

### EP COUNCIL 3/23/26 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, Ms. Stauffer and Ms. Snedeker. Also present was Village Manager Antonio Diaz-Guy, Police Chief Chris Weingart, and Clerk Misti Martin. The minutes of the 3/9/26 meeting were approved on a motion by Ms. Herriott seconded by Mr. Povenski. There were no department reports, mayor's, street, finance, water/wastewater or safety committee reports.

**MANAGER:** Manager Diaz-Guy stated the Microsoft Azure Office 365 update for the Village is about six weeks away; in tandem with that update before council tonight is legislation for a cyber security policy. He will be signing the Unity Township Fire Contract; that has come in lower than was budgeted for due to the station in Unity needs a roof repair as well as overpayments in the past due to excess funds. The draft plan for the SS4A grant has been submitted to Federal DOT; a survey link has been posted on social media where we ask the residents which one of 6 potential projects would be their highest priority. A county bridge project at the intersection of Bacon and Park Ave will result in temporary construction signage; this info has been forwarded to the county in hopes they will take care of needed signage. An additional round of SS4A funding will be available in 2027 with the Village making application for said funds this year. Late Spring will see the Brookdale Bridge project begin; this project will be for the bulk of the year and will result in detours for truck traffic. There is also a gas line project by Enbridge where a low-pressure line will be upgraded to a medium pressure four-inch line from city limits to Neeld Rd bridge as well as to the park exit. DOG Days will be May 9 and committees are currently looking for projects, there is an online registration form for the event. For those who want to work around their properties for DOG Days we will have a list of things that can be done around their property including yard debris (leaves, sticks etc.) clean up; we have published details for Village pick up online. Residents needing pick up can fill out the form on the Village website or contact the Municipal Building. In reference to the legislation for 367 Clark St. which was given to the Village Manager Diaz-Guy stated the home was inspected and qualifies for the Welcome Home Ohio grant. The legislation will make the CIC agent of the property so it can be a part of the project where it will be rehabbed and then sold.

**PARK/REC/CEM:** Ms. Stauffer said they are working on a project list for DOG Days and if anyone has suggestions to please reach out.

**DEV/FIN:** Ms. Herriott stated the EP Act group just finished their last LTT/TTL project where 22 students learned to make soap/sugar scrub/lip balm with Jennifer Fahs of Happy with Nature. Students overwhelmingly stated they would like to continue this program next year and the EP Eagles agreed to help fund the program next year also. The Home Repair Fair will be on 4/18 at the Way Station; the Project EP class is printing fliers for the event. The CIC has submitted their pitch to Jobs Ohio for the OSIP which would be funding for infrastructure at the business park. Cost proposals for repairs at 90/94 N. Market St. have been received and will be reviewed at the next meeting (3/24/26 @ 10:00 am). On April 4<sup>th</sup> Rotary is holding Breakfast with the Easter Bunny from 9am to 11:30 am, Park Board is sponsoring an Easter Egg on the Park sport courts at noon, Chamber is sponsoring a fishing tournament at the Duck Pond in the Park from 8 am to noon and the Spring Fling is downtown from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**STUDENT REP:** Ms. Snedeker stated students have been working on fundraising for the Courtyard project. Phase 1 will include picnic tables and renovating the memorial garden;

the overall cost for Phase 1 will \$2,500.00. Fundraising will begin April 9<sup>th</sup> and the hope is to purchase the tables in May. In reference to Steven Teleschak's Eagle Scout project for the new flag/flag pole at Reid Memorial Stadium Carol Harvey of the Eagles stated the cost of the project was \$12,000.00 and they donated \$6,000.00.

**VISITORS:** John Davis, Brenda Povenski, Brian Henderson, John Cozza, Barb Kliner, Dot Herbert, Carol Harvey, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Dan McKinstry, mark Rhodes, Kent Chapman, David Peters, Christine Dilworth.

**LEGISLATION:** Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 6-2026 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Simon. **An ordinance authorizing the municipal manager to advertise for public bid for the construction and paving project known as the 2026 street resurfacing project and to further award and enter into a contract with the lowest and best bidder, pursuant to specifications and bidding requirements determine by the municipal manager and in compliance with law.** Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Ord. 6-2026 seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 7-2026 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Simon. **An ordinance amending the charges/rent for use of the Village of East Palestine's sewer/waterworks system.** Mr. Glavan introduced rd. 8-2026 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Ms. Stauffer. **An ordinance amending the Codified Ordinances of the Village of East Palestine to establish Chapter 248.10 "Rate Structure-Marketing Department" authorizing marketing/advertising fees.** Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 9-2026 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance amending § 248.05 Parks and Recreation of the Codified Ordinances of the village of East Palestine to update and reaffirm park, facility and pool rate structure; establish residency definitions and adopt administrative refund, weather and damage provisions.** Mr. Glavan introduced Ord.11-2026 for a first reading and made motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Simon. **An ordinance approving the execution of a Community Reinvestment Area agreement among the Village of East Palestine, the East Palestine Community Improvement Corporation, and Black Diamond Brewing & Distribution Company LLC doing business as Black Diamond Brewery and Distillery.** Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 12-2026 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Ms. Stauffer. **An ordinance amending ordinance 12-97 of the Village of East Palestine to modify regulations governing monuments and markers within Glenview Cemetery.** Mr. Glavan introduced Res. 11-2026 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Simon. **A resolution designating the East Palestine Community Improvement Corporation as for the purpose of developing leasing, selling or otherwise encouraging economic development on specified real estate owned by the Village of East Palestine, Ohio.** Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Res. 11-2026 seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously. Mr. Glavan introduced Res. 12-2026 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **A resolution adopting a cybersecurity policy and establishing a cybersecurity program for the Village of East Palestine, Ohio.** Mr. Glavan called for a vote on Res. 12-2026 seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously.

**ADJOURN:** Mr. Glavan made a motion to adjourn seconded by Ms. Herriott. Passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.