

Village of Sabina Regular Council

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Mayor, James Mongold, presiding, called the meeting in session on Thursday, June 25, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Ms. Sloan and the Prayer was led by Mayor Mongold. Members present were Mrs. Mongold, Mr. Collings, Ms. Sloan, Mrs. Dean, Mr. Gottschalk and Mrs. Grehl. Roll-call was taken by the Fiscal Officer Nancy Cornell with all members in favor. At this time he Mayor stated the meeting had a quorum and declared in session.

MINUTES: Mayor Mongold asked if everyone had the chance to read the minutes of June 25th and if there are not any changes or concerns to be made, he will ask for a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Grehl made the motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Ms. Sloan. Roll call was taken and all members were in favor.

PERSONS INVITED BY THE MAYOR: No one.

MAYORS REPORT: Since last meeting, we've reached an agreement with Stauffer's on completing the work on Mound Street. The Village doesn't have the proper equipment to grade everything and sow grass seed productively so this was a logical choice.

With Independence Day coming up, everyone needs to remember that firework displays in the Village are not permitted. There is a burn ordinance in place in the Village now that, among other things, prevents the use of explosive and projectile devices. For more information on this or other burn related matters, contact the Fiscal Office in regard to Ordinance 2019-21. The fines and possible jail time attached to this matter are nothing to take lightly.

Along with that, I want to remind everyone again that mowing into the street is not acceptable and is also a finable offense in the Village. It only takes a small effort to keep from doing this and may save lives as well as help keep costs down for all of us.

The pool is still going great even though the weather isn't lately. We are requiring folks to leave a photo ID at the counter to rent life jackets this year due to theft last year. Also, we've had issues with folks filling the dumpster illegally. I'm not certain why they weren't able to read the sign already in place regarding cameras, but I believe this may have been solved. There is now a sign the size of my torso stating that there is no dumping and there are cameras in use.

On the good side, I'm certain everyone has noticed that LED street light installation has started. I would like to thank Council for making that wise choice. There will be many benefits to this action.

I'm working on a program to promote good will between local youth and our Police Officers. I'm going to ask the Officers to ticket them. These tickets will be presented in situations where young folks seem to be doing good things. There will be a limited number, so the Officers will need to hand them out sparingly. Each ticket will entitle the youth in possession to one free day at the Sabina Community Pool.

There are a few rules to follow with this. Kids, don't chase the cruisers trying to get the tickets. That could earn you the other kind of ticket. Officers cannot ticket their own children for doing chores unless they pay other children cash for doing their chores. Pool age rules still apply, so if you are under 12, you have to be seen in public with at least one parent or guardian no matter how much they embarrass you in front of your friends. My hope is that this promotes good will all around so let's keep this fun.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Mayor Mongold and Mr. Dean opened the bids. The first bid was from Cox Paving with no striping for \$134,936.71, Second bid from Miller-Mason for \$117,240.00, and the third bid from Fillmore Construction for \$171,454.00. Mr. Dean stated he had a complaint about a storm sewer issue on Grand Ave. Mr. Dean stated the issue has been taken care of. Mr. Dean also stated a diving board is broke at the pool. He is going to get in

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touch with John Meshefski to if he can weld it tomorrow. The filter has been taken out and going to power wash it. The chipper is fixed, but now they are having trouble with the dump truck. Mr. Dean stated the alternator is not working and will need to be replaced. Mr. Dean stated they have had multiple well problems in the last week, hopefully it will get resolved in the next few days. Mayor Mongold said he had a building permit to build a fence. Mr. Dean stated he knew of a resident that wanted to build a fence on Hulse St. Lot 17 and stated it would be ok to build it. He also stated there is a lot of fence, deck and porches being built, and he does not think the residents have been going through proper channels. Mr. Dean stated he has not had time to address these issues. Mr. Dean stated there is a resident on Dakins Chapel Rd. that wants to tear bushes out and put a fence up. This matter might possibly need the variance checked. Mayor Mongold stated he received an e-mail from the resident and said they would need to get in touch with Mr. Dean about this. Mayor Mongold said they might need to repost the Ordinance to the public dealing with this issue. Mayor Mongold asked if they need a variance because the distance from the property line. Mr. Dean stated that the Ordinance states you can't go past the front of the house with a board fence. It has to be a chain link fence. Mr. Collings stated they would probably need to change the Ordinance. Mr. Collins stated they should repeal the Fence Ordinance. Mayor Mongold said it would be up to Council to do that. Mayor Mongold stated he would like to have something in place to replace the Ordinance. Mrs. Gibson suggested not repealing the Fence Ordinance until they have something to replace it. Mr. Collings stated if it isn't being enforced, it shouldn't be on the books. Mrs. Gibson suggested looking into this issue before taking any action, so there won't be any major problems. Mr. Collings stated he understands if the Council doesn't wasn't to repeal it at this time, although he doesn't know what the Ordinance says, but when it comes to private property it's a gray area he rather defer it to land owners than a bad Ordinance. Mayor Mongold stated part of the problem with this is with residents putting up fences instead of contacting us. In the past, there have been fences that have been put on property lines that had to be taken down. Residents aren't calling to check with utilities or may be putting them to close to the road causing traffic issues. Mayor Mongold propose to do try to put together changes for the next meeting and present that. He stated we could do an emergency, because it is an urgent matter. Mr. Collings wanted to know if a copy of the ordinance would be available for him to pick up. Mayor Mongold asked Ms. Cornell if she could take care of this matter. Mayor Mongold as for a motion to be make on the building permit. A motion was made by Mr. Collings and second by Mr. Gottschalk. Roll-call was taken by the Fiscal Officer Nancy Cornell with all members in favor. Mayor Mongold stated regarding the paving, the question that were out there, if I'm remember correctly the issue on the bike trail with Miller-Mason, there are places that are coming apart, The Council wants assurance if we would go to your bid, how would the streets hold up compared to the bike trail. Miller-Mason responded by saying that there is a fix to the bike trail and they will look into that. They stated they do stand by their product. Does the Council have any comments or questions at this time? Mayor Mongold stated that this is Council decision and would like input from them. Mr. Collings suggested they go with Miller-Mason since they are the lowest bid. Mr. Collings made a motion to except Miller-Mason bid for repaving the streets and Mrs. Mongold second the motion. Roll-call was taken by the Fiscal Officer Nancy Cornell with all members in favor. Mayor Mongold thanked all the companies that participated in the bidding.

CHIEF: Not Present. Mayor Mongold stated that the homeless couple has been taken to Columbus to a homeless shelter and hopefully into rehab. Mayor Mongold stated that Officer Grehl was in an incident last night, but he is doing ok. He also stated with the LED lights being installed we have a brighter night and hopefully it will help with issues happening around town.

LAW DIRECTOR: Mrs. Gibson stated Court is going well. There was a gentleman in court for dumping trash and he plead guilty.

FISCAL OFFICER: Ms. Cornell reported on the bill list for \$38,769.46. Listed were non-expense to the Village for \$667.64. This left the expense to the village \$38,101.85. She explained the large items to Council in the amount of \$34,256.22 and this left miscellaneous expense at \$3,845.60. She asks for comments regarding concerns or any items that needed explained. No one had any issues so a motion was asked for to pay the bills. The motion came from Ms. Sloan and a second by Mrs. Dean. Roll call was taken with an "All in Favor". Ms. Cornell stated that

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there are documents that Council needs to sign. She also stated she needs minutes from the past committee meetings held.

BILL LIST:

COMMITTEES:

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS & HEALTH/SAFETY: Mr. Collings stated they had a meeting on June 22nd at 5:30 until 6:23. Items discussed was potential PTO for part time employees that work full time hours. Mr. Collings stated he didn't get a draft Ordinance on this, so it is still outstanding. The next issue was pay for Steve Carroll; they agreed adjustment to his base pay would be looked into later. Mr. Collings said they discussed a cost of living raise of 4%. He stated they talked about the employee evaluations. Mr. Collings stated he put in the packets this week about emergency messaging system and would like to move forward on that. He wanted to apologize to the Chief about discussing accrued sick time and time off. Mrs. Grehl wanted to know who is responsible to type up the ordinance for the PTO. It was stated that Mrs. Gibson or the Council could write the ordinance.

AUDIT & PLANNING: Mrs. Dean stated they had a meeting on June 22nd at 6:30. She apologized for not having the information in the packets. They discussed the Silver Coin Gaming. Mrs. Dean said she was going to check with other municipalities to see what guidelines they have. There is a new owner of the Silver Coin Gaming. Mrs. Dean hasn't met the new owner, but is planning on meeting with him.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Gottschalk said they held a meeting on June 22 at 7:30. The discussion of two campers parked on Third St. Chief Young wanted the Council to back him about moving the campers. Mr. Dean suggested we wait on this action until we check on the Auditor's web site, for verification of how the property is listed, as a street or as vacant land. Mayor Mongold suggested checking with Mr. Newland and Mr. Pence.

RECREATION & TOURISM: Mrs. Grehl is going to be getting with business owners about painting store fronts.

EMERGENCY SERVICES & FLOOD RELIEF: Ms. Sloan stated they had a meeting on June 16. They had a blood drive on June 15th, but didn't have any information at this time about it. Ms. Sloan state the base station antenna and tornado siren was going to be put on the tower. She stated hopefully they have a few new personnel coming on to help with runs. They had 82 runs in May and 39 in June.

FINANCE & RECORDS: Mrs. Mongold had nothing to report.

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Mongold stated they have 2 readings for tonight. The first is the second reading of the Sewer Laterals Ordinance. Mayor Mongold asked if anyone had any comments. The first reading of the Cost of Living Ordinance. Mayor Mongold asked if there were any comments. He stated that we also have part time employees and wanted to know if this should be changed to full time and part time employees? He has ask Mr. Collings to change wording in the Ordinance for the next reading. Mr. Collings commented that they wanted to give employees a higher percentage of a raise but was concerned about what the village could afford. Mr. Collings wanted to thank Ms. Cornell with her help with the budget projections. Mayor Mongold stated the biggest concern is affordability. We have a Police Levy coming up in a few years for a renewed. We don't know about our budget for the following year with the cuts our state is making. Mr. Collings asked if there were Council members that wouldn't be allowed to vote for this. Mayor Mongold stated that two Council members would not be able to vote, which would be Mrs. Dean and Mrs. Grehl, because it would benefit their spouses. Mayor Mongold stated there could be a chance of a tie. Mr. Dean commented he would like this issue to be discussed with the Law Director. Mayor Mongold stated he did discuss this with Mrs. Gibson. She stated she did discuss it with the Mayor, if it was a benefit for the spouse, then they wouldn't be able to vote. Mr. Dean stated he didn't think Mrs. Mongold shouldn't get

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two votes. Mayor Mongold asked how she would get two votes. Mr. Dean stated that if the vote is a tie and the Mayor would need to break the tie by voting, he considers that two votes. Mr. Dean stated the Mayor wouldn't vote against his wife. The Mayor replied "The hell I won't if I don't think its right, do not go there sir." Mrs. Mongold stated that they do not agree on everything. Mrs. Gibson stated they can't write two different Ordinances. Mayor Mongold stated that's the law. Mayor Mongold wanted to state for the record that he has his own mind. I don't vote the way my wife does all the time. They are registered with different political parties. Mayor Mongold stated he doesn't like to being questioned on that front period. When we were on Council together, we did not always vote the same. He stated he didn't want to hear any of that anymore. Before I do I will resign my position. If you I should not be sitting in this seat.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Abe, had a couple concerns regarding the Silver Coin, