

VILLAGE OF MINSTER, OHIO
COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, January 21, 2020

Council Meeting: Council convened at 5:00 p.m. in Council Chambers with five council members present: Tom Herkenhoff, Craig Oldiges, Nicole Clune, Rick Schwartz, and Paul Enneking. Also present were Dennis Kitzmiller (Mayor), Don Harrod (Administrator), and John Stechschulte (Fiscal Officer).

Attendance: Sydney Albert (Daily Standard), Angie Burns, Lisa Watercutter, Mark Bernhold, Craig Sherman, and Dave Bambauer.

Mayor Dennis Kitzmiller called the Council Meeting to order at 5:00 pm. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of Minutes: Herkenhoff and Schwartz motioned to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of January 7, 2020. Motion passed on five aye votes.

Oldiges and Enneking motioned to excuse Curt Albers from the meeting. Motion passed on five aye votes.

Minster Historical Society: Lisa Watercutter and Angie Bruns of the Minster Historical Society are asking permission to sponsor the 3rd annual Food Truck Rally benefiting the Minster Historical Society. The event will be held Saturday, June 6, 2020 from 3:00 to 10:00 pm. The Historical Society is asking permission for Fourth Street to be closed for the event. Don will notify Precision Strip and the other businesses to re-route truck traffic during the event. Herkenhoff and Schwartz motioned to allow the event and close the street off to traffic. Motion passed on five aye votes. The Historical Society will need to file the paperwork for the temporary beer permit.

Auglaize County Commissioner Candidate: Dave Bambauer is running for the Republican Party Auglaize County Commissioner in the March 17, 2020 primary election. He would replace the retiring commissioner Don Regula. Dave was the Washington Township Fiscal Officer for 23 years, owner of Bambauer Fertilizer and Seed in New Knoxville, donates time at Agape in St. Marys and is active in 4H. He would appreciate your vote in the primary election. Council thanked him for his time.

ORDINANCES & RESOLUTIONS:

Annexation of Land: Todd Realty and the Ripploh family would like to annex a parcel of land along Seventh Street east of Main Street. Not all the property owners have signed the annexation agreement so the expedited annexation process cannot be used for this request. The total land proposed for annexation is 18.441 acres and is owned by Todd Realty, Mike and Susan Ripploh, Rita Ripploh, and Joint Township District Memorial Hospital. This resolution is to indicate what services the Village will provide if the annexation is approved by the County Commissioners. The Commissioners would like to hold a public hearing February 11, 2020. Schwartz and Herkenhoff motioned to suspend the rule of three readings. Motion passed on five aye votes. Enneking and Clune motioned to pass and adopt **Resolution 20-01-03** adopting a statement indicating what services will be provided upon annexation of territory in the proposed annexation. Motion passed on five aye votes.

Mutual Aid Agreement: Annually Council authorizes a fire protection mutual aid agreement between the Loramie Fire District and the Minster-Jackson Township Fire Department. The agreement is to provide service to properties located within McLean Township North of the North shore of Lake Loramie (Hegemann's Landing area) for a fee of \$14,975.00 which is the same amount as in 2019. Clune and Herkenhoff motioned to suspend the rule of three readings. Motion passed on five aye votes. Oldiges and Schwartz motioned to pass and adopt **Ordinance 20-01-01** entering into a mutual aid agreement with the Loramie Fire District. Motion passed on five aye votes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None.

OLD BUSINESS:

Industrial Park Ground Work: Paulus Excavating submitted their final invoice for dirt work around the retention pond at the Route 66 Industrial Park. This included cutting in the cul-de-sac at the end of Columbia Drive, finishing storm lines and catch basins and leveling top soil. Enneking and Herkenhoff motioned to approve the invoice of \$94,484.87 from Paulus Excavating. Motion passed on five aye votes.

NEW BUSINESS: none.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- We are happy to report that the village has no utility accounts to declare inactive for 2020. I think this is only the second time that we have been able to say that.
- Work continues on the new Stuphen fire truck that the village purchased early last year. Pump tests are to be completed in February and if everything goes smooth, the truck should be finished in mid-March.
- The Village has been notified that the OPWC made a mistake in how much money was going to be allocated to District 13 to fund projects in 2020. Due to this mistake, the District believing that they had more money than what they did, awarded communities money for various projects. The Village of Minster's Seventh Street Project was one of the projects that District 13 approved, believing that there were funds available. Because of the lack of funds, several projects like ours will not be funded as originally believed. The District can recommend projects like ours to the State for funding through the Small Government Program and the decision to recommend additional projects will be made at a meeting on February 5th.
- Last week, the Village held a pre-construction meeting on the pickleball and basketball court project. Representatives from Shinn Brothers, Choice One engineering and the Village were in attendance. It appears that Shinn Brothers will begin work on the project within the next week or so. Final completion is scheduled for June.

Invoices: Herkenhoff and Oldiges motioned to approve the invoices totaling \$204,183.65. Motion passed on five aye votes.

COMMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE:

Dannon Yogurt: Craig Sherman discussed recent incidences associated with Dannon Yogurt equipment failure which resulted in their waste water / sludge processing to produce a foul odor

near their plant. He would like to meet with Dannon management to discuss the root cause of the smell and expressed a need for zero tolerance. From previous meetings Dannon was to develop a written plan to countermeasure the on-going odor issue and Craig asked Don if he could get a copy of this plan. Craig explained his understanding of the cause for the recent occurrences were a fan failure at the sludge tank and a killing of the bacteria in the waste water area. He questioned why a backup fan was not available and asked if there are fines if exceeding their limits. He also suggested this is a quality of life issue for the residents of the village. Don said the over the limit fee is not a fine but merely an additional service charge in order for the village to recoup the expense of our additional processing costs for the over the limit discharged into our waste water system. Craig also asked for everyone, including village employees, to notify Don of each occurrence and Don could history that could be shared with residents, Dannon and the EPA. Council acknowledged the recent incidences, stated that Dannon has done a lot to improve the odor issues, and thanked him for his time.

Schwartz and Herkenhoff motioned to adjourn at 5:47 p.m. Motion passed on five aye votes.

Dennis Kitzmiller, Mayor

John Stechschulte, Clerk

Recorded & typed by John Stechschulte