VILLAGE OF COLUMBUS GROVE

March 25, 2024

The Village of Columbus Grove met in regular session on Monday, March 25, 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: Chief William Bowers. Brian Schroeder was absent.

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to approve the 3-11-24 minutes. Mr. Siefker seconded the motion. Motion carried 4 yeas, 1 abstained (Wolfe)

Visitors: Ken Wright, Rocky Myers, Grant Schroeder, Linda Miller, Alyssa Smith, and Addie Boulas

Mr. Myers came to council to talk about DORA. His establishment and others are interested in joining DORA, but the Village has to approve it and apply for it. Council members were onboard with the idea, spoke about parameters and businesses that could be involved and how this could help them. Council had a lot of questions. Council decided to contact Amy Sealts with the Putnam Co CIC and the recreation, sidewalks and streets committee with head this up and get the process moving.

Mr. Schroeder cam to discuss some much needed improvements at the EMS building, flooring, painting, light fixtures, and exterior doors. Council advised him to get some quotes and bring them back to them. Council also approved to go ahead and turn off the phone and get WIFI installed.

Linda Miller came to discuss a plat that she needed the Mayor to sign. It was a change in property lines between her property and The Emmanuel Church. Mr. Mayberry made such motion for the Mayor to sign. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

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

Mrs. Kerns reported that the furnace/ air conditioning unit at the Library needs to be replaced. Schroeder Plumbing & Heating quoted $15,000 to replace it. Mr. Mayberry made such motion to replace the unit. Mr. Siefker seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

There was a major water break at the Hall Ave Park bathrooms. Mr. Vance is currently working on getting this fixed

Nicole Shafer at Schroeder Law has agreed to take on the Village as their solicitor. Mr. Siefker made such motion to approve her. Mrs. Staley seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay

Reminder that the Village Ride Around is Monday April 1st at 6 pm. Mr. Vance has secured the van from the school.

Also, a reminder that the Council meetings were changed to April 15th and April 29th- the changes were due to the Solar Eclipse.

Chief Bowers requested to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel.

Mr. Langhals talked about parking concerns once the Putnam Co YMCA opens their workout facility. There were no real concerns as of yet for parking uptown, with many of Council. They will just have to wait and see once the facility opens.

Mr. Mayberry asked to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss contracts.

Mr. Wolfe spoke of the Village drive around and his concerns with some that have been warned in years passed, that still haven’t done anything. Junk cars, cars with no plates and a few other things are what he would like Council to look at as well.

Ken Wright spoke briefly about still offering his service to drive around for follow ups.

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Mr. Mayberry made a motion to go into executive session to discuss contracts and personnel. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay at 8:55 pm

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to leave executive session. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay 9:03 pm

Mr. Mayberry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Langhals seconded the motion. Motion carried 5 yeas, 0 nay at 9:04 pm

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