

August 20, 2024

At 7:00 pm. the meeting of the 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, Nicole Hilton, Wayne Troyer: absent Garrett Kurtz.

Motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting by Tom Richter, 2nd by Bob Miller; roll call vote five (5) ayes.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$179,813.76 by Mia Lane, 2nd by Bob Miller; roll call vote five (5) ayes.

Motion to accept financial report by Tom Richter and 2nd by Wayne Troyer; roll call vote five (5) ayes.

VISITORS:

Brittany Downs: Got survey done for her backyard. Wanted to know what else she would have to do after that. Attorney Doug said that he needs the survey, and he will give her a petition to sign, and Brittany will need to present that to council, and they will have to pass an Ordinance, and it will be recorded.

Garry Stein, Alyssa Miller, Alan King, Ruth Plyler, Russell Neiswander.

FIRE:

Gary Stein-

The new ATV is now in service. Everything is pretty much done on the ATV, just waiting on the light bar. The ATV holds 70 gallons of water on the back of it and will work for fighting grass fires and has a basket on it to help with rescuing people off-road.

The Chief stated that they can get into an issue with the compressor on the trailer. They're paying \$5,000 to move it to the back and have the wiring run. The only problem Chief said that whenever they come to hook it up, the office will not have power because they are going to have to pull the meter.

Garry said they got rid of the generator and got 2 different ones.

Monday 910 will be out of service for decals. So, the department will be down to just one squad.

On the Aug 19th fire meeting they voted to buy every member of the department new shirts, dress shirts and pair of pants.

Three of the officers that didn't have Class A's are going to be taking Class A.

The state is allowing fire departments to carry blood. Medics can be the only ones that can administer and use it in the field. Sugarcreek is going in with Dundee and asked Baltic is they wanted to go in on buying the equipment and buying the freezer and warming tubes. The initial cost of the whole program set up cost was up to \$15,000 and was going to be split between the 3 departments. If we agree to do this, Baltic would only be paying \$3-5,000 for the set up. They are working on grants and may not cost us anything. Mayor Walt Wilson contacted Mayor Plyler asking him to reconsider. The \$1,500/ year was to be divided between the 3 departments. So, it is about \$3-500 a year.

Motion: to accept the blood carrying with Sugarcreek and Dundee by Mia Lane: 2nd by Tom Richter: roll call vote by (5) ayes.

Discussion with Alan on the Hydrant testing and Flushing contract with the County. We have a proposal that we are going to send over to them.

Also talked about Chief Stein and Asst. Chief Justin Klein. The evaluations were overdue. Mayor Plyler stated that we are all very pleased with Chief Steins work. Thanked him for all his dedication and hard work. Asst Chief Justin has only worked 10 hours this year because of him working swing shift at his job. Mayor Plyler wants to suggest to council that we have a new Asst Chief in place. Mayor Plyler mentioned having Ervin Yoder Jr in the Asst Chief position. Chief Stein said that we can't do that, and that the Chief is the one that is supposed to appoint his own Asst Chief. Chief said that yes Justin schedule is bad but in a couple years he is going to have a new job and will be running more. The plan is to revisit this, and the officer pay and Asst. Chief position.

Zook Concrete sent in a quote for the fire department. The front quote is for in front of the bay doors and back towards to the road. This is the one that needs to be done first. Whenever it rains, it runs to the back of the firehouse. The back half can wait until next year. We are going to seek more quotes on the concrete that needs to be done.

Alan's pay moved up to \$21 from \$17.86.

Motion: to increase pay Alan King's pay rate to \$21 by Tom Richter: 2nd by Wayne Troyer: roll call vote by (5) ayes.

V.I.T: A deposit of \$36,808.38 was made August 1st and of that amount \$12,098.43 is the ½%. A deposit of \$3,631.24 was made August 14th. Of this amount \$1,153.00 represents the ½%.

COMMUNITYINTEREST/PARKS/MAINTENANCE:

Wayne Troyer-

The siding on the pavilion at the park is rotted and needs replaced. Keith wants to take the wood out and replace it with steel. The railing and post on stage is rotted. Just one rail there. Wayne wasn't sure that was even legal. Maybe replace it with a cable system.

