

EP COUNCIL 7/8/24 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, Police Chief Jim Brown, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe, Law Director David Powers, Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the Dev/Fin Committee as well as the regular meeting of 6/24/24 were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco, seconded by Mr. Glavan. All in favor. The June 2024 department reports were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Glavan. There were no agenda items or clerk's reports.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway thanked everyone involved in putting on the July 4th event and that a special council meeting was called for Monday July 29 at 6:00 pm to hear from Roberta Streiffert of RCAP in reference to Think Tank projects.

MANAGER: Manager Edwards stated Rite Aid is closing and he and Councilwoman May are reaching out to other pharmacies about coming here. The Train Depot is being testing for lead/asbestos. Work is still being done on the USDA grant for the safety service complex, and the grant for the cemetery. Special thanks to Karen Gorby for all of her work on the cemetery grant. There are two applicants for BZ Inspector, interviews are being conducted. Starting July 5, 2024 pool passes are half price for the remainder of the season. In reference to the Train Depot, Atty. Powers stated the Village can retain ownership while allowing the CIC to run it. Fire Chief Drabick will be preparing a memo for council in reference to what the options are for the new training center. He stated the fireworks were great and commended the PD for excellent traffic control at the end of the show. Finally, in his previous managers report he stated the PD did not have NIMS training and that was incorrect, that a lot of them do, in fact, have the training.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated he has prepared a resolution for council to review prior to the next meeting. Under CIC law the village can own property and designate the CIC as its agent to essentially manage the property.

STREET: Mr. Glavan stated the Street Dept. replaced catch basins on Brookdale, Main, Market and Clark; they working on some bad areas on Brookdale also as well as holes in alleys as well as roads. They have also been working on cleaning up at City Lake around the spillway. They also dug and re-stone a portion of Strawberry Alley.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco thanked Park Board and the Fireman's Association for their work on July 4th, additionally she thanked Karen Gorby, Becky Westover, Pam Figley, and Ron & Peggy Caratelli for taking care of the flowers at the park. She noted the Park has been full and the pool is going well and reiterated what Manager Edwards stated about pool passes being half off.

DEV/FIN: Ms. May stated the Think Tank will be meeting again on July 16. The 2025 budget has been sent and the audit should be done in the next four to six weeks. The monthly meeting of the Columbiana County Leaders will be later this week.

UTILITY: Mr. Blythe said WW Plant is routine operations; there will two open houses at the Water Plant, Saturday 8/3 from 10am to 1pm and Tuesday 8/6 from 6pm to 8pm. In distribution there was one water main break on W. Grant that cost the Village around \$1200.00. Routine cleaning was done at the treatment plant and the carbon filters went into operation on 6/20. Year to date water usage at the pool is 1.6 million gallons and 330,000 gallons for the splash pad & bathhouses.

SAFETY: Mr. Povenski thanked PD for security during the NTSB event as well as the settlement center and July 4th activities. In June there were 543 calls for service resulting in 162 reports, 94 of which were traffic tickets/citations. He thanked FD for the July 4th event. FD had 137 calls last month with 103 being ems only, 21 fire only and 13 combined. Of the 137 calls 56 patients were transported, 18 refusals and dumped 6 calls.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Jerry Coblentz, James Rook, Dan McKinstry, David Peters, Steph Elverd, Dave Biggins, John Davis, Rick & Karen Gorby, Karen King, Barb Kliner, Joe Della Volle, Tom Brittain.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 8-2024 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance adopting the budget and estimated resources for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025.** Mr. Simpson made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency, seconded by Dr. Rocco. Passed unanimously. Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Ord. 8-2024, seconded by Dr. Rocco. Passed unanimously. Mr. Simpson made a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 to discuss Finance Director evaluations as well as pending litigation involving Finance Director Melissa Hiner, Village Manager Chad Edwards, and Law Director Powers. The motion was seconded by Dr. Rocco and passed unanimously. There would be no further business after.

ADJOURN: Dr. Rocco made a motion to return to regular session and adjourn the meeting. The motions were seconded by Mr. Glavan. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY

