

Village of Sabina Regular Council

May 27,

2021

Mayor James Mongold presiding called the meeting in session on Thursday, May 27, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock P.M. Mr. Arnold led the Pledge of Allegiance and the Prayer by Mayor Mongold. Roll Call taken by Fiscal Officer Nancy Cornell with members present as Mr. Collings, Mr. Arnold, Ms. Sloan, Mrs. Mongold, Mr. Baker and Mr. Gottschalk. At this time, Mayor Mongold stated the meeting had a quorum and declared in session

MINUTES: The Mayor asked if everyone had the opportunity to read the minutes of May 13th, and if there are not any concerns or changes to make, he will ask for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Collings made the motion with a second from Mr. Arnold. Roll call taken with an "All in Favor"..

PERSONS APPEARING: No one appearing.

MAYORS REPORT: At our last meeting, Council elected to contract with Miller-Mason for paving for the 2021 season. I've signed the agreement with them and I hope to hear a start date soon. I located and messaged the company that worked last year on the water tower. I was told that they will be back soon to complete their work. The pool is slowly getting there. I have a few individuals hired for positions, but still very much in need of lifeguards. Until we have enough to cover, we will not be permitted to open. I remain very hopeful that we will have 6 more individuals line up at least by June 3rd, when training begins.

With summer coming in hot, I want to put a few things out to the Village. We will be seeing a rise in the usual problems. One of the oddest issues to me, and one that is an absolute thorn in everyone's side is the use on roadways of restricted vehicles. This includes but is not limited to motor vehicles without tags, go-carts, mini-bikes, lawn mowers, four wheelers, dune buggies, gator utility vehicles, and golf carts that have not been outfitted for public roadways and approved with appropriate tags. There's no excuse to use these vehicles on roadways. Sabina is a whole mile in diameter. Everything is literally within walking distance for most.

A big key to stopping this issue for the residents of the Village is to perform reporting action. When it is happening, call the on duty Officer. Try to get video identifying them (from a safe distance) and if you recognize the individual, I urge you to file a complaint. Our Officers cannot be everywhere at once, so your assistance is so vital. To be clear, no citizen should confront them directly. This goes for any situation we face. People high on drugs walking around, suspicious behaviors, and obvious theft. I certainly don't want to overload our overworked Police Department, but we are their eyes and ears in the community and must work with the Officers to curtail these issues. Remember, if you report it later with no evidence, there may not be a lot that can be done. Report it as soon as it happens if you can and if you can (safely) provide evidence that will help immensely. Take care and be well.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Dean stated

CHIEF: Chief Grehl.

LAW DIRECTOR: Nothing to report.

FISCAL OFFICER Ms. Cornell reported on the bill list totaling \$97,958.59 with no expense to the Village of \$19,798.37. This left the expense to the Village at \$78,160.22. She explained the large items to Council in the amount of \$71,223.53 and this left miscellaneous expense at \$6,936.69. She asks for comments regarding concerns or any items that needed explained. With no issues, Mayor Mongold asked for a motion to approve. Mrs. Mongold made the motion and a second by Ms. Sloan. Roll call taken with an "All in Favor." Ms. Cornell stated she is having issues with the February bank statement, but hopes to have it done soon. Ms. Cornell apologized about the packets not being delivered until last night, but hopefully in the future they will be delivered in a

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timely manner so Council will have time to review them. Ms. Cornell stated we have the option to send letters or subpoenas for nonpayment of RITA. It would cost \$1.00 for the subpoenas. Mr. Arnold made a motion and Mrs. Mongold second the motion. Roll call was taken with four ayes and two nays.

BILL LIST:

COMMITTEES:

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS & HEALTH/SAFETY: Mr. Collings stated they had a meeting on Tuesday, May 18th. The first item discussed were changes to the employee handbook. Mr. Collings noted these changes were based upon feedback from meetings with employees. The changes discussed were the following: Adding the Assistant Village Administrator job description, adding and defining a disciplinary period, adjusting the Village Administrator’s job with respect to the “physical requirements”, and time off request form: adding “personal time” as an option to select on the form, and removing language on the form and in the handbook regarding the “exact nature” of illness for both the individual employee and their family member(s). The last potential change to the handbook discussed was in regard to overtime. The previous handbook counted sick, holiday and vacation as “time worked” while the current handbook does not. The Committee decided to leave the language on overtime as is. Mrs. Gibson did explain that the language comes directly from the Federal Fair Labor Standard s Act. Mr. Collings brought up Bryan Floyd’s question relating to holidays falling on a Friday and Saturday and the handbook doesn’t specify when to observe them in such a situation. During the meeting the Mayor and Committee agreed that both Christmas Eve and New Year’s Eve would be observed on the day in which they fall, while Christmas and new Year’s Eve would be observed the following Monday. Law Director Gibson then spoke on the three draft Ordinances relating to nuisances, buildings in disrepair, and open burns/noxious fumes. Mr. Gibson noted some problems with the enforcement of existing Ordinances. Mrs. Gibson said she relied upon the Ohio Basic Code, book for municipalities. The Committee approved the draft with only a minor change proposed by Mr. Collings to ensure a native wildflower garden/pollinator plot is not considered “undesirable vegetation”. Mrs. Gibson reviewed the draft Ordinance on open burns and noxious fumes. This Ordinance relies heavily on the basic code and closes the “hot dog loophole”. Lastly, the Ordinance on the buildings was presented and was approved.

AUDIT & PLANNING: Nothing at this time.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Gottschalk presented new drawing on the Sewer Plant. Ad accepting bids for the Sewer Plant.

RECREATION & TOURISM: Mr. Baker stated they had a meeting Tuesday, May 18th. A meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, June 2nd.

EMERGENCY SERVICES & FLOOD RELIEF: Ms. Sloan stated there was meeting at the Fire House on Tuesday, May 18th. Ms. Sloan stated a new squad will be delivered in August at the cost of \$230,000. .

FINANCE & RECORDS: Mrs. Mongold stated there was a meeting for Tuesday, May 25th. Mrs. Mongold scheduled a meeting on Tuesday, June 8th at 6:00 PM in the Council room.

GRANTS: Mr. Collings stated there was a meeting for Wednesday, May 19th at 6:00 PM.

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTIONS:

Second read of Ordinance authorizing release of special assessments for Clinton County Land Reutilization Corp Owned Properties

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Reading of Emergency Ordinance #2021-12 to establish a position of Assistant VA. Mr. Collings made a motion to waive the three readings and adopt Ordinance #2021-12 as an emergency major, Mr. Baker second the motion. Roll Call was taken with an “All in Favor”. Mr. Dean nominated Bryan Floyd to the position of Assistant VA. A motion was made to approve Bryan Floyd to this position by Ms. Sloan and second by Mr. Collings. Roll Call was taken with an “All in Favor”.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

COUNCIL COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mongold called for adjournment at 8:35 PM. The motion made by Mr. Arnold and a second by Mrs. Mongold. Mayor Mongold requested an “All in Favor” by Ayes, opposing Nays. The meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Approved:

Nancy L. Cornell,
Fiscal Officer

Benjamin Collings,
President of Council

James Mongold, Mayor