STREET/EQUIPMENT:

Thomas Richter-

The one one-ton Chevy truck bed is shot. Keith got quotes from T-bones, Cross Truck and Ace Equipment. 2008 truck and only has 28,000 miles on it, still have tons of life left in it.

Motion to accept T-bones to weld in mild steel floor for \$2,000 by Bob Miller: 2nd by Wayne Troyer: roll call vote five (5) ayes.

Painting is all done and just have Maple St & Butler left to paint after the paving has been done.

Repaired storm drain leak at 110 Prospect. Drainpipe on Sunset is done as well.

Newtons will pave after county is done on N Butler & Maple St.

Catch basin on schoolhouse hill that needs replaced. It's about 16 in square. The side on the road is completely gone. We need approval it get that fixed. We have two new boxes that will fit. The water line is 8 inches close to the storm drain. Kieth is going to contact Yoder's Excavating to dig the hole by the drain.

Wayne asked about remodeling bathrooms. Suggested using the other side where the fire department does ice cream. The fire dept is going to give Wayne the key for that to go in and do some layouts of the building and see what he can come up with.

Talked about putting up a post and putting doggie bags there and trying to enforce that a little more.

The 100-cup coffee pot went out over the weekend.

Ballfield in the back has no grass back there and wanted to see about treating that and planting new grass.

FINANCE:

Tom Richter (interim)-

Dragging the field by Matt Troyer for the Amish season has been tabled until we have more information. Community Club suggested \$1,000 for Amish Season.

Mowing & Snow Removal \$65/hour proposal and Snow Removal will vary depending on the weather, going to get more info.

A raise for Keith Ely was suggested making him \$20.40 instead of his current rate at \$19.50.

Motion to increase Keith's wage to \$20.40 by Tom Richter: 2nd by Bob Miller: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

Richard's hours were cut back to 16 hours a week since he is only part time, and the season is coming to an end for mowing.

Motion: to set the new hour cap at 16 hours a week unless an emergency and that would be up to Keith or Mayor by Tom Richter: 2nd by Nicole Hilton: roll call vote five (5) ayes.

LANDS, BUILDINGS, DEVELOPMENT/ Cemetery:

Garrett Kurtz –

Keith spoke up and asked if we were going to do anything with the creekbank at the park. Mayor Plyler said that Dylan called him and said that he needs to call him back and go over everything and the plans. We did get the grant for this. The money was there, and it was 300 feet to the back. Keith said that there was a lot of man hours put into that project.

TREE COMMISSION:

Mia Lane-

They are still working on a plan for tree planting sites. A meeting is being held Aug 21. Mia will be attending that.

SAFETY & WELFARE:

Richard Gibbs was served with a no trespassing order at the park and village hall.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

No meeting was scheduled.

ZONING:

Keith Ely-

Zach Troyer asking for a variance on Maple St. There are several permits coming back. There is another building on Dunker and not sure what is going on with that one. They wanted to build a 300*150 building. Keith was being giving a run around about this building's use. They said that they are going to put the building somewhere else. So far this year there are 21 permits.

COMPLIANCE OFFICER:

Mia Lane-

There was an Amazon receipt for \$101.81 that was missing from the packet. T-bones machine was jammed up for that that receipt that was missing from the packet.

Motion: to approve Mia's report as compliance officer for the PNC card by Bob Miller: 2nd by Wayne Troyer: roll call vote five (5) ayes.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Dena Jones Burrier-

Start a list for leaves delivery. Provided an updated list of numbers and emails in packets. Kimble's Recycling Report for the month was provided in your packets as well to show the tonnage.

Mayor:

Doug Plyler-

Mayor is going to talk to Kimble's Extension about piggy backing off another joining township and using the same rate as them.

Mayor drew up a letter for trespassing to Sugarcreek PD for an incident that happened at the park with Richard Honacker and then at office with Dena.

Mayor wants to propose a budget of about \$500/ month for the monthly newsletter. Suggestions were thrown out about printing that off and placing them around time at post office, bank and office, etc.

Motion to Adjourn by Bob Miller and 2nd by Tom Richter: roll call vote five (5) ayes.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer