

## Regular Council Meeting of July 5, 2022

- A. Mayor Duane Pouder opened the meeting at 6:00 P.M.
- B. The Lord's Prayer was waived.
- C. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- D. Roll call was taken with Robin Meinerding, Eric Rust, Chiane Tedrow, Brad Horsley, Nicole Whitesel and Zach Pruitt was present.
  
- E. **Consent Agenda:**
  - 1. Approval of the Agenda
  - 2. Department Head Reports
  - 3. Accounts Payable with "now and then" June1- 30, 2022
  - 4. Statement of Balances July 1, 2022
  - 5. July 1, 2022 Municipal Income Tax Report
  - 6. July 1, 2022 Debt Report
  - 7. General Fund and Payroll Bank Statements
  - 8. Village Council Minutes June 2022

Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to consent of agenda and Councilman Eric Rust seconded. The voice vote passed unanimously.

**F. Village Citizens:** Chad Henry from Choice One Engineering came and spoke about Services they can offer and would like the opportunity to bid on our engineering projects. He would like to have the opportunity to help with grants and architect of a water treatment plant, streets, and new building for fire, rescue. Police and administration. He would like to be present at the villages next Building Committee Meeting with an architect. He will have some kind of proposal before the August council meeting.

Stephen Price and Tim Price from All Brothers came into speak of concerns about storage of chemicals on the property of 731 E Elm Union City, OH. He wanted to assure the council and village residents that all the chemicals are secure. They are compliant with the State Department of Ohio Ag.

### **G. Project:**

Darren Reeves from Mote and Associates updated Mayor, Council and Residents on current projects.

1. Rick and Darren did a walk through for the punch list at the detention pond. He presented a change order for additional seeding and mulching and additional clearing and grubbing to the property to the east. Darren presented a pay application for \$19174.80 for seeding and mulching. There is still a balance for retainage left on the pay application. Councilman Eric Rust motioned to pay Tom's Construction \$19,174.80 for seeding and mulching. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

2. Street department building- Mote and Associates received a quote from Smith's Contracting but are still waiting on the plumbing, HVAC, and electrical.

Councilman Eric Rust motioned to pay Tom's Construction in the amount of \$1468.56 for extra seeding and mulching and clearing and grubbing. Councilwoman Robin Meinerding second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

**H. Administrative Reports:**

Mayor Duane Pouder attended a meeting at Darke County Commissioners office on June 23, 2022 about land use plans. There will be another one in the near future.

There was also a flag raising ceremony on July 1, 2022 for the new official flag for the Indiana and Ohio side. The Preservation is selling these flags and we have forms at the administrative building.

**I. Committee Reports:**

Department Head, Zoning, and Street Committees met and the minutes are in Council's paperwork.

**J. Ordinances and Resolutions:**

Ordinance 2022-06 "**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES AND WAGE SCALE OF THE VILLAGE EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**" and declaring an emergency. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to declare an emergency, suspend the rules and advance by title only and Councilman Zach Pruitt second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-06 "**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES AND WAGE SCALE OF THE VILLAGE EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**", and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance 2022-06 "**AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE SALARIES AND WAGE SCALE OF THE VILLAGE EMPLOYEES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022**" and declaring an emergency. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to pass Ordinance 2022-06 as an emergency and Councilman Eric Rust second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-07 "**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND 101 TO DEBT SERVICE FUND 390 AS APPROVED IN THE 2022 VILLAGE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEBT PAYMENT TO OPWC IN JULY**" and declaring it an emergency. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to declare an emergency, suspend the rules and advance by title only. Councilman Zach Pruitt second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Ordinance 2022-07 "**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE FISCAL OFFICER TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM GENERAL FUND 101 TO DEBT SERVICE FUND 390 AS APPROVED IN THE 2022 VILLAGE**

**APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE DEBT PAYMENT TO OPWC IN JULY”** and declaring it an emergency.

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Resolution 2022-04 **“AN RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM MULTIPLE FUND LINE ITEMS TO MULTIPLE FUND LINE ITEM”** and declaring it an emergency. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to declare an emergency, suspend the rules and advance by title only. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

Resolution 2022-04 **“AN RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM MULTIPLE FUND LINE ITEMS TO MULTIPLE FUND LINE ITEM”** and declaring it an emergency.

Resolution 2022-04 **“AN RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM MULTIPLE FUND LINE ITEMS TO MULTIPLE FUND LINE ITEM”** and declaring it an emergency. Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to pass Resolution 2022-4 as an emergency. Councilman Zach Pruitt second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

**K. Old Business:**

1. Mayor Duane Pouder, Village Administrator, Tonya Coning, and Street Supervisor, Rick Reichard, have all made recommendation to hire Andrew Couchot for the opening position on the Water/Sewer and street department. He is available to start on July 18, 2022. Councilman Brad Horsley motion to hire Andrew Couchot. Councilwoman Nichole Whitesel second. The voice vote passed unanimously.
2. Mosquito spraying has been approved through the health department. The village will receive three free foggings. The village administrator will contact Bug-A-Boo to schedule them.

**L. New Business:**

1. Purchase Order Request- Councilman Brad Horsley motion to pay \$1020.00 to Ohio Treasure of State for the MARCS radio fees. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel second. The voice vote passed unanimously.
2. Village Administrator/Fiscal Officer, Tonya Coning recommended taking Tax Administrator/Water Clerk, Rebecca Neukam off of probation with a \$.50 raise. Councilman Brad Horsley motion to take Rebecca Neukam off probation with a

\$.50 raise. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

3. Mayor Duane Pouder recommended taking Village Administrator/Fiscal Officer, Tonya Coning off of probation with a \$.50 raise. Councilman Brad Horsley motion to take Tonya Coning off of probation with a \$.50 raise. Councilman Eric Rust second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

4. The street department is requesting to have high school students for community service workers to help paint the fire hydrants. Councilman Brad Horsley motion to have high school students to help paint fire hydrants under the stipulations the village is not held responsible for the liability. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

5. Insurance Renewal rates have changed. Rates went up 21% for employees. United Healthcare is now offering life insurance with comparable rates that we are paying now for more coverage. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel motion to go with a higher deductible for the employees to keep their rates close to the same as what they are paying now, and to switch life insurance companies for more coverage. Councilman Brad Horsley second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

6. Council discussed semi and commercial vehicles parking on the streets and tearing them down. Council agreed to table the discussion until the village administrator checks on the ordinances to verify the village has one in place.

7. Council has put in an interest for polo shirts for council members and the mayor to wear to council meetings and events in the community. They have agreed to purchase the shirts themselves and Councilman Eric Rust will be checking into ordering them.

8. Homer Stammen has wrote a letter of resignation and stated he will be resigning as of August 1, 2022. He will turn all his permits and paperwork he has accumulated over the last 25 years into the office for the next zoning chairman. Councilman Brad Horsley motion to accept Homer Stammen resignation. Councilwoman Nicole Whitesel second. The voice vote passed unanimously.

#### **M. Emergency Business/Ordinances:**

Councilman Eric Rust thinks the village should close down Eastside Park and start focusing more on Railroad Park. He stated there is too much damage in Eastside park and feels the village is wasting money on equipment to be tore up in a couple of weeks. Councilwoman Chiane Tedrow stated there is a grant for \$12,000. The village is supposed to be hearing from Darke County Parks to see when the grant will be disbursed for the park and she thinks it is specifically for

Eastside Park. Councilman Brad Horsley stated he will contact the Darke County Park Director and see if we can change the location for the grant from Eastside to Railroad Park.

**N. Call of Council:**

Councilman Brad Horsley recommended our street department not move the village picnic tables to businesses. He also recommends two of the street department workers split up and not ride in the same trucks all day.

**O. Communications and Announcements:**

Nothing

**P. Executive Session:**

None

**Q. Adjournment or Recess:**

Councilman Brad Horsley motioned to adjourn, and Councilman Zach Pruitt second. The voice vote passed unanimously. Council adjourned at 8:05.

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Duane Pouder, Mayor

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Tonya Coning/ Fiscal Officer