

VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS GROVE

February 28, 2022

The Village of Columbus Grove met in regular session on Monday, February 28, 2022, at 7:30 pm at Columbus Grove Community Center with Mayor Ken Wright presiding. Council members in attendance were Brian Schroeder, Todd Wolfe, Pete Langhals, Skyler Mayberry, and Gretchen Staley. Also attended: Village Administrator Jeff Vance, and Police Chief Sean Hiler & Captain Russell Lammers. Mr. Siefker was absent.

Ms. Staley made a motion to approve the minutes from the February 14, 2022 meeting. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 yeas, 1 abstained (Schroeder).

Visitors: Amy Sealts, Lucas Otto, Robert Lyons, Gina Groch, and Timothy Groch.

Mr. Groch came to discuss a letter he received from the Col Grove Police Dept, regarding the junk trailer and camper on his property. Chief Hiler explained to him that the trailer did not have current plates on it and the trailer needed to go. Chief explained to him that the weeds need to be kept clean around the camper. Mr. Groch explained that the trailer was gone, and the rest of the scrap was cleaned up. They have plates for the camper, but they haven't been put on. Chief Hiler was ok with this.

Amy Sealts was asked to come and explain to the newest Council members what the Putnam County CIC is and what they do. They are an economic entity that works with current businesses on how to stay in business and how to grow. They have a few programs set into place to help with tax abatements, for new business owners and property owners. Also, a new program, Building Putnam. This program is focused on helping with employers hiring needs and directing students to jobs they didn't even know existed in our area. Amy has worked for the CIC for 5 years and has taken it upon herself to improve the work force in Putnam County.

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to approve the bills. Ms. Staley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Ms. Kerns announced that the Girl Scout are holding their annual Easter Egg Hunt in April 9th at 12:00 pm at Hall Ave Park.

Chief Hiler has ordered the security cameras but has not heard when they will be in.

Chief also has received a quote from Statewide for a new cruiser, 2022 Ford Explorer, whole process including decals, cost \$42,430.00. Mr. Schroeder made such motion to purchase. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Vance received the new quote back for the playground equipment, total cost \$281,925.00. Lead time for placement is 4 to 6 weeks. We are just waiting on whether or not we receive the grant for the equipment.

Town garage sales will be May 6, 7, and 8th, and the town clean up day will be May 14th.

Council will be doing their annual drive around on April 4th at 6:00 pm.

Mr. Vance received a phone call from Brandy Schumacher on West ST. Her driveway back to her house is a stone alley that is owned by the Village. It cannot be closed, they have spent a few thousand dollars in the upkeep of the alley, filling in potholes and such. They are asking that the Village start to maintain the alley as all her neighbors use it as well to get to the back of their properties. In the past the Village has not maintained stone alleys in the Village. Mr. Langhals feels that it is the Village's responsibility and made a motion to maintain all stone alleys in the village. Mr. Schroeder seconded the motion. Motion carried. 5 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Vance asked that Council look at properties, there are people parking on the Villages right away and is tearing the right of way up. He feels that this could cause problems with the streets and would like to know what can be done. Council has tabled this issue for now.

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Mr. Mayberry asked about 206 S Main St, its in terrible condition and has a window out. Would like Chief Hiler to look into this.

Mr. Mayberry asked Mr. Vance about the sidewalks and tree stumps on South Broadway and planting new trees. Mr. Vance will get S. Broadway taken care of and he has ordered 12 new trees to be planted in the spring.

Mr. Schroeder thanked the Village employees for the quick snow removal and thanked the Fire Department for the last-minute escort into town for the girls basketball team.

Mr. Wolfe asked Jeff if there were any plans for repairs of the sinkhole on Plum St. Mr. Vance is currently waiting for the drawing to be done at the Legion before he goes in to repair the sink hole.

Mayor Wright asked Mr. Vance about the inspection report for the Halker Bldg, Mr. Vance explained that he has been having a hard time getting ahold of the inspector and heard back from him today. He should have the inspection report back by the end of this week.

Mayor Wright announced that the Chamber of Commerce voted to donate \$5000.00 to the Village for the new Christmas lights that were ordered.

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay at 8:29 pm

Clerk

Mayor