

EP VILLAGE COUNCIL 11/28/22 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 Interim Manager/Finance Director Traci Spratt, Law Director David Powers, B/Z Inspector CH McCutcheon. The minutes of the regular and Dev/Finance Committee meetings of 11/14/22 were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Runnion. There were no agenda items or Clerk's report.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway stated the Snowflake Festival will be Saturday Dec 3 and there are activities all day including Breakfast with Santa as well as Cookies with Santa at the Park Community Center.

MANAGER: Interim Manager Traci Spratt stated she and Mayor Conaway met with the Land Bank in reference to partnering with them for the demolition program. Mayor Conaway stated it would be beneficial for the community and they would do the administration including testing and locating contractors so we can get some of our homes torn down. Spratt stated that with an approved letter of understanding between us and them we would be able to get better pricing because they are bidding in larger quantity. Mr. Povenski asked how the Village would be able to acquire the vacant properties, Mayor Conaway said they would either have to turn the property over to the Village or if it goes through foreclosure three times, then to the auditor at which time the Land Bank or Village has the opportunity to buy it before the public has the opportunity. Spratt stated that with the Land Bank D-Tack funding we would be paying for the demolition but still not own the property, to which Atty. Powers stated we will file a lien against the property for the cost of demo. Spratt said she has a meeting with the Port Authority in December to discuss potential opportunities and also that she has submitted final paperwork for the Park Drive Bridge project with a potential project award date of Feb 2023. She said she is going to hold monthly department meetings to improve communication. Finally, she stated there is approximately one million dollars in our checking account and she needs a motion to transfer that to Premier Bank (the interest rate is at 3.7% while last month Huntington was only 1.7%). Mr. Runnion made the requested motion, seconded by Dr. Rocco, passed unanimously. There were no Law Director or Street Reports.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco stated the Park Board is holding Cookies with Santa at the Community Center from 12-2 and Rotary is holding Breakfast with Santa Prior to them. There were no Development/Fin, Utility or Safety Committee reports.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: CH McCutcheon, Jerry Coblenz, John Davis, Tami & Bob Harris, Ron & Peggy Caratelli

LEGISLATION: Ms. May introduced Ord. 19-2022 for a third reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Runnion. **An ordinance authorizing the Village Manager to enter into a contract with David P. Powers to serve as the Municipal Attorney for a one-year term commencing January 1, 2023 in accordance with the terms of the previous contract, which is hereby incorporated by reference.** Ms. May called for a vote on Ord. 19-2022. Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker abstained. 5 yes to pass. Ms. May introduced Ord. 20-2022 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **An ordinance adopting the appropriation for the current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of East Palestine, Ohio, during the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2023 and adopting estimated resources and declaring an emergency.** Ms. May introduced Ord. 22-2022 for a first 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. 23-2022 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **An ordinance enacting chapter 832 of the codified ordinances of East Palestine, Ohio related to licensing of solicitors, peddlers and door to door sales persons.**

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