

Regular Council February 4, 2020

Meeting came to order with Pledge of Allegiance. Roll call was answered by Cou. Broker, Tully, Behrendt, Failor, Aichholz, & Robbins. Cou. Broker made motion to accept & dispense with reading minutes; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Robbins. Accepted by all. Cou. Broker made motion to accept reports; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Behrendt. Accepted by all. Cou. Behrendt made motion to pay bills; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Robbins. Accepted by all.

#### OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on recording meetings. There are pros and cons. Council decided not to do it at this time. The public is welcome to record meetings if they want.

Two council people gave Mayor their action plans. Cou. Tully and Cou. Aichholz will meet with mayor to discuss and report back at next council meeting. Cou. Aichholz would like to pursue drawings for possibly obtaining grant money for the bridge.

Mayor and street committee interviewed two applicants for part time street department position. Only one has mechanical experience. Mayor recommends hiring Dennis Cogar. He will give two weeks notice at his current job and start after that.

Discussion on yard waste disposal. Possibly keeping the dumpster at the dump site. Maybe residents can call when they have waste to be picked up. Mayor had Rex clean up the mess at the dumpsite. It took four dumpsters. Now there is just rich soil, which we will grade when it dries out. We need to work on making rules. Cou. Behrendt and Cou. Broker volunteered to meet with mayor to work out the rules, and bring ideas back to council.

#### NEW BUSINESS:

Cou. Broker made motion to set aside rules on Ord. 2020-03 (permanent budget); 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Robbins. Accepted by all. Cou. Broker made motion to adopt Ord. 2020-03; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Behrendt. Accepted by all.

Cou. Behrendt made motion to set aside rules on Ord. 2020-04 (raise for clerk); 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Robbins. Accepted by all. Cou. Broker made motion to adopt Ord. 2020-04; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Behrendt. Accepted by all.

Cou. Robbins made motion to set aside rules on Ord. 2020-05 (raise for police chief); 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Behrendt. Accepted by all. Cou. Broker made motion to adopt Ord. 2020-05; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Behrendt. Accepted by all

Cou. Behrendt gave council copies of a newsletter she prepared, giving residents information on things going on in the village. Council approved it. Mayor thanked Cou. Behrendt for her work on this project.

Discussion on hiring someone to do lawn mowing verses purchasing a mower and having our street department mow grass. Cou. Broker has estimates and thinks we can get a mower for under \$10,000. Amortized over ten years, we could possibly save up to \$4500 per year, by having our employees cut the grass. He suggests possibly making an ordinance for seasonal help at \$10 per hour, if we need it. Cou. Robbins would like to keep Coy Slemple since he has done a good job. Cou. Tully made motion to move forward with the plan of our employees cutting the grass; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Aichholz. Accepted by all. We will get all our quotes together to discuss at the next meeting.

Cou. Robbins said finance committee met before meeting tonight and checked the books. Everything looks fine.

Mayor had Rex look into the village purchasing an LED digital sign to place along the bay front, with village information. He found one for \$619, which is 60 inches by 22 inches. We will check out more options and decide at next meeting.

#### PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Daryl Pasek suggests buying a mower locally. He thinks having residents phone the hall when they need brush picked up is a bad idea. He thinks we should go back to having street department pick up brush on set days. Cou. Behrendt told him we are just starting to work on the rules on the yard waste.

Jim Yantz suggests putting a box outside the village hall for the minutes so residents can just pick them up.

Cou. Aichholz made motion to adjourn; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Cou. Failor.

ATTEST:

Respectfully submitted,

Larry D. Gwinner, Mayor

Marsha K. Schenk, Clerk