VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS GROVE

September 25, 2023

The Village of Columbus Grove met in regular session on Monday, September 25, 2023, at 7:30 pm at Columbus Grove Council Chambers with Mayor Wright presiding. Council members in attendance were Skyler Mayberry, Gretchen Staley, Aaron Siefker, Todd Wolfe and Brian Schroeder and Pete Langhals. Also attended: Village Administrator Jeff Vance, Chief Russell Lammers.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to approve the September 11, 2023 minutes. Mr. Mayberry seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 yeas, 2 abstained (Staley & Siefker)

Visitors: Jade Siefker & Victoria Williams

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to approve the bills. Mr. Wolfe seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Trick or Treat is October 26th, parade 6 to 6:30, Trick or treat 6:30 to 7:30.

Mrs. Kerns presented a money transfer $86,000 from general to permissive tax fund to cover expenses for the East Sycamore St project. Mr. Schroeder made such motion. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion, motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Chief Lammers reported that all new vests are in and reimbursement from the grant will come sometime in November.

Mr. Vance announced that the West Sycamore Street bridge is open. The elevation was increased 8 inches, the striping and signs still need to be done.

ChoiceOne is still working on the housing development and park improvements, and the contract for the fence put behind the community center has been signed and sent back.

Playground equipment can be ordered October 2nd, per permission from the state.

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to pass Resolution 2023-13 CRA for Steven & Morgan Palte. Mrs. Staley seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Schroeder asked about amending the Ordinance that requires you to put a fence around a pool. He feels that a pond is a body of water that we allow in the Village without having to place a fence around it. A safety cover is another safety measure that could used instead of a fence. When the Ordinance was passed a long time ago, there were not safety covers like there are now. Mrs. Kerns is going to do a little research to see what other Villages do.

Mr. Wolfe asked about removing a rock at 314 E Sycamore St, and asked why a fence permit was denied at 203 S Elm Street. Mr. Vance explained that the resident will have to apply for a variance with the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mrs. Staley asked if the approaches to the sidewalks were going to be placed by the fire station and Mr. Vance replied that they will be put in sooner than later. Compost facility is quite full and Mr. Vance explained that the contract has been signed, we are just waiting for them to come and grind the materials.

Mr. Wolfe has residents compliment the Police Department for their presence at the schools.

Mayor Wright presented the new banners to the Chamber and the Chamber has agreed to pay for them.

Mr. Schroeder made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay at 8:00 pm

Mr. Langhals made a motion to leave executive session. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay at 8:26 pm

Mr. Langhals made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried 6 yeas, 0 nay at 8:27 pm

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