

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

January 23, 2023

6:00 P.M. the meeting of council was called to order by Mayor Douglas Plyler followed by the pledge of allegiance.

The following members answered roll call: Chris Miller, Tom Richter, Zach Fanning and Robert Miller.

A motion by Zachary Fanning to pt Chris Miller and Tom Richter back on council and 2nd by Robert Miller. Two (2) ayes.

A motion by Chris Miller and 2nd by Tom Richter to allow Wayne Troyer on Council. Four (4) ayes. Wayne was late coming to the meeting but was sworn in by Mayor.

Election of Council President was held. Zach Fanning nominated Robert Miller. Robert Miller made a motion for Chris Miller. After the vote, Robert Miller received the votes. Three (3) ayes.

Motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting of December 19, 2023, by Tom Richter, 2nd by Zachary Fanning; roll call vote four (4) ayes.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$77,107.60 plus \$604.01 for chemicals from Hawkins; Miller Septic for hauling sludge (5 loads) at \$3,525.00 and Ohio Public Risk Insurance for VFIS at \$1,490.00 (total of \$ 82,726.61) by Chris Miller and 2nd by Tom Richter; roll call vote four (4) ayes.

Motion to accept financial report by Tom Richter and 2nd by Robert Miller; roll call vote four (4) ayes.

VISITORS: Paul Neiswander, Russ Neiswander and Lance Neiswander. They stated they were observing.

FIRE: Chief Stein would like to bring John McMullen (Level 1 Firemen) and Bryce Hostetler (Basic EMT/Level 2 Firemen) on the department. They were voted on last Monday night at their regular meeting. (Applications for both in Council meeting.) Mayor stated he would like to bring both to the department. Motion made by Robert Miller, 2nd by Zach Fanning. Four (4) ayes.

A copy of email from Chief Stein regarding time off for his wife, Steph was in Council packets dated 1/15/24.

A copy of the invoice for insurance is attached together with the email received 1/12/24.

Picture money fund raiser has been used to purchase air bags from Howell Rescue System at \$12,092.00.

Rose filled out the VFDF Board Form. Tom Richter and Robert Miller are the representatives from Council; Gary Stein and Alan King are the representatives from the department and Thomas Baxter is the representative of the community.

VIT: A deposit of \$34370.41 was made January 1st and of this amount \$11,413.13 represents the ½%. The deposit for January 15th remains undetermined.

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Before the Committee reports, Mayor explained why he changed the committee titles.

- 1) **STREETS/EQUIPMENT:** Thomas Richter, Chairperson – Discussed quote to replace catch basin on Sunset Drive. 240’ feet of pipe needs replaced. Water comes from cemetery and runs past Frontier building to first house. Keith stated a French ditch will be used. Motion by Tom Ritcher to use Cherry Ridge Pipe and Fiat Trucking for gravel, 2nd by Robert Miller. Four (4) ayes.

Culvert on Maple St. was started on Monday. There will be one more on Maple Street to be replaced in the Spring. We have the pipe already. This project will be completed by Village.

Keith stated all oil changes are completed.

All street salt has been delivered. Keith stated he has used about 15 tons so far this winter.

Keith asked Robert Miller if the park lights were still coming on. Keith made a box to cover switches on the small white building.

Keith stated North Butler and Maple St., need to be repaved this year. The village has received a letter from Douglas Bachman and the Tuscarawas County Engineer Office by February 28. Rose will contact them. Will ask to have loop paved in cemetery also. Keith will cut the berm in the cemetery. Motion by Robert Miller and Tom Richter to allow Rose to call the county and participate in their repaving project. Four (4) ayes.

Keith Ely presented a list of items to be sold at auction. Keith and Rose discussed using Kaufman Auction like before. Motion by Zach Fanning and 2nd by Chris Miller to proceed. Four (4) ayes.

Keith Ely would like a small tiller to use at the cemetery for re-seeding grass. Motion by Tom Richter and 2nd by Zach Fanning to go ahead and purchase. Four (4) ayes.

Sunday, Keith Ely received a phone call from Mike Francis about a piece of metal sticking up out of tracks. He put a cone out to mark the spot and the railroad fixed it right away.

- 2) **PARKS/MAINTENANCE & COMMUNITY INTEREST:** Zachary Fanning, Chairperson – There are new bases in the storage shed so none will need to be purchased at this time. Zach will swap them out.
- 3) **FINANCE:** Chris Miller, Chairperson – Meeting scheduled for February 20 @ 6:15 P.M. to evaluate Chief and Assistant Chief per agreement. At this time Mayor would like to discuss fire truck payment also. Mayor asked Rose to have levy info available to see if the levy needs to be increased.
- 4) **LANDS, BUILDINGS, DEVELOPMENT & CEEMETERY:** Wayne Troyer, Chairperson Digital sign at the Elementary School was ordered as a two-sided sign instead of

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- 5) one side. Heritage Signs offered the purchase price of \$16,300. This includes installation. He called Rose in September about this and said this price would be in effect until our first meeting after the new year. If you remember, when we received the original quote, it was almost doubled.
- 6) **ZONING:** Nothing at this time. Keith Ely has turned his resignation in effective as of February 1, 2024. Mayor will fill this vacancy until someone can be appointed.
- 7) **TREE COMMISSION:** No meeting this month
- 8) **REGIONAL PLANNING:** Meeting was canceled.
- 9) **SAFETY & WELFARE:** Nothing at this time
- 10) **FISCAL OFFICER:** Dena Jones Burrier – Nothing at this time. Dena was not present for tonight’s meeting due to a sick child.
- 11) **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** Rose Baxter – Contract to extend services with the County for water and sewer has been signed. Rates are the same. The contract has been extended for six (6) months. Council was given a copy in their packets. Conversation with Thrasher – Glenn Davis – about moving forward with the Gerber project. Advertisement for bids have been published. We will open bids on February 20th. Gerbers will need water to move forward and are very appreciative of this.
Received a letter from the County Engineer office to participate in the paving program. Keith Ely suggested repaving N. Butler and Maple and the loop at the cemetery. Rose will contact them since this needs to be done by February 28th. Keith Ely will cut the berm at the cemetery since it wasn’t done before.
Received contract with Spectrum regarding lower rates for the Village. Working with Matt Neiheisel for better service. Zach Fanning made a motion to approve this contract, 2nd by Chris Miller; four (4) ayes.
Zach Fanning will be the representative for the Village on the Tuscarawas County Health Board. He will attend their annual meeting in March. Motion by Robert Miller to appoint Zach Fanning again and 2nd by Thomas Richter; four (4) ayes.
Rose stated it is the first of the year and she is going to work part-time. She would like to keep hours to around 20 a week. She is no longer receiving any Village benefits. She will be doing some emails and work from home.
- 12) **MAYOR:** Douglas Plyler – Mayor stated he appreciates working with Council, Keith and Lana Guisinger. His vision is to continue with projects Keith has started. He wants to continue to be open and transparent.
Mayor asked the Council if he could put the minutes of meetings on a website. No one objected. The minutes will be a month late so the council will be able to approve them.

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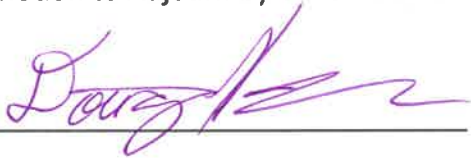
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Thomas Richter asked what is happening with trucks at railroad crossing. Keith Ely stated Railroad will meet with Ray Miller/Happy Valley Trucking to move trucks away from the tracks. Keith Ely has talked with his son about this.

Keith stated the need to look into the old Rubber Plant again. The building does not seem safe. They were to demolish the whole building, but it was never done.

Motion to Adjourn by Chris Miller and 2nd by Dave Finzer.



Mayor



Village Administrator