

EP COUNCIL 10/24/22 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, Chief Jim Brown, Chief Keith Drabick. The minutes of the 10/10/22 meeting were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Runnion. There were no department reports, Agenda items, or Clerks report.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway reminded everyone trick or treat is on Halloween from 5:30 to 7 with the parade at 7:30, and this Saturday the 29th is the fall fest at the park with trunk or treat, hayrides.

MANAGER: Manager McTrusty stated everything that could be completed this year for the culvert repairs is completed at this time. The Street department has been instructed to complete the downtown street marking and seal the joints, this will be done once the stencils arrive. In reference to the walking trail grant project the bids received were almost double the original cost, we don't have an extra \$50,000 to \$80,000 to pave the trail and none of the bidders want to do a partial project. We may have to turn down the grant. Work has begun on the screener building at the EQ basin. A 60% design submittal will be submitted to OEPA this Friday for the water line replacement project. He and Superintendent Wolfe have been conducting interviews for the vacant water position and they should be complete this week. The FD is hosting trunk or treat this weekend and trick or treat will be on Monday at 5:30, November 11 will be the Veterans Day parade. In reference to the upcoming demo program, it was discovered the Park Ave. prop that was to be demolished is in probate and most likely to be tied up for a long time so it is not currently eligible for demo, it should be in the next batch of foreclosure homes at the county. They still have to check lien holders for the other property. Mayor Conaway asked about a back up and McTrusty said there is one on Clark Street. Finally, he and Chief Brown have received a request to extend the two-hour parking zone on E. Taggart to the end of the Pizza Joe's parking lot, it currently cuts off a Sumner St. There have been multiple cars parked in those spots for long periods of time preventing access to the businesses, it also creates an issue during ice and snow removal. Neither the Chief or himself have an issue with extending it they just wanted to bring it to the attention of Council.

LAW DIRECTOR: Atty. Powers stated Chief Drabick also asked for an ordinance regarding outdoor burning, we have one on the books currently and that one can be amended. He stated we are going to have to move forward to do a "taking" of property for the Park Drive Bridge project.

STREET: NO REPORT

PARK/REC/CEM: NO REPORT

DEV/FINANCE: Mr. Runnion noted another Dev/Fin Committee meeting to continue discussion on contractor registration and misc. fees for November 14 prior to the regular meeting at 6:15 pm. Finance Director Traci Spratt asked everyone to please vote for the park levy renewals, 1 mill and 2 mill.

UTILITY: Mr. Simpson stated contractors are doing a wonderful job, he said the building is literally being taken down piece by piece. He said that after we get going with the waterline project, we can move on to some other things like the **JEDDVISITORS:** Rick & Karen Gorby, David Peters, BZ Inspector CH McCutcheon, John Davis, Jerry Coblentz, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Kent & Darlene Chapman, Michael Long Jr., Mike Dugan and Amanda Smith.

SAFETY: Chief Drabick stated everyone is emt class is doing good, the part from Engine 124 is being repaired and should be back in 10 to 14 days

LEGISLATION: Ms. May introduced Ord.19-2022 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **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 introduced Ord. 20-2022 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Dr. Rocco. **An ordinance adopting the negotiated pay increase between the Village of East Palestine (employer) and the fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. (union) and declaring an emergency.** Ms. May made a motion to suspend the rules

and declare an emergency seconded by Dr. Rocco. Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y. Ms. May called for a vote on Ord. 20-2022. Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y. 6 yes to pass. At this point Mr. Simpson made a motion to go into executive session under ORC Section 121.22 inviting in Manager McTrusty and Finance Director Traci Spratt to discuss the managers position and personnel. The motion was seconded by Mr. Runnion. Ms. May-y, Mr. Povenski-y, Dr. Rocco-y, Mr. Runnion-y, Mr. Simpson-y, Mr. Walker-y.

ADJOURN: Mr. Walker made a motion to return to regular session seconded by Dr. Rocco. Mr. Walker then made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Simpson. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY