

EP COUNCIL 10/23/23 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Ms. May, Mr. Povenksi, Dr. Rocco, Mr. Runnion and Mr. Walker. Mr. Simpson was not present; his absence was excused on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Runnion. The regular and special meeting minutes of 10/9/23 were approved on a motion by Dr. Rocco seconded by Mr. Walker. There were no department reports, agenda items, Clerk's, Law Directors, Street, or Utility Committee reports.

MAYOR: Mayor Conaway noted we will be accepting letters of interest for various boards/commissions seat that will be expiring at the end of this year, the dead line for letters is 11/22 at noon. He noted the second meeting in December falls on Christmas, a motion was made to change the meeting to Thursday 12/28 by Mr. Runnion seconded by Mr. Walker. He stated the Jeep Invasion on the 21st was a success and thanked all who participated. A reminder was given by Firefighter Jenn Drabick about the Fall Festival on the 28th sponsored by the Firemen's Assc as well as the Park Board with various activities for kids and families at no cost. Finally, Mayor Conaway added that trick or treat will be on the 31st from 5:30 to 7:00 with a parade to follow at 7:30.

MANAGER: Interim Manager Spratt introduced Melissa Hiner who would be taking over as Finance Director upon her retirement. Next, she stated the repair work on Market St. just past the railroad crossing to repair where the water break was would be on Friday Oct 27. She stated that Taggart road is now open, she asked that everyone please obey the 15mph speed limit through the area as there still is a high amount of truck traffic.

PARK/REC/CEM: Dr. Rocco thanked the Park Board for putting on the craft show and noted that it was very nice, she also thanked the Park & Street department for their help with set up.

DEV/FIN: Ms. May stated there are community development projects this week with Argus as well as the RCAP group. She also noted the Board of Elections is in dire need of poll workers for the November 7 election.

SAFETY: Mr. Povenski stated the Fire Levy is up for renewal this year; it is a 5 year levy that is for 1.5 mills that generates around \$85,000 annually. It is used for general expenses, upkeep and day to day operations of the Fire Department. It equates to roughly \$33.00 per year on \$100,000 of the auditors appraised value of a home or .09 cents a day. He said it is money well spent and that we are asking for the support of the community in passing this renewal. He noted the Fall Fest last year was received well and we ask that everyone come out and take part again.

VISITORS: Kent & Darlene Chapman, Ron & Peggy Caratelli, Dam Sebrell, Jerry Coblentz, Zach Gorby, Rick & Karen Gorby, Lenny Glavan, Dave Biggins, Dave Peters, Dan McKinstry, Joseph D ella-Volle, Andi Bircher, CH McCutcheon, Misti Allison, Steph Elverd, Terry McElroy, Brenda Povenski, Jason McKay.

VISITORS COMMENTS ON CURRENT LEGISLATION- In reference to Ord.19-2023 resident David Peters are for clarification on the ordinance. Interim Manager Spratt stated the Village is looking into acquiring property on N. Market St. for future development, she added she was unable to discuss specifics at this time.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Runnion introduced Ord. 19-2023 for a second reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance authorizing the purchase of real estate.** Mr. Runnion introduced Ord. 20-2023 for a first reading and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance for the approval and granting consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of transportation authority to, apply, maintain and repair standard longitudinal pavement markings and erect regulatory and warning signs on state highways inside Village corporate limits, and giving consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to remove snow and ice and use snow and ice control material on state highways inside the Village corporate limits and giving consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to perform maintenance and/or repair on state highways inside the Village Corporation.** Mr. Runnion introduced Ord. 21-2023 and made a motion that it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Walker. **An ordinance authorizing the Finance Director to make supplemental appropriation for the City of East Palestine, Ohio for the fiscal year beginning**

January 1, 2023 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Runnion called for a vote on Ord. 21-2023. Passed unanimously. At this time Dr. Rocco made a motion to go into executive session per ORC 121.22 to discuss union negotiations with the FOP inviting in the Manager, Finance Director, and Law Director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Walker and passed unanimously. There would be no further business.

ADJOURN: Dr. Rocco made a motion to return to regular session seconded by Mr. Runnion. Mr. Runnion made a motion to adjourn the meeting seconded by Mr. Walker.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY