

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Orwell Village Council

REGULAR Meeting

Date: May 21, 2024

Council President Ruks called the meeting to order at 4:33 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, Mr. Hartz, and Mr. Ruks.

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

Agenda: Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to accept the agenda. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruk-yeas, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed.

Public: Corrine Schoren, Gazette, Tom DeSanto – 680 Breezewood, Ohio, Frank Asbury, and Bobby Adkins – Asbury Park, Orwell.

Mr. Asbury oversees maintenance at trailer park. He reported that one fire hydrant was leaking and another hydrant on Higley has been bagged. Mr. Asbury is willing to help install new hydrants. He would like to tap into main and install fire lines inside the park. Mrs. Pentek reported that new hydrants were received this month; Oak Street is scheduled for replacement and Penniman is scheduled for repair. Mr. DeSanto added that hydrant around 630 Breezewood is bagged.

Mr. DeSanto, on behalf of Chicken Committee distributed draft legislation on chickens, asking council to review and to add it to the next work session agenda. He suggested scheduling a public meeting between works session and next council meeting. A source of information may be viewed on BackyardChickens website. Six chickens lay around twenty-eight eggs a week. Solicitor Newcomb recommended Planning and Zoning review regulations on structure. He also suggested scheduling public meeting at 6:00 p.m. following next work session.

Minutes: Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to approve the minutes from the regular council meeting held on April 16, 2024. Roll call, 5 yeas: Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea. Motion passed.

Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Cottrell, to approve the minutes from the work session held on May 14, 2024. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea. Motion passed.

Bills: Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to approve the payment of bills. Roll call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed.

SCAD: Mr. Hartz read his written report from meeting held on May 14, 2024. Report includes monthly financial information and call numbers. Cleveland Clinic is providing L-Vac training; one resident in SCAD area has artificial heart. CPR training may be booked through the SCAD website. Next meeting scheduled for June 10, 2024.

Streets/Lands & Buildings: Mrs. Pentek read information from written report. Storm drain repair is scheduled to take place on Breezewood due to blockage. Crack sealing will be performed throughout village. Mrs. Pentek will submit a grant request for Traffic Signal Project in June.

Water/ Sewer: Mrs. Pentek read information from written report. UIC has started the project at the iron plant. There have been forty seven lead service line surveys received. Ms. Cozad recommended adding information to the village website; Mr. Ruks suggested posting on sign at village hall and fire department. Mrs. Pentek will check if AC emergency notification system would be appropriate to utilize. Three new fire hydrants have been delivered; replacement will begin soon. A water meter at the silo building and a pump at Breezewood lift station may need to be replaced. The new owner of the former Champion Steel property requested information on water/sewer lines. Mr. Swyers will be researching. Mr. Hartz believes line is shut off beyond Kennametal and fire hydrant is off. Mrs. Pentek reported that she has made an offer to candidate to replace superintendent, waiting for a response. The water department received an H2O grant to purchase magnetic locator and digital water leak detector.

Police Department: Mrs. Pentek provided a written report. Officer Ryhal and Officer Abbott are attending Advance Roadside Impairment Detection Enforcement two-day training at KSU-Trumbull. Officer Ryhal and Officer Bonfield did an excellent job in organizing the Prom Mock Crash at GVHS. Area police, fire, EMS, Ohio Highway Patrol and UH Air Med participated in the event. Ms. Cozad expressed thanks to Midway for providing the vehicle.

Fire Department: Mrs. Pentek read information from written report. The Rosenbauer tanker has been returned and is back in service. Chief Merlino is dissatisfied with the lettering and striping, and he has submitted a letter along with pictures to company. Mrs. Pentek has received an update from US Representative Joyce's office regarding new fire truck; the request has been forwarded to committee.

Park and Recreation: Minutes from January-April attached. Flower barrels will be planted and hanging baskets picked up this week. Dog park and community garden has been a topic of discussion among board. GV students working on snowflakes.

Planning & Zoning Commission: Next meeting is scheduled for May 29, 2024.

Other: Memorial Day Parade is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. Route is from County Neighbor to North Presbyterian Church. Installation of veteran banners is scheduled for Friday.

Solicitor's report: Solicitor Newcomb is still working on the nuisance legislation with Zoning Inspector Bellas. Legislation accepting H20 grant is not necessarily an emergency; this allows finance director to accept the funds. Mr. Newcomb did recommend listing roll call to accepting agenda and minutes along with other motions made during council meeting.

Finance Report: Ms. McKinley provided a summary of submitted April reports. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruks, to approve the finance report. The motion passed with all in favor.

Zoning: A report for April was provided. Three permits were issued. Mr. Bellas had a couple of certified mailings not picked up; he will attempt to hand delivery. At the next planning meeting, he would like to review general commercial; language on permitted conditional uses is vague.

Old Business:

RESOLUTION 24-05-01R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO PROCEED WITH CT CONSULTANTS, INC. FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES, DESIGN PLANS, GRANT REQUESTS THROUGH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION (ODOT) AND/OR BID REQUIREMENTS FOR THE TRAFFIC SIGNAL PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass as an emergency. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to waive the three reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 24-05-01R. Roll call, 5 yeas: Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cotrell -yea, Ms. Cozad-yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 24-05-02R: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT FOR REAL ESTATE BETWEEN THE ASHTABULA COUNTY LAND REUTILIZATION CORPORATION (LAND BANK) AND THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL LOCATED AT 87 MAPLE STREET, ORWELL, OHIO IN THE SUM OF \$500.00, CONTINGENT UPON FINAL APPROVAL OF THE PURCHASE AGREEMENT MODIFICATIONS PROPOSED BY THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Ruks, to waive the three reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea. Motion passed. Ms. Cozad made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 24-05-02R. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cotrell -yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Hartz – yea. Motion passed.

RESOLUTION 24-05-03R: A RESOLUTION RETAINING KIMBERLY MCKINLEY AS CLERK OF COUNCIL/FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF ORWELL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass as an emergency. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to pass Resolution 24-05-03R. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea, Mr. Cotrell -yea, Ms. Cozad-yea. Motion passed.


RESOLUTION 24-05-04R: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND AWARD FROM THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (OEPA) UNDER THE DRINKING WATER DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT GRANT (H2O OHIO GRANT) IN THE SUM OF \$7,765.00 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Ms. Cozad, to pass as an emergency. Roll call, 5 yeas: Hartz-yea, Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Denihan made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to waive the three reading rule. Roll call, 5 yeas: Ruks-yea, Cottrell-yea, Cozad-yea, Denihan-yea, Hartz-yea. Motion passed. Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Cottrell, to pass Resolution 24-05-04R. Roll Call, 5 yeas: Mr. Cotrell -yea, Ms. Cozad-yea, Mr. Denihan-yea, Mr. Hartz – yea, Mr. Ruks-yea. Motion passed.

New Business: None
Public: None
Media: None
Executive Session: None

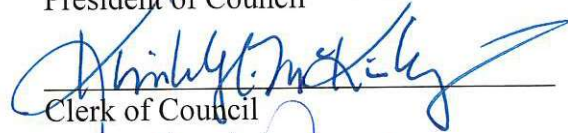
Mr. Hartz made a motion, seconded by Mr. Denihan, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed with all in favor. Council President Ruks adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m.

Approved:


June 18, 2024



President of Council



Clerk of Council



Village Manager