

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council

REGULAR Meeting

Date: December 19, 2023

Council President Ruks called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Clerk Kimberly McKinley performed roll call and the following council members were present: Ms. Cozad, Mr. Denihan, Mr. Hartz, and Mr. Ruks. Absent: Mr. Cottrell.

Others Present: Village Manager Tami Pentek, Clerk-Finance Director Kim McKinley, Fire Chief Scott Merlino, and Zoning Inspector Nick Bellas.

Agenda:

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to accept the agenda. The motion passed with all in favor.

Public: Corrine Schoren (Gazette) Warren Dillaway (Star Beacon)

Minutes:

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to approve the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 21, 2023. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to approve the minutes for the work session held on December 12, 2023. The motion passed with all in favor.

Bills:

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to approve the payment of bills. The motion passed with all in favor.

SCAD: Mr. Hartz provided a summary of meeting held on December 11, 2023. Report included income and expenses for the month of November. He also provided call volume for the month and year to date through November. Mr. Hartz reported that the new squad should be delivered by March. Damage to squad has been approved by insurance company, however, no check has been received. The fundraiser for injured EMT's raised \$7,200.

Council President Ruks turned the meeting over to Village Manager Tami Pentek for departmental reports.

Streets/Lands & Buildings:

Mrs. Pentek provided a summary of her written report.

Water/ Sewer:

Mrs. Pentek provided a summary of her written report.

Police Department:

Mrs. Pentek provided a summary of her written report.

Fire Department:

Mrs. Pentek provided a summary of her written report. Knox Boxes have been installed on all village buildings except for Police Dept. Chief Melino will use PD for his demonstration for the chamber. Rosenbauer is scheduled to go out in the last week of December for paint repair. Chief Merlino and Jeremy Baker passed the FF1 class. Others will have two months to retake the test. Mrs. Pentek has received the results from the auxiliary election and recommendations will be presented in January.

Park and Recreation

Meetings were held on October 6, 2023, and November 3, 2023, at Grand Valley Public Library; minutes provided.

Planning & Zoning Commission: Minutes provided for meeting held on September 27, 2023. Last meeting was held on November 29, 2023.

Solicitor's report: None

Finance Report: Ms. McKinley provided a summary of her written report.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to approve the finance report. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to accept donations for the fire department. The motion passed with all in favor.

Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz to change the pay period to Monday-Sunday, effective December 24, 2023. The motion passed with all in favor.

Zoning: Mr. Bellas provided a summary of his written report. Updating website and codification of zoning ordinances were discussed. The Land Bank has monies available for demolition for government agencies and private individuals. Mr. Bellas plans to address the vacant building located at 10 E. Main St., fka "Till the End of Time". Council. may want to consider how to regulate Ohio's new marijuana law within the village.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12-01R: A RESOLUTION AMENDING APPROPRIATIONS IN VARIOUS FUNDS AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass Resolution 23-12-01R.

Vote: Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 23-12-01R passed

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12-02R: A RESOLUTION RENEWING FOR FOUR (4) YEAR IN DURATION RESOLUTION 18-03-03R WHICH ESTABLISHED A CAPITAL PROJECTS FUND PURSUANT TO O.R.C. 5705.13(C) FOR THE PURPOSE OF ACCUMULATING FUNDS FOR THE ACQUISITION, CONSTRUCTION, AND/OR IMPROVEMENT OF CERTAIN FIXED ASSETS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to pass as an emergency. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to pass Resolution 23-12-02R.

Vote: Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan - yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 23-12-02R passed

RESOLUTION NO. 23-12-03R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to pass Resolution 23-12-03R.

Vote: Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan, Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 23-12-03R passed

New Business: Ms. Cozad would like to revert to W/S call-out compensation until a new plan is in place. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to rescind the motion eliminating the on-call pay for the water and sewer department. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mrs. Pentek requested council approve the temporary easement, between Village of Orwell and Matthew Krupa and Timothy Toman, to allow right of entry to repair the storm water issue where Capps Pizza is located at 156 E. Main. Easement expires in 120 days. Work would commence in March. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to approve the temporary easement. Motion passed with all in favor.

Mrs. Pentek presented additional information on proposed engineering agreement. Topic is planned for discussion in January.

Media: Ms. Schoren received confirmation that there was no official business taken after executive session held on December 18, 2023. Mr. Dillaway asked for clarification on 23-12-02R; renewal of CIP as discussed at work session.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council President Ruks adjourned the meeting at 5:08 p.m.

Approved:

January 16, 2024



President of Council



Clerk of Council



Village Manager