

EP COUNCIL 7/14/25 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Blythe, Mr. Glavan, Ms. Herriott, Mr. Povenski, Mr. Simon and Ms. Stauffer. Also present was Village Manager Antonio Diaz-Guy, Police Chief Jim Brown, Law Director David Powers, Finance Director Melissa Hiner and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the 6/23/25 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Povenski seconded by Mr. Blythe. The June 2025 department reports were approved on a motion by Mr. Glavan seconded by Mr. Povenski. Passed unanimously. There was no Law Director's or Finance Committee reports.

CLERK: Clerk Misti Martin stated the Village is sponsoring an E-Waste (electronics) drop off day on Saturday August 2nd from 11:00-1:00 in the Centenary Church parking lot.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway thanked Manager Diaz-Guy as well as Councilmembers Herriott and Glavan for all of their work in organizing the 150th celebration for the Village as well as the Sizzle n Sing. He also thanked Secretary of State Frank Larose for presenting a certificate acknowledging the Village's 150th anniversary.

MANAGER: Manager Diaz-Guy thanked everyone involved in the planning of the 150th celebration. Next a motion was requested to recognize that RCAP will be working with the Village to review existing water lines throughout town and do exploratory line pot-holing to identify lead water lines for future replacement work at no cost to us. We do own liability if a line were to be damaged, Village labor will be onsite to assist and the work should take place in August. Mr. Simon made the above requested motion seconded by Mr. Glavan, passed unanimously. The RFP for marketing services (a firm or individual) has been completed and will be going out to bid soon. Stick picks up is going on this week from the 14th through the 18th. The proposal for Phase 3 playground work for the park was submitted to council for review with a plan finalize design soon so things can begin to happen together to save time as opposed to things being done sequentially. There will be one modern, one nature themed and one open space playground. Mr. Glavan stated he would like to see a type of them for the playgrounds. Mr. Blythe asked about the base of the playgrounds; Manager Diaz-Guy stated the nature-based playground will be mulch and the modern playground will be a rubberized mat so it is wheel chair accessible. In reference to budget for the playground stated Diaz-Guy stated we do have tentative budget numbers for the playgrounds and those numbers won't change until final design is complete and they are put to bid; he added there is room to move cost around if needed but they are projected to come in as predicted. It was noted that some costs were saved during Phase 2 due to shifting timelines. In reference to legislation Diaz-Guy stated there is legislation tonight in reference to an easement needed for the Brookdale Bridge repair project that we should pass as emergency; there is also legislation to approve set up of a municipal events fund. This fund will allow the village to receive funds to help cover costs of Village sponsored events and nothing else. Finally, there is legislation in support of a 150-year anniversary event for the Fire Department later this year, sponsorship letters were sent out and any funds received would go into the new municipal events fund.

STREET: Mr. Simon stated in the month of June the Street Dept. repaired a 24 in storm drain on E. Main, installed a new catch basin on Brookdale and put down 25 tons of asphalt for various road repairs, half of the alley between E. North and E. Grant was ripped out and stoned with the other half will be completed in July, maintenance of the walking trail was performed, the street sweeper ran on the south side of town with plans to continue on the north side. It was noted that 2025 paving is tentatively scheduled for August.

PARK/REC/CEM: Ms. Stauffer stated Park Board hosted the pet/bike parade for the 150th celebration. Daily operations at the park are continuing, repairs were made to the walking trail bridge between Main & Bacon, the entrance sign was painted as well as handrail at the gazebo as well as mulch. The pool house/concession stand/Rainbow Dreamland were prepped for demo; dog park fence was repaired. Phase two of the park project is in process with weekly updates being posted online/newsletter. Phase 3 is in design mode, a meeting with a small group of citizens will be held to discuss the design and then final designs will be developed. Glenview Cemetery entrance project has begun and will include new doors for the mausoleum once the sign work is complete. Mayor Conaway asked about the potential for a volunteer day to help work on clean up of the walking trail; Manager Diaz-Guy stated we do not currently have anything scheduled but we could. He stated we should first come up with a list of priorities for what needs done and then go from there.

DEVELOPMENT: 28 building permits were issued in the month of June. BZ department collected \$1250.00 in contractor registration, this is the highest number since the program was instituted. Ms. Herriott stated the Education Action group from the Think Tank completed all three of their events and the plan is to have the same group of kids come to the next council meeting to do a presentation about what they did. The EPCIC approved a contract with Howells and Baird to perform surveys of the Depot as well as the EPCIC Plaza and Brock Builders was selected to do some selective deconstruction at the depot to look for unknown conditions that could result in cost increases prior to design completion/bidding. CIC also submitted an application for the NS Thriving Communities Grant seeking \$50,000 for improvement at the plaza and they are also working with the Columbiana County Port Authority to submit a CDBG app to help with renovation cost. They will also be exploring an abandoned mine land economic revitalization (AMLER) to pursue possible utility extension and gap filler for the depot project. She thanked Rockenberger family, Jim & Carolyn Wilson, Councilman Glavan, Councilman Blythe and Tom Brittain for all of their help with the 150th celebration. Manager Diaz-Guy stated that any/all door to door soliciting must be registered with the Village; if someone comes to your home you should send them to the Municipal Building and either the Manager or BZ will vet them. He also stated they submitted a grant app to T-Mobile for the Hometown Grant program for the Tents in the Park project

W/WW: Mr. Blythe stated the Risk/Resiliency Assessment was submitted to USEPA, PFOS sampling was performed in May. This sampling is due to EPA requirement not the derailment; results received in June showed all samples as non-detectable which shows the effectiveness of the new GAC filters are at providing safe drinking water. A hydrant was replaced on Bacon Ave. costing almost \$6000.00. DMRQA quality control testing has started; this is also an EPA requirement. Graeme O'Leary passed his Water 2 test on 6/20. 77 shut off notices were mailed to resident with 7 accounts being shut off for nonpayment in June. In six months of this year almost 59,000,000 gallons of water was produced and treated 131,000,000 gallons of waste water. Finally, with all of the heavy rain lately the plant did not lose any solids and has not happened since the EQ tank was completed.

SAFETY: Mr. Povenski stated Officer Lindan Gardner was promoted to full time and Officer Brindisi is working patrol shifts after completing SRO duties this year. Officers continued foot patrol in the downtown. In the month of June PD fielded 450 calls resulting in 132 reports. FD calls totaled 115 in June; 11 fire, 98 Ems and 6 both fire/Ems. Two called were missed in June due the squad already being out.

VISITORS: John Davis, Barb Kliner, Dot Herbert, Kent Chapman, Carol Harvey, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Dan McKinstry, Stephanie Elverd, Dave Biggins.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Glavan made a motion to amend the agenda to remove Ord. 10-2025 Paramedicine/EMS Coordinator and adjust the numbers accordingly as well as add Ord. 12-2025 Creating a Municipal Event Fund and Res. 13-2025 Supporting the Fire Department 150 Year Event. The motion was seconded by Ms. Herriott and passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 8-2025 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded Mr. Simon. **An ordinance amending Section 1060.01 (F) of the Codified Ordinances of the Municipality of Ohio.** Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Ord. 8-2025 seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 9-2025 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Simon. **An ordinance adopting the budget and estimated resources for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025.** Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Ord. 9-2025 seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 10-2025 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Simon. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager, on behalf of the Council of the Village of East Palestine to accept the offered consideration for, and execute an easement in favor of Columbiana County Ohio required for the replacement of the bridge on Brookdale Avenue over Leslie Run.** Mr. Glavan made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Ord. 10-2025 seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 11-2025 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Simon. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract with Brodi Conover, of Bricker Graydon Law Firm, to serve as the municipal attorney, for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2026 in accordance with the terms set forth in the attachment hereto, which is hereby incorporated by reference.** Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 12-2025 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Glavan. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager and the Village Finance Director to create a “Special Events Fund 242” pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §5705.09 (f) of the Revised Code.** Mr. Glavan introduced Res. 13-2025 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Simon. **A resolution approving a special event to be held by the East Palestine Fire Department, celebrating 150 years of service to the Village of East Palestine and surrounding communities.** Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Res.13-2025 seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: With no further business before council Mr. Povenski made a motion to adjourn seconded by Mr. Glavan. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY