

June 18, 2024

At 7:00 p.m. the meeting of council was called to order by Mayor Plyler: followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call: Tom Richter, Bob Miller, Mia Lane, Garrett Kurtz. Absent Wayne Troyer.

Motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting by Bob Miller, 2nd by Mia Lane; roll call vote four (4) ayes.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$261,301.00 by Tom Richter, 2nd by Garrett Kurtz; roll call vote four (4) ayes.

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

VISITORS:

Ruth Plyler, Alyssa Miller, Lana Guisinger, Russell Neiswander.

FIRE: Gary Stein-

Bryce Hostetler has resigned from position at Fire Dept. He was hired through 911.

On July 8th, State Route 39 is going to be closed for 45 days by Kimble's. They are going to have to reroute and go around when have transport.

ATV and the bed have been ordered and will be here by August 2024. Attorney Doug mentioned the Betty Balder estate check is in the mail and should be receiving that any day now.

911 new engine paint is peeling again by the engine department. Gary said that it's because of the white paint and was done before he was Chief. They're going to send white paint and they are just going to keep touching it up.

There are two quotes for Motorola and Stanley's, and they are for 6 green radios they have at the station from the Coshocton County Grant. They are mostly Coshocton County stations on them but also have Holmes and Tuscarawas County on them to. The new ones on the quote will cover Tuscarawas County, Bucks Township, Clark Township and Crawford Township. It will cost about \$1600 to get the radios updated because they are going to be out of sync.

Fire Dept is going to do hose testing on July 22, 2024. They requested the road to close on N. Butler between West St- Main St from 8am to 6pm.

Motion: to close N Butler between West St to Main St to do hose testing by Bob Miller and 2nd by Garrett Kurtz: roll call vote four (4) ayes.

Gary said that one guy came to him and said that his turn out gear was good, but his boots were going bad and asked if the village would buy him a new pair of boots for \$535.

Motion: to approve \$535 for a new pair of boots by Tom Richter and 2nd by Garrett Kurtz: roll call vote four (4) ayes.

Mayor mentioned that the Mayor from Millersburg reached out to him about providing a float for their Bicentennial parade on June 29, 2024. Mayor asked around town if anyone had time to put one together and no one had time to do this. Mayor asked Gary Stein if he had anyone to take the fire truck or anything to it and Gary declined.

Gary said that the department is buying everyone new dress shirts and probably look into getting 2 or 3 Class A's for officers who don't already have a Class A.

Tom asked about the tanker being looked at and Gary said that it has not been checked out yet.

V.I.T: A deposit of \$32,189.79 was made June 1st and of that amount \$10,374.18 is the ½%. A deposit of \$734.81 was made June 15th. Of this amount \$319.40 represents the ½%.

TRANSFER AGREEMENT:

This agreement finalizes the transfer of the water and sewer system from the Village of Baltic to the newly established regional water and sewer district. There is one step left to get the water sewer transferred over and Doug and Mayor are sorting through what needs to be signed and transferred over. The first meeting for the water and sewer district will be in July. We need to sign some documentation to turn over all our assets to them. At their meeting they will accept that, and they will sign a similar agreement with the county commissioners. Mayor stated that he is unsure what all needs to be signed with this. He asked if he could get a vote to sign and complete all the needed documents for the newly Regional Water/Sewer District.

Motion: to give Mayor authority to sign all needed documents to get this sent through by Mia Lane and 2nd by Tom Richter: roll call vote four (4) ayes.

County plans to bill in August but that is attentive to change. One issue they have ran into is when they have been reading the meters for a month now that the readings have been test reads and have been some

problems with these test reads and running through their billing and mentioned that Chris Millers reading was like 60,000 gallons again. Chris's meter is only a year old now. We have serious issues with our meters and Mayor said that they are overdue, and the county is going to do flat rates with people until the new year. Each household will be billed for 4500 gallons of water as a flat rate and the churches will be billed for 8000 gallons flat rate.

All the meters in the village will be replaced when the 10-year cycle is up. Mike Jones told Mayor that we are about roughly 2 years from that. Then our village will be up to their system.

COMMUNITYINTEREST/PARKS/MAINTENANCE:

STREET/EQUIPMENT: Thomas Richter-

Paving is going to be done in August. Catch basins have been done and what needed to be done. Sealing of cracks is going to be done at the end of June.

The painting of the lines Keith gave Tom 2 quotes for paint and sprayer. The Sherwin Williams sprayer itself is \$175 and the paint is \$18 a can. Grainger sprayer is \$290.05, and paint is \$14.68 a can. Amazon sprayer is \$159.70 and for 6 cans of paint is \$51.27 for Rust Oleum.

Either we do this and buy the stencils, or we have someone else do it. Past years we investigated doing this and found it was cheaper to do it ourselves then it would have someone come in and do it. Basically, this is just going to be for touch ups anyhow. If we get the stencils, then we would be able to do the school stuff to. The railroad stuff will have to have someone come in and do that. There are a lot of parking spaces that we can do with one can.

Keith said that we can easily do this ourselves and mentioned that it's not to time consuming, Keith said that he will have more time to do this once the mowing slows down towards fall time.

Motion: to purchase sprayer and spray paint from Amazon by Tom Richter and 2nd by Bob Miller: roll call vote four (4) ayes.

Received a quote to do concrete or sidewalk pads close to East main Restaurant where they took the trees out for \$1860.00.

Keith has narrowed it down to a couple jack hammers to use around catch basins. He thinks that \$350 would cover whichever one he decides.

Motion: spend up to \$350 for a jack hammer by Tom Richter and 2nd by Bob Miller: roll call vote four (4) ayes.

The camera was taken to Cleveland by Davey Yoder. He got it back and is fixed, it's the council's decision to have him pay for it or just let him have it. He has \$3900 for this camera. There's no real value and gave it to Davey and if we would need to borrow that, that we can use it anytime.

Motion: to let Davey Yoder keep the camera that he paid to have repaired by Garrett Kurtz and 2nd by Mia Lane: roll call vote by four (4) ayes.

FINANCE: Tom Richter (interim)-
Nothing at this time.

LANDS, BUILDINGS, DEVELOPMENT/ Cemetery:

Wayne Troyer Chairperson –

Wall at the cemetery is done. Davey is going to come at the end of this month whenever we get some rain and hydroseed all the dirt that is put around up there.

The new building that was built needs some spouting out there. Millers Spouting sent a bid for \$1025. Water Hawk bid was for \$950 and that's found running the spout and down spouts and we would run pipe to the creek and the pipe would be \$580 to run to the creek and it would be a 6" pipe and total would be for \$1500 roughly.

Motion: for putting gutters on the building and to have Miller's Spouting do the spouting work by Tom Richter and 2nd Garrett Kurtz: roll call vote by four (4) ayes.

Clark Township is going to bring in their side bomb to mow the side banks to knock down brush by the creek banks. They do this every year. They're going to come in here within the next couple weeks to knock down the brush.

Keith dug the hole down there for The LoveTusc Sculpture and is going put [pour the concrete tomorrow Wednesday morning. He is going to get the bolt pattern so he can get that set up. Kathi Tuslin has the Love Tusc Sculpture.

The Historical Society would like to donate 2 picnic tables at the u-shaped area as you are coming into Baltic. It would be nice if people could use that area to stop having picnics or eat in that area there.

Community Club would like to bring on Matt Troyer to help rake the fields during the Amish baseball season. Community Club said he agreed to do it for \$1000 per season.

Keith said that every afternoon they drag the field, he said that he doesn't do around the bases and that must be what Matt Troyer is talking about.

Motion to table this until we can get a committee meeting set up to discuss this by Tom Richter and 2nd by roll call vote by four (4) ayes.

Garrett asked about making the new sign more welcoming. If we can plant some flowers or something down, there. Keith mentioned that he filled in the ruts down there and waited for it to rain to plant some seed to make it look better.

Mayor asked Garrett to get a quote for interior painting. Asked if the paneling will work or not.

Keith asked about getting rubber mulch for the playground.

Motion: to pay for 10 bags of rubber mulch at \$13.50/ bag by Bob Miller and 2nd by Mia Lane: roll call vote by four (4) ayes.

ZONING: Keith Ely-

There are 2 new houses under construction by the nursing home, another on Buena Vista, new permit for a fence on S Butler and working on a lot split on 100 Buena Vista and said that he has not heard back on that one yet. A permit for a house on Maple St.

Look up an Ordinance about 10-day junk vehicles. Need to get ahold of Sugarcreek PD to get this ball rolling on this.

There are going to be mowing letters going out as well.

TREE COMMISSION:

Lana thanked the council for the opportunity to represent the Shade Tree Commission in Baltic. She thanked the council for providing a council member to attend the Shade Tree Commission meetings. Mia Lane will be the representative for this. Lana wanted to give Dena a special thank you for putting up with her while she came and read every single document about the Tree Commission. The council passed an Ordinance about 40 years ago regulating the removal of trees on public streets, parks and all village owned property and establishing a tree commission that they are the agency oversees all that. The tree commission has the total jurisdiction and authority over that, and that the ordinance set up for tree commission and one for tree funding and one set up for membership for it and these are unpaid members that serve on it. Upon removal of trees and with streets and sidewalks, the municipality shall replant an equivalent of trees. The Ordinance council passed shows that any new development is required to have a shade tree planted. The future was to keep the Baltic green. The flow goes that the recommendation go through council and council has the final say. The sole purpose was to prevent the destruction of existing trees. 1982 was when the first Ordinance was passed and Main ST at that

time was the focus. 1983 the tree commission had the sidewalks dug up and got into contact with active citizens and business owners and got in put on what they would like to see put there and how much greenery they wanted to see on the street and then it was cleared with ODOT and gas company and water/sewer and they planted 6 on the south side and 5 on the north side of Main ST. by doing that they qualified to become a Tree City USA. There are plaques and signs in our corporation Lana said, "It's a big Green Deal" The village had to provide the funds to do this. Baltic was the smallest community in the USA or nation doing all the right stuff to get our town green. Lana stated that there are resources available in foresters and experts that come in and tell you what trees need to be trimmed and what trees stay small, what trees that need to come down and what you should replace them with. Lana thinks the key thing here is we have a replant plan and that all the trees that came down are part of that and need to be replaced. Main St trees that came down that have businesspeople and others that have money set aside to plant new trees that are appropriate trees. There are people willing to donate money to plant trees at the cemetery entrance. If there is a plan to go forward with planting trees, then Lana thinks that it was defer away all the negativity about the trees that already had been removed. The Tree Commission is responsible for the trees at the old car wash, which is Lil Turtles now. Provia followed suit and planted trees in there facility and all the trees on the left side of N Butler, State Route 93 have all been provided by The Tree Commission. South Butler has several trees that have been planted and Buena Vista has more. The trees on the bank of the nursing home are trees that have been planted by the Tree Commission. If we are going to spend money on trees, then it's going to have to be approved trees and investigate which trees are going to be the best trees without having to go through this again later down the road. Business owners are responsible for their sidewalks, so we need to make sure we plant the appropriate tree in those spots.

Motion: to put grass where 2 trees were and get with Tree Commission and come up a tree plan by Tom Richter and 2nd by Garrett Kurtz: roll call vote by four (4) ayes.

Keith said there was a 3" gas line that runs under stump by the tree that was taken down on Main St. It would be best to concrete and fill with dirt. Mia stated that it looks like a bad hair cut there where the tree was removed.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

Commissioners has tasked with Regional Planners with comprehensive plan for Tuscarawas County. They are looking into

grants and whenever the time comes and said that when the time comes that personnel from the Village would come to meetings on the Second Tuesday of the month at 7pm Dover Township Hall. They don't always meet every month just whenever is needed. Attorney Doug said to call Rhonda at the Regional Planning office to get put on the email list to find out when the meetings are and if they are cancelled.

FISCAL OFFICER: Dena Jones Burrier-

Mayor appointed Dena as the Cemetery Clerk and Income Tax Administrator position

Motion: to have Dena be the Cemetery Clerk and the Income Tax Administrator by Bob Miller and 2nd by Tom Richter: roll call vote four (4) ayes.

Mayor: Doug Plyler-

Council members would be interested in field meetings to tour our village buildings.

I am considering sending out a weekly update to council members via email to help them stay in the loop with everything that is going on week to week. Council would provide Dena with their emails to get this set up.

Carpet cleaning ran into a little bit more than expected since this is a business and residential building. Flag poles rain a little more than expected.

Mayor looked at the cost of creating a new logo for the village.

Motion: to proceed with Veritas for the new logo by Garrett Kurtz and 2nd by Mia Lane: roll call vote by four (4) ayes.

Mayor asked about getting blinds and bookshelves up to \$500. Mayor is going to wait to get this part done until the painting is finished.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer