

EP COUNCIL 6/13/22 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, Law Director David Powers, Clerk Misti Martin and BZ Inspector CH McCutcheon. The minutes of the 5/23/22 meeting was approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Walker. The May 2022 department reports were approved on motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Walker. There were no agenda items or clerk's report.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway stated the EPCF is having their golf outing this weekend and there are still a couple available spots.

MANAGER: Manager McTrusty stated the culvert projects have been awarded to Dynamic Structures with the low bid of around \$58,000 for all three. In ref to paving 7500 sq yards were bid and came in at a price of around \$160,000 which is overbudget for this year after reaching out the Lindy paving and discussing paving around 4600 sq yards as well as the Market St. repair it still came in at around \$98,000.00. To put it in perspective he stated the first year he was here around 11,000 sq yards were paved at a cost of approximately \$140,000.00. He said he wasn't sure that Lindy Paving would come just to pave a small area so decision needs made as to if paving should be put on hold this year and put this money towards next year or try to push forward this year. He also added the streets at the Vineyards have been recently accepted and are also going to need paved and it will be expensive. Discussion followed as to the possibility of ODOT helping with the repairs needed at Market/Rebecca with Finance Director Traci Spratt stating there is money in the State Highway Fund to help with the repair but not much. Mr. Walker made a motion to postpone this paving with the exception of the repairs needed at Market/Rebecca, the motion was seconded by Mr. Runnion and passed unanimously. Several storm sewer repairs have been made in the last couple weeks on Brookdale Ave as well as Glenview Cemetery. He said there was a good turnout for the Disc Golf Ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday including members of the Eagles, Masonic Temple, EPCF who helped finance the project as well as several members of Council. In ref to McTrusty report Ms. May asked if the possibility of using side wall liners in the pool could be less expensive, McTrusty said yes however there appear to issues with those that are being installed at local pool so that may not be the solution. Mr. Simpson has recommended a different type of liner and he will be looking into those. Mr. Povenski asked about chip and seal as opposed to paving this year, McTrusty stated the streets that need done are heavily traveled by the school and he doesn't feel chip and seal would be a good solution. At this time Chief Drabik stated that new state standards say that first out fire engines are no more than 10 to 15 years old, reserve trucks are to be no more than 25 years old. He said right now a new engine is approximately \$750,000.00 and that this price has increased dramatically over the last two to three years and will continue to do so every quarter. Drabik stated that if we do not sign a contract by the first of the year, we will be facing another increase of possibly 4%. McTrusty stated they will be working on the Assistance to Firefighters Grant which if granted meant we would pay 10% of the cost of the truck. Drabik also stated the current build time for the truck is 28 months, there is also the possibility of deferring the payments until the truck is in hand or beginning payments asap and having the truck closer to paid off when you finally get it. Drabik stated the engine at Main St. will soon be repurposed, the engine at the Unity station will come to Main St. station as the reserve engine, the new engine will go to Clark St. station and the Clark St. engine will go to unity. He said the ladder truck will be the next thing that has to be replaced due to age, the way the Village is set up we have to have the ladder truck. Spratt stated assuming the fire levy passes we should be in range to make these payments for 7 years including the possibility of grants/or no interest loans. He said the EMS side of things is getting better slowly and that he has paramedic that will be starting in August as well as some new emts starting soon.

LAW DIRECTOR: NO REPORT

STREET: Mr. Walker asked when the recycling bins would be returned to their normal spot, Clerk Misti Martin stated she called them and it would be this week. Walker stated it would behoove us to clear the weeds prior to them being returned. In ref to the street sweeper Mr. Walker, he doesn't feel the sweeper is being used adequately as there is growth between the edge of the curb

and the street which will cause the paving to heave. He said Walnut Street is a mess as the catch basins are plugged and need addressed.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco thanked everyone who came to the ribbon cutting as well as thanking Manager McTrusty and Park Board President Amanda Smith for helping paint the benches at the Gazebo. At this point Mayor Conaway stated there is a serious issue with people driving the wrong way around the park as well as parking on the wrong side. He asked about painting some arrows or “one way” on the road itself and add more “no parking” signs or even make them bigger. McTrusty stated he would speak to the Street Department. Dr. Rocco said they would be painting the changing rooms at the pool house after the pool closes for the season and they would like as many volunteers as possible to help.

