

EP COUNCIL 9/28/26 85 N. MARKET ST. 7:00 PM

Mayor Conaway called the meeting to order. Present was Mr. Glavan, Mr. Herriott, Mr. Povenski, Mr. Simon, and Ms. Stauffer. Mr. Blythe was not in attendance; his absence was excused on a motion by Mr. Glavan seconded by Ms. Stauffer. Passed unanimously. Also, present was Finance Director Melissa Hiner, Police Chief Chris Weingart and Clerk Misti Martin. Village Manager Diaz-Guy was not present. The minutes of the 9/14 meeting were approved on a motion by Mr. Povenski seconded by Ms. Herriott. Passed unanimously. There were no reports from the Mayor, Street, Park/Rec/Cem, and Water/Wastewater.

CLERK: It was noted the JEDD hearing will be 10/26 at 6:15 pm prior to the regular meeting. The Unity Township Jedd hearing will be 11/4 at 6:00 pm at the Moose. At this time Mr. Glavan motioned to push the start date of the 10/26 meeting to 7:30 pm to allow for addition time for the JEDD hearing, the motion was seconded by Ms. Stauffer and passed unanimously; additionally, Mr. Simon motioned to put an ending time of 7:15pm for the JEDD hearing seconded by Mr. Glavan. Passed unanimously.

MANAGER: At this time, the Clerk read a report submitted by Manager Diaz-Guy. In reference to the Duck Pond, after a suggestion from a resident the Village is looking into taking sediment samples from the pond (sampling is not legally required). A proposal from Brownfield Restoration Group for eleven samples came in at a cost of almost sixteen thousand dollars, higher than expected. Brownfield stated they could pair back the sampling to three samples (the minimum number) which would come in between six thousand and sixty-five hundred dollars. Additionally, it was noted that we are looking into the potential option of taking the samples in house and have the lab who processes our water samples analyze the soil samples from the pond. Mayor Conaway asked Councilwoman Herriott to check with a former employer about where they had their samples evaluated. Mr. Glavan motioned for Ms. Herriott to look into the backup option, if that doesn't work out to go with Brownfield Restoration Group for the minimum number of samples (three) and have a resolution drawn up for settlement funds to be used to pay for the sampling. Mr. Povenski seconded the motion. Passed unanimously. On the agenda tonight is legislation to permit Manager Diaz-Guy to apply for OPWC funding for the W. Martin/Grant St. culvert repair project. EDA grant update: the independent cost estimate was completed and sent to representatives, engineer final scope and fee was submitted on 9/24 by MS Consultants. Employee Healthcare Review Committee: this committee is being formed to review a potential change to health care benefits for Village employees. Two members of council were requested to be a part of this committee along with admin staff, FOP and Teamsters. Councilwoman Herriott and Councilman Povenski volunteered. Government Service Center update: final bids for the project are due October 2nd. The JEDD advertisement is now public; all documents are available for viewing online or at the Municipal Building. Most of the online traffic fundamentally misunderstands what a JEDD is and incorrectly equates it with annexation. Council received an FAQ sheet in packets to help answer any questions they receive.

DEV/FIN: Finance Director Melissa Hiner stated current financial/utility/payroll software will soon be obsolete; the new program is windows/cloud based. The initial set up, training and implementation, is \$37,500.00. This was already in the tax budget. Yearly support currently costs approximately \$20,000.00, with the upgrade that will go up to \$32,100.00 per year. The upgrade also includes a new analytics side and will allow paystubs to be emailed instead of paper. Egov would also take on any/all responsibility for restoration should an entity get hacked. Mr. Glavan motioned to allow the software upgrade to move forward seconded by Ms. Herriott. Passed unanimously. Ms. Herriott stated the CIC met on 9/22 approving a resolution authorizing the loan agreement with the Village. Plaza update: the pitch for the Vibrant Communities grant is complete. Depot update: the floors are poured and walls are being built and digging footers for the outside patio. Jasar property update: Phase 1 & 2 environmentals

are moving forward. The CIC continues to work with the Port Authority on the business park project. 94 N. Market St. facelift is still in progress as the new siding is backordered. The next regular CIC meeting is 10/27 @ 10:00 am. The Epact Learn to Teach; Teach to Learn group learned to make slime and tie dye and teach the community later that evening. The next class is on 10/14 where they will be making pumpkin ice cream.

SAFETY: Mr. Povenski stated he has heard from several residents asking about bringing back the 10:00 pm whistle. Mr. Povenski motioned to bring back to the 10:00 pm whistle seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously.

VISITORS: Ron & Peggy Caratelli, John Davis, Rick Gorby, Dot Herbert, Barb Kliner, Dave Biggins and Carol Harvey.

LEGISLATION: Mr. Glavan introduced Ord. 27-2026 for seconded reading and motioned it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **An ordinance amending ordinance No. 14-2026 to permit the position of Marketing Coordinator to be filled on either a part-time or full-time basis and establishing the base wage for a part-time Marketing Coordinator.** Mr. Glavan introduced Res. 37-2026 and motioned it be read by title only seconded by Mr. Povenski. **A resolution authorizing the Village Manager to prepare and submit an application to the Ohio Public Works Commission for financial assistance for the West Street culvert project and to execute agreements as required.** Mr. Glavan called to vote seconded by Mr. Simon. Passed unanimously. At this time Mayor Conaway congratulated Manager Diaz-Guy on the new addition to his family. He also stated the Fire Department lost a valuable member, Darlene Chapman, who passed away today. Darlene was a member of the department for over six years and implemented the MyID program and working in the school system.

ADJOURN: Mr. Glavan motioned to adjourn seconded by Mr. Povenski. All in favor, meeting adjourned.

MISTI J. MARTIN CLERK

MAYOR TRENT CONAWAY.