

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council

REGULAR Meeting

Date: March 19, 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, Mr. Denihan, Mr. Hartz, and Mr. Ruks.

Others Present: Solicitor Cris Newcomb, Village Manager Tami Pentek, Clerk-Finance Director Kim McKinley, Fire Chief Scott Merlino, Ken Lotzgesell, and Seth Swyers. Absent: Councilor Ms. Cozad.

Agenda:

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

Public: Wendy Zele, First Energy and Warren Dillaway, Star Beacon.

Ms. Zele serves as the Government Affairs Liaison for Illuminating Co. She is aware of the number of streetlights that are out. Chief Fernandez has marked sixteen locations. Crews from Middlefield and Ashtabula City are scheduled to complete repairs by end of month. Residents may call in a streetlight that is out. They will need to provide an address and cross street; pole number is not necessary but will help. Illuminating Co. is staffing up for the eclipse as per a storm situation.

LED lighting rebate expires May 31st; no other rebate is offered currently. If anyone is interested in EV charging station Illuminating Co, can assist through the process. Customer may call customer service center and request an upgrade or new service. Customer will receive an online link after receiving a notification number and track process from engineering to scheduling. A new service request would be required to change from a single phase to a three phase service. The Economic Development Group can provide information on a new service.

Minutes:

Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on February 20, 2024. The motion passed with all in favor.

Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to approve the minutes from the work session held on March 12, 2024. The motion passed with all in favor.

Bills:

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

SCAD: Mr. Hartz read his written report from meeting held on March 11, 2024.

Streets/Lands & Buildings:

Mrs. Pentek read information from written report. Spring Cleanup will be held on May 18, 2024, 8:00 a.m. to Noon. Anything with refrigerant removed must be clearly marked by recovery service. No chemicals, paints, tires, or yard waste will be accepted. Mrs. Pentek will post.

Water/ Sewer:

Mrs. Pentek read information from written report. Mr. Hartz inquired about the Breezewood Generator. Generator has not been operational for some time. It would cost more to fix than replace. Mr. Nevison is getting quotes to replace.

Police Department:

Mrs. Pentek read information from written report. Officer Dumperth submitted his resignation; his last day will be March 24, 2024. Chief Fernandez is scheduling CPR classes for employees.

Fire Department:

Mrs. Pentek read information from written report. The Rosenbauer tanker is in the process of being primed. Repairs on pick up truck have been completed. Turn out gear has been received.

Park and Recreation: Minutes from January 4, 2024, meeting attached. Flowerpots have been delivered to greenhouse.

Planning & Zoning Commission: Next Meeting scheduled for March 27, 2024.

Solicitor's report: Recommended moving Unclean Habitation and Junk Vehicle legislation to second reading.

Finance Report: Ms. McKinley provided a summary of reports provided. She recommended moving some money into a CD with a current rate of 4.5%.

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

Zoning: None.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION NO. 24-03-01R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SOLICIT AND OBTAIN PROPOSALS FROM CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, DESIGN PLANS AND BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RESURFACING PROJECT WITHIN THE BREEZEWOOD LANE NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 24-03-01R.

Vote: Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 24-03-01R passed

RESOLUTION NO. 24-03-02R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO SOLICIT AND OBTAIN PROPOSALS FROM CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, DESIGN PLANS AND BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RESURFACING PROJECT WITHIN THE LEFFINGWELL DRIVE NEIGHBORHOOD IN THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass as an emergency. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 24-03-02R.

Vote: Mr. Cottrell-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 24-03-02R passed

RESOLUTION NO. 24-03-03R: A RESOLUTION INCREASING APPROPRIATIONS IN THE FIRE LEVY FUND AND INFRASTRUCTURE FUND. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three reading rule. The motion passed with all in favor. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 24-03-03R.

Vote: Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cottrell-yea.

Vote: 4 yeas – 0 nays

Resolution 24-03-03R passed

ORDINANCE NO. 24-03-04: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 660.14 UNCLEAN HABITATIONS UNDER THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL CODIFIED ORDINANCES. **1st Reading**

ORDINANCE NO. 24-03-05: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 686 JUNK VEHICLES UNDER SECTION 686.09 PENALTY WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL CODIFIED ORDINANCES. **1st Reading**

New Business: Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to appoint the clerk as designee to attend Certified Records Training on behalf of council. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Cottrell would like to set up a committee, members would include Mr. Ruks, Zoning Inspector Nick Bellas, and Mr. Tom DeSantis. The purpose of the committee would be to review legislation pertaining to chickens and make recommendations to council.

Public: None

Media: None.

Executive Session: Mr. Cottrell made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to go into executive session with council, along with solicitor, village manager and clerk, to consider the purchase of land. The motion passed unanimously. Executive Session 5:17 p.m. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz to exit executive session. The motion passed unanimously. Exited Executive Session at 5:52 P.M.

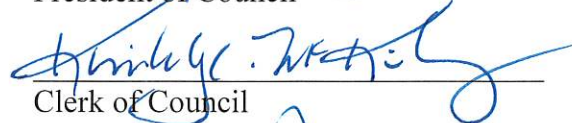
Mr. Ruks made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hartz, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with all in favor.

Council President Ruks adjourned the meeting at 5:53 p.m.

Approved:

Apr. 16, 2024


President of Council


Clerk of Council


Village Manager