

EP COUNCIL 10/14/24 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, Fire Chief Keith Drabick, Law Director David Powers, Clerk Misti Martin and Officer Chris Weingart. There were no clerk's, law directors, or safety committee reports. The minutes of the 9/23/24 meeting was approved on a motion by Mr. Povenski seconded by Mr. Glavan. The September 2024 department reports were approved on a motion Mr. Glavan seconded by Mr. Blythe.

AGENDA: GREG MCCORMICK-HURRICANE RELEIF EFFORT Mr. McCormick stated he along many other community members collected and delivered supplies to hurricane ravaged North Carolina. He said our community is indebted to those who helped us after the derailment and now is our time to repay what is owed. Mayor Conaway stated we are trying to work on some things and hope to have more detail in the next few days; we will organize a drop location and try to gather as much as possible. Details will be posted on the websites and Facebook page. **MARK DURNO-USEPA** In reference to final confirmation at the derailment site several areas had low level detections that will be removed and will be handled as nonhazardous soils; one area close to the PA state line near the wetlands has a couple low level detections that have not been fully delineated yet. Other activities include new grass/restoration in areas that have been designated as clean. Additionally, some sheet piling is being removed, the portion that was installed along the tracks will stay in place but get trimmed off to allow for normal train operation; a couple small areas where it was installed next to a building to maintain safety will stay in place as the removing them could cause damage. In reference to the creeks, as they have been cleared, they have been opened up to free flow water through the ditches; if any vinyl chloride is detected those areas do not get opened up. NS is also wrapping up the fall round of analytical samples for Leslie and Sulphur Run. In reference to Taggart St. completion and the road going back to normal they are hoping for the end of the year. Mr. Durno added there is not enough water in the creeks due to ongoing drought conditions so they cannot do a proper qualitative assessment/sheen scoring. The samples can be collected and chemical composition can be analyzed but they cannot do the sheen assessment. He noted Leslie Run has cleaned up very nicely but Sulphur Run has a combination of contamination that was there prior to the derailment and contamination that was caused by the derailment so that is still a work in progress. The federal consent decree (lawsuit settlement with NS) has now gone to the courts, updates will follow. NS continues to provide weekly progress updates every Monday and another newsletter is forthcoming. Mr. Simpson asked if the park has received a "clean bill of health", Mr. Durno said yes adding they are seeing some common roadside compounds such as polyaromatic hydrocarbon which is very common along roadsides.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway stated trick or treat is 5:30 to 7:00 with the parade to follow after on 10/31, last Saturday was the Dying Breed Diesel truck show with over 103 trucks. He thanked EPPD & EPPD for their help with the event. He added he has never met a nicer group of people and hopes that EP will be the home of the show from here on out. And finally, the Bulldogs won the travelling trophy from Columbiana for the first time in six years and also congratulated Owen Jurjavcic of the Bulldogs for beating the single season rushing record.

MANAGER: Manager Edwards stated he is meeting with Unity Township in reference to the JEDD, discussion was held in reference to extending water/sewer to Rt. 14 with our engineers, W/WW Superintendent Scott Wolfe and Manager Edwards will review the options prior to presenting to council. Mr. Wolfe stated everyone in the village has received multiple copper/lead surveys and will potentially receive another if they have not previously turned one in. Every tap (private & public side) has to be listed as to if they have lead, copper, galvanized, or unknown, the EPA's pushing to get all lead out of the ground and we do have lead in the village. They do not know the exact areas that will have lead but they can pinpoint them based on the age of the lines. Mr. Wolfe stated the Village as a whole need to be very proactive in replacing those lines because in 10 years the EPA will not allow any lead lines. Manager Edwards stated the street levy is up for renewal in November's election, this is the money used for paving and street repairs. This is a renewal which means nothing will change, passage is necessary for ongoing maintenance. He and Councilman Glavan will be going on a Small Nations tour of Bellefontaine Oh, this is being paid for by Jobs Ohio. A follow up

meeting with RCAP will be held at the Eagles that he and Ms. May will be attending and they are working on choosing an engineer for a safety study for the SS4A grant. The "Welcome Sign" project is on hold due to an insurance issue. Phase 1 of the park project is going into electrical and storm water work as well as starting the base of the new tennis courts. Dr. Rocco asked if they were on schedule with the phases, Manager Edwards said as far as he knows they are. Mayor Conaway stated he feels there is no way the pool will be ready for Memorial Day 2025. Discussion followed as to the need to make the current pool more user friendly by purchasing a heater for the upcoming season as was already talked about last year. The possibility of purchasing the same heater for the current pool and then hopefully being a backup for the new pool once it opens. Mr. Simpson stated the engineers need to come give an explanation as to the delays and be held accountable.

STREET: Mr. Glavan stated the street had a busy month starting back taking benches to the temporary soccer field, installed 300 ft of pipe/catch basins down Brookdale, cleaned up the dump on Brookdale, replaced catch basins and manhole covers, installed 60 ft of pipe on E. Main St., trimmed trees at the cemetery and other miscellaneous items. He also thanked the dept. for decorating the downtown for the fall fest.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco noted a Park Board meeting would be held Oct.16, the pool closure process is ongoing and that park still looks great considering all of the construction that is going on.

DEV/FIN: Ms. May stated the RCAP meeting on the 16th is at 6:00 pm and the CIC will meet on Tuesday October 22 at 10:00 a.m. She and Manager Edwards also recently met with the Port Authority.

UTILITY: Mr. Blythe stated hydrant flushing began today and will last all week. Some water leaks were repaired at a cost of \$1000.00, a hydrant on Market that was hit by a car was repaired as well as couple small other hydrant leaks. Water loss for August/September is at an all-time low.

THERE WERE NO VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION

VISITORS: Bill Zawiski, Chris Hunsicker, Carol Harvey, Mark Rhodes, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Jerry Coblenz, Mike Dugan, John Davis, Nicole Drabick, Barb Kliner, Jeremy Vranesevich, Tom Brittain, Greg McCormick, Joe Della Volle, David Peters, Dan McKinstry, Mark Durno.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Simpson introduced Ord. 14-2024 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Glavan. **An ordinance approving the editing and inclusion of certain ordinances as parts of the various component codes of the codified ordinances; providing for the adoption of new matter in the updated and revised codified ordinances; repealing ordinances and resolutions in conflict therewith; and declaring an emergency.** Mr. Simpson made a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency seconded by Mr. Glavan. Passed unanimously. Mr. Simpson called for a vote on Ord. 14-2024 seconded by Mr. Glavan. Passed unanimously. At this time Dr. Rocco made a motion to go into executive session per ORC G1 and G3 to discuss pending litigation as well as to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline of an employee inviting in Manager Edwards, Finance Director Melissa Hiner, Traci Spratt and Law Director David Powers; there would be no business to follow the motion was seconded by Mr. Glavan and passed unanimously.

ADJOURN: Mr. Povenski made motions to return to regular session as well as adjourn the meeting, the motions were seconded by Mr. Blythe. The motions were passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY