

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council

REGULAR Meeting

Date: February 20, 2024

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: Mr. Cottrell, Ms. Cozad, Mr. Denihan, and Mr. Ruks.

Others Present: Solicitor Cris Newcomb, Clerk-Finance Director Kim McKinley, Fire Chief Scott Merlino and Street Supervisor Shane Gregory. Absent: Councilor Mr. Hartz & Village Manager Tami Pentek.

Agenda:

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

Public: Corrine Schoren (Gazette)

Minutes:

Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on January 16, 2024. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to approve the minutes from the work session held on February 13, 2024. The motion passed with all in favor.

Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to approve the minutes from the work session held on January 16, 2024. The motion passed with all in favor.

Bills:

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

SCAD: Mr. Hartz provided a written report from meeting held on January 8, 2024.

Streets/Lands & Buildings:

Mrs. Pentek provided a written report.

Water/ Sewer:

Mrs. Pentek provided a written report.

Police Department:

Mrs. Pentek provided a written report.

Fire Department:

Mrs. Pentek provided a written report.

Park and Recreation: None.

Planning & Zoning Commission: Mrs. Pentek provided minutes from meeting held on November 29, 2023. Also, Mrs. Pentek provided a copy of minutes from organizational and special meetings held on January 3, 2024. Next Meeting scheduled for March 27, 2024.

Mrs. Pentek provided a list of members to various boards.

Solicitor's report: None

Finance Report: Ms. McKinley provided a summary of reports provided. She will be meeting with Dave Bogardus from Erie Bank to discuss interest options on monies held.

Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to approve the finance report. The motion passed with all in favor.

Zoning: Mr. Bellas provided a written report.

Old Business: Mr. Gregory discussed the lease of a new tractor. There would be no trade in available with the lease. Village would be responsible for maintenance. Company provided a lease to own quote; cost would be more than outright purchase. Mr. Cottrell would like to rotate tractor in seven years.

RESOLUTION NO. 24-02-01R: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING A NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT IN THE SUM OF \$1,723.00. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 24-02-01R.

Vote: Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea. Mr. Cottrell-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 24-02-01R passed

RESOLUTION NO. 24-02-02R: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE 2024 MARCS GRANT AWARD IN THE SUM OF \$9,465.00 AND AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO EXECUTE THE ACCEPTANCE AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE

VILLAGE OF ORWELL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruks, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 24-02-02R.

Vote: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 24-02-02R passed

ORDINANCE NO. 24-02-03: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING AND APPROVING THE INSURANCE PROPOSAL AND RENEWAL WITH LOVE INSURANCE FOR PROVIDING PROPERTY AND CASUALTY INSURANCE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Ordinance 24-02-03.

Vote: Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Ordinance 24-02-03 passed

RESOLUTION NO. 24-02-04R: A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE PROPOSED SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE ASHTABULA COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to pass Resolution 24-02-04R.

Vote: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 24-02-04R passed

RESOLUTION NO. 24-02-05R: A RESOLUTION RETAINING CHRISTOPHER M. NEWCOMB, ESQ. AS THE SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE ORWELL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 24-02-05R.

Vote: Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 24-02-05R passed

RESOLUTION NO. 24-02-06R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF A 2023 LS MT125 TRACTOR, LOADER & FIELD CAB WITH FRONT MOUNT SNOWBLOWER AND SUBFRAME KIT AND 60" MID MOUNT MOWER FROM ROBISON EQUIPMENT, INC. IN THE SUM OF \$23,910.00 (AFTER TRADE-IN) AND AUTHORIZING THE TRADE-IN OF A NEW HOLLAND TRACTOR, SNOWBLOWER, BELLY MOWER & ROTARY BROOM AS A DECLARED SURPLUS VEHICLE FOR THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL STREET DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruks, to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to pass Resolution 24-02-06R.

Vote: Mr. Cottrell-yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Ruks-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays Resolution 24-02-06R passed

New Business: Fire Chief Merlino would like to donate surplus SCBA packs and bottles to Bloomfield Fire Department. Orwell VFD replaced equipment and does not need. Value is less than \$200. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to declare surplus of fire equipment and authorize donation to Bloomfield Fire Department. The motion passed unanimously.

Public: None

Media: Clarification on any other interest for vacant council seat. None.

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

Council President Ruks adjourned the meeting at 4:48 p.m.

Approved:

March 19, 2024



President of Council



Clerk of Council



Village Manager