FINANCE/DEV: Mr. Runnion made a motion to direct Atty. Powers to draw legislation updating the fee scale that was discussed at the Dev/Fin Committee prior to this meeting, Mr. Walker seconded the motion, passed unanimously. Finance Director Traci Spratt stated Council had before them the 2023 Budget (Temporary version), this can go three readings and will need passed as emergency at the third reading. In reference to the budget Mayor Conaway asked if the PD decided not to do the garages that had planned on doing, Spratt stated that was correct.

UTILITY: Mr. Simpson called a Utility Committee meeting for 6:00 pm on June 20 prior to the regular meeting, he said Troy Rhoads from Ohio Edison will here to discuss street lights, replacing the poles, LED lighting and having them take over the poles. In reference to the splash pad, Mr. Simpson is working on a plan to help reduce the amount of water used there by reconfiguring things (recirculating pool water to the splash pad) which would reduce unaccounted for water. Last year for the summer period of three months it used over a million gallons which equates to over \$16,000.00.

SAFETY: Mr. Povenski had no report. Chief Drabik mentioned he is planning a Safety Day for the community on August 28 at the Park. Addition he stated they are having problems getting important information from his elderly patients in order to treat them appropriately. He said they have been in contact with a company called My ID which and electronic way to bring up all of the patient’s important information. He said they have received an anonymous \$1000 donation and they will be putting towards this project; hopefully with some additional donations the department can fund this project for the residents who need or want them. In ref to the new fire truck Spratt stated Council will have to decide if they want to make this purchase before the budget is finalized. Dr. Rocco made a motion to direct Atty. Powers to draw legislation for the purchase of a new fire truck, the motion was seconded by Mr. Walker and passed unanimously.

THERE ARE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: Dave Biggins, Liz Lehman (MJ), Jerry Coblenz, Mike Dugan, Kent & Darlene Chapman, Amanda Smith, Karen King.

LEGISLATION: Ms. May introduced Ord. 11-2022 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Runnion. **An ordinance adopting a wage scale to be incorporated into the personnel policy handbook (white book).** Ms. May introduced Ord. 12-2022 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **An ordinance prohibiting the use of fireworks by consumers on property owned by the Municipality, and repealing or amending Chapter 672 of the codified ordinances of East Palestine, Ohio.** Ms. May introduced Ord. 13-2022 for a first 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 East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023.** Ms. May introduced Res.7-2022 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Runnion. **A resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor.** Ms. May called for a vote on Res.7-2022. 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. 8-2022 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Runnion. **A resolution to exclude the approval of the City of Salem which approval would otherwise be required for an alternate method of apportionment of local**

government fund and local government revenue assistance fund monies o be distributed in 2023 and declaring an emergency. Ms. May made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Runnion. Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y, Ms. May-y. Ms. May called for a vote on Res. 8-2022. Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y, Ms. May-y 6 yes to pass. Ms. May introduced Res. 9-2022 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Runnion. **An emergency resolution approving a new alternate method of apportionment of local government fund and local government revenue assistance fund monies to be distributed in 2023 and declaring an emergency.** Ms. May made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Dr. Rocco. Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y, Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y. Ms. May called for a vote on Res.9-2022. Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y, Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y 6 yes to pass. Ms. May introduced Res. 10-2022 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **A resolution declaring it necessary to levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for 1.0 mills renewal levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining Municipal Park, equipment, lands and activities, buildings and sites used directly in operation of a park department and/or the payment of salaries of park personnel.** Ms. May called for a vote on Res.10-2022. Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y, Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y 6 yes to pass. Ms. May introduced Res.11-2022 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **A resolution declaring it necessary to levy in excess of the ten-mill limitation for 2.0 mills renewal levy for the purpose of providing and maintaining Municipal Park, equipment, lands and activities, buildings and sites used directly in operation of a park department and /or the payment of salaries of park personnel.** Ms. May called for a vote on Res.11-2022. Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y, Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-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

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY