocco, passed unanimously.

VISITORS: John Davis, Jerry Coblentz, Mike Dugan, Terry Keresty, and Dave Biggins

LEGISLATION: Ms. May introduced Ord. 13-2022 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Runnion. **An ordinance adopting the budget and estimated resources for the Village of E. Palestine, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.** Ms. May made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Runnion. Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y. Ms. May called for a vote on Ord.13-2022. Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y. 6 yes to pass. Ms. May introduced Res. 13-2022 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **A resolution of intent to appropriate fee simple interests and/or temporary construction easements for property required for the replacement of the Park Drive Bridge.** Ms. May called for a vote Res.13-2022 seconded by Dr. Rocco. Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y, Ms. May-y. 6 yes to pass.

ADJOURN: Mr. Walker made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Runnion. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

TRENT CONAWAY MAYOR