

Village of Wellsville Regular Council Meeting

Council minutes of Regular Council Meeting held on August 16, 2016 at 6:00 PM at Wellsville Village Hall

Mayor Nancy Murray called the meeting to order.

Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL CALL:

Present: John Cianni, Diane Dinch, Tony Cataldo, and Randy Allmon

Absent: John Morrow, Rosie Gibson

EXCUSED ABSENCES

Motion made by Mr. Cataldo, seconded by Mr. Allmon to excuse Ms. Gibson from the Council Meeting.

All vote yes, Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Cataldo, seconded by Mrs. Dinch to excuse Mr. Morrow from the Council Meeting.

All vote yes, Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion made by Mrs. Dinch, seconded by Mr. Allmon to approve the Regular Council Meeting Minutes for 7/19/2016.

All vote yes, Motion passed.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Pinky Gill

She asked what could be done about raising the hourly wage of the police officers. Tony Cataldo said that the Finance Committee has met concerning this and although Council knows that they deserve and need a raise, everyone knows that there is no money available in the General Fund. One option that they are looking into is to raise the city income tax by 0.5% which has not been discussed since

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1992 at which time it was tabled. It was a preliminary discussion and more discussion will be needed.

Ms. Gill suggested a municipal fee for everyone. The law director will look into that before the next finance meeting.

Ms. Gill also asked about the absence of council members from the council meetings. She felt that if a council person misses a set amount of meetings per year then they should not be paid or a set amount be deducted. Mrs. Dinch explained that most of council has other jobs and at times their schedule conflicts with the meetings. She also explained that the members do more than just the council meetings. They also do work at home, have committee meetings during the day, are in city hall meeting with the mayor, are available 24/7 for phone calls, etc.

Ms. Gill also challenged each council member to donate \$50.00 to the Christmas decoration donation fund. Mrs. Dinch reminded everyone to make sure the power was sufficient to light up the snowflakes.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

POLICE

Lieutenant Marsh Eisenhart announced that the Police Department has received a DARE Grant of \$6894.00 so she will be going to the schools for the K-5th grade and any expenses for this will be turned over to the Attorney General to be paid out of this grant. Her wages her time will also be paid out of this grant money.

She reminded council that in 2 weeks another officer will be going into the schools full time so that takes another one off the roster.

She also let everyone know that in the past two weeks over \$1200.00 has been spend for repairs on the vehicles so we really need to look into getting some new cruisers. The subject of a part-time mechanic a couple hours per week was discussed. The Personnel Committee will look into that.

FIRE

Barry Podwell reported that there have been some complaints about burning in town. He wanted to remind everyone that there is to be no burning of anything inside village limits. If there is a one-time need of something, they must get permission from him. He also sent out 4 certified letters - home owners at 320 and 461 Main Street (in process of turning over to Land Bank) that are collapsing and need taken care, 1522 Commerce Street (has been in contact with Fire Department and is waiting on response from insurance company) and 507 Aten Avenue that need taken care of due to fire damage.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR

Paul Anthony -Village Administrator

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Sewer Department – has been discussing with Mr. Cataldo the cost savings of doing our own billing instead of outsourcing. The cost effectiveness is being looked at before any decision will be made.

Street Signs – some have to be replaced due to vandalism and any new ones will have to be up to new ODOT standards. He is in the process of getting some pricing.

4 out of the last 8 nuisance letters that have been sent out due to weeds, etc. have taken care of their property, 2 have resulted in evictions.

He is meeting with the general contractor concerning the Wells Avenue project and will be receiving quotes.

He has been using Mike Lombardozzi as a coordinator with the Street Department and getting different jobs completed. This allows Paul to focus more on managerial and administrative parts of the department. He feels that Mike is doing a wonderful job and has been a tremendous help.

Zoning – Paul feels that there has been a decrease in receipts from the zoning permits and contractor licenses. 2013 - \$7800.00, 2014 - \$9500.00, 2015 - \$2200.00 and so far in 2016 less than \$1400.00 we need to be more aggressive in getting the zoning fees.

Mr. Anthony needs to move forward on some projects and needs to know how to proceed. He asked Mrs. Dinch who he can use since they did not want him to use LSW. She suggested using one of the 4 remaining bids that he received originally. Mrs. Dinch did not want to disclose why LSW was not to be used.

He said that the two sink holes on 17th Street and 4th & Maple would be the most important.

MAYOR'S REPORT

She announced that the State Auditor's office along with the media will be here on Thursday to launch our participation with ohio.checkbook.com. East Liverpool who is also participating will also be here.

She also announced that the village's new website is up and running www.wellsvilleohio.us. All council minutes and meeting dates will be updated and posted as needed.

She then recommended hiring Tye Hall as a part-time Police Officer

Mr. Cataldo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dinch that the recommendation that Barry Podwell be the new Fire Chief be accepted

All vote yes, Motion passed.

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She announced that on Saturday August 20th, there will be a ceremony, at which State Representative Tim Ginter will dedicate the Corporal William F. Bratt Memorial Highway. The ceremony will take place at 11am at the Wellsville Gazebo. During this event, a dedication of a memorial stone will also be presented. The stone is in honor of ten Prisoners of War from WWII – William F. Bratt, George Donahue, William Rall, Eddie James, Charlie Stoffel, Roy J. Ward, Rocco Zirillo, Robert Kiddey, Donald Talbott, John W. Hanselman Sr.

She also announced that on September 11, 2016 there will be a memorial service for Catherine Salter who lost her life at the World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. The ceremony will be held at the Salter Memorial with a dinner to follow at the Wellsville American Legion.

Mayor Murray announced that the former Fire Chief William Smith was in attendance. Chief Smith recently retired and on the behalf of city hall and the community she presented him a plaque thanking him for all his years of service. Chief Barry Podwell, on behalf of the Wellsville Fire Department, presented him with his helmet as a token of their appreciation.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance

Committee Chairperson – Tony Cataldo

Mr. Cataldo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dinch to approve invoices totaling \$6,664.51.

All vote yes, Motion passed.

Mr. Cataldo made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Dinch, to authorize the Mayor to sign a new contract with Avaya for new telephones.

All vote yes, Motion passed.

Mr. Cataldo made a motion, seconded by Mr. Allmon, to sell 166 acres of timber at the reservoir and on Oak Ridge Road to Select Strip.

All vote yes, Motion passed.

Streets, Lights, Parking

Committee Chairperson – John Cianni

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Mr. Cianni contacted ODOT about the chain link fence, which is in horrible shape, on the access road along Rt 7 and also some overgrown weeds across from the car wash. He has left 5 messages and has not gotten a reply as of yet.

Mr. Cianni made a motion and seconded by Mr. Allmon, to block close Riverside from 3rd Street to 5th Street for the dedication for the Memorial POW Stone and highway designation for William F. Bratt. On August 20, 2016 from 10am – 1pm

All Voted Yes. Motion Passed

Water, Sewer, Refuse

Committee Chairperson – Diane Dinch
Nothing at this time.

Personnel

Committee Chairperson – Randy Allmon
Nothing at this time.

LEGISLATION

RESOLUTION 16-04

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

Motion by Mrs. Dinch, seconded by Mr. Allmon to place Resolution 16-03 on First Reading.

All Voted Yes. Motion Passed

Per question by Mrs. Dinch, Mrs. Black did remind everyone that the deadline for the resolution is October 1, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS

None

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NEW BUSINESS

Mrs. Dinch said that since the property that recently collapsed on Main Street is being cleaned up, did that mean that the Land Bank was going to be cleaning up the other 12 properties in the village. Mayor Murray said not at this time, that was being cleaned up now and the Land Bank would be starting on the other properties within the next few weeks.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Allmon made motion, seconded by Mrs. Dinch that the meeting be adjourned. The next regular council meeting is on Tuesday, September 6, 2016 at the Village Hall.

All vote yes. Motion passed

Nancy Murray, Mayor

Hoi Wah Black, Fiscal Officer