

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____ 20 _____

WORKSHOP MEETING

March 26, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Hurst at 7:30 p.m..

Present were: Mayor Hurst, Councilmembers: Don Dohrman, Chris Horn, Kasey Metz, Sarah Gregory, Scott Fogle and Bob Cox. *Also present:* Manager Sheridan, Law Director Brosh. *Absent:* None.

HAYES STREET PROJECT UPDATE

Tim Swartztrauber had a meeting for the Hayes Street project. It will be starting mid-April and will last about 3 months. The closure will be on Hayes Street from Miami to Milton-Potsdam. They will give a 10 day ahead closure notice. They will contact the schools about the closure. Tim also talked about the traffic issues. They will also contact McDonald's as well because they will lose the Hayes Street entrance during this project.

This discussion led to discussing a traffic study on Hamilton. Ben said they would put up no parking signs during the closure of Hayes to help with the flow of traffic on Hamilton.

WEST MILTON CELEBRATIONS FIREWORKS LETTER

Manager Sheridan said that he received a letter from the fireworks committee requesting a donation for the upcoming fireworks. Mr. Fogle spoke about how the fireworks in West Milton came about and got started. He also said he felt the village should take a more active part in the fireworks if possible.

PROPOSED UPDATE OF REGULATIONS ON WEED AND GRASS LEGISLATION

Manager Sheridan said he would like to get this in place for the upcoming summer season. This is meant to streamline the notification process. There was a discussion among the council about communicating this to all residents through the water bill in addition to the paper and social media.

PROPOSED LEGISLATION FOR VACANT BUILDING REGISTRATION

Manager Sheridan said this has been discussed at multiple meetings. He would like to move forward with this. This is to be used as a tool to help learn about which property owners are not maintaining vacant buildings. The goal is to improve the community and not penalize people who are trying.

THIRD THURSDAYS

Third Thursdays will be from May through September this year. It was brought up that Route 48 will not be able to be closed down this year for part of these events due to the closure of Hayes for the water project. Route 48 will be the detour for this. Discussion was had about possibly closing Washington Street for this event instead.

PROPOSED DOWNTOWN PROJECT

Manager Sheridan explained that Mr. Sarver would like to create an outdoor area near Washington Street. This would require an area from the village. Manager Sheridan suggested that this would be best handled with an easement.

PROPOSED COMMUNITY REQUEST FOR PARK RETAINING WALL AREA

Manager Sheridan said that it was brought to him that this new area in the park may be used as a fundraiser for different organizations in the community. People could pay to reserve a place to sit for the event such as fireworks, Third Thursdays, rock the hill, etc.

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Ben will check to see about how many chairs could be placed in this area. A list will be compiled of any interested non-profit organizations and look into a rotating schedule for this.

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Manager Sheridan says this goes hand in hand with code enforcement. This would serve two purposes: 1. to gain information about vacant properties; and 2. to encourage vacant properties to become reoccupied.

OLD BUSINESS

Stillwater Crossing Street Lighting Plan: Manager Sheridan said he met with the developers and the council's recommendations for the lighting will be taken care of. The developers have agreed to fund this installation and the village will pay for the electricity.

DORA: Manager Sheridan said he needed to know how to proceed with the DORA. Scott Fogle said that he has reservations and feels it could be a safety issue. There was discussion about the DORA and how it would work among the council.

Sarah Gregory reminded everyone that the grand opening for Timeless Tacos will be on March 1, 2024, and encouraged everyone to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Manager Sheridan talked about the Village insurance for liability. He said they had joined the Ohio Municipal Pool and it has went up. In 2019 it was \$66,000; in 2020 it was \$62,000 and in 2021 it was \$68,000. We now are with PEP. In 2022 it was \$48,000; 2023 it was \$49,000 and it jumped to \$65,000 in 2024. The Municipal Pool is dissolving and they are asking for \$10,000 from the village. He is checking into the legalities of this.

Ben Herron stated that he has opened the bids for the concrete. It will be \$45 a linear foot. Letters will go out to residents on Hamilton and Spring to see if they want to use this company and pay the village bid price.

Scott Fogle said he attended the meeting with the school and the trustees and they are looking at making pickle ball courts out of the old tennis courts of the school. He said he felt this would be great venture for everyone to participate in.

REGULAR SESSION

A motion was made by Don Dohrman and seconded by Sarah Gregory to go into Regular Session Council Meeting.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

A Motion was made by Chris Horn and seconded by Sarah Gregory to go into Executive Session pursuant to Section 4.12(B)(5)(c) for the purpose of a conference with the attorney. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

END EXECUTIVE SESSION

A motion was made by Chris Horn and seconded by Don Dohrman to end the Executive session and return to the workshop meeting. After a roll call vote, the motion passed. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** None.

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PERSONNEL BOARD

A Motion was made by Scott Fogle and seconded by Chris Horn to appoint Miranda Fox to a one year term of the Personnel Board. After a voice vote, the Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Kasey Metz and seconded by Sarah Gregory to appoint Cathy Bennington to a two year term of the Personnel Board. After a voice vote, the Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Don Dohrman and seconded by Chris Horn to appoint Tim Dues to a three year term of the Personnel Board. After a voice vote, the Motion passed unanimously.

END REGULAR SESSION

A Motion was made by Sarah Gregory and seconded by Kasey Metz to end the Regular Session of the Council meeting. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

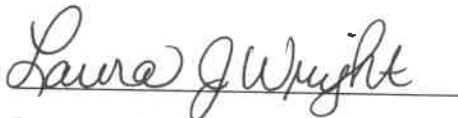
Abstain: None. **Absent:** None.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

No comments from citizens at this time.


ADJOURNMENT

Bob Cox made a motion, seconded by Chris Horn, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.



Laura J. Wright

Clerk of Council



Scott Hurst

Mayor