VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS GROVE

January 22, 2024

The Village of Columbus Grove met in regular session on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 7:30 pm at Columbus Grove Council Chambers with Mayor Birnesser presiding. Council members in attendance were Skyler Mayberry, Gretchen Staley, Aaron Siefker, Todd Wolfe and Pete Langhals. Also attended: Village Administrator Jeff Vance, and Chief William Bowers. Brian Schroeder was absent.

Aaron Siefker was sworn into Council for another 4 years

Council President tabled till next meeting

Mrs. Staley made a motion to approve the 1-8-24 minutes. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Visitors: Erin Lugibill and Ken Wright

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

2024 Pool contract was presented to Council, Council discussed the Village taking it back over and Mrs. Staley explained the positives of the YMCA running it. Mr. Mayberry made a motion to approve and sign the 2024 YMCA Pool Contract. Mr. Siefker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

2023 Alfalfa report was given to Council, $31,682 was deposited from alfalfa cuttings.

Employee Vacation policy was tabled

Chief Bowers talked about a possible third officer and new working hours.

Mr. Vance provided estimates for the sub-divisions water/sewer installation. Pros and cons of starting the sub-division project and parks expansion.

City Building renovations are under way. Mr. Vance announced that the concrete, electrical, brick and railings were all developed today. Land Bank houses were also discussed about on East Pendleton, North Main, and North Elm St.

Mr. Mayberry made a motion for the 1st reading of Ordinance 2024-02 Sewer Allocation Amendment. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Wolfe made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-01 Authorizing participation in ODOT Coop Purchasing program. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Wolfe also asked about the progress of the fire station, and Mr. Vance reported that the contractor is uncertain as to when they will be back.

Mr. Siefker announced that the Rec Board met to discuss walking paths and pickleball courts, there will be 4 courts total. Discussed costs, current funds, and when they can be started.

The new playground should be coming around March or April

Mr. Langhals made a motion to approve Resolution 2024-02 RCAP loans. Mr. Mayberry seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Mr. Langhals made a motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel and contracts. Mrs. Staley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay at 8:34 pm

Mr. Langhals made a motion to leave executive session. Mrs. Staley seconded the motion. motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay at 8:44 pm

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Siefker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay at 8:45 pm

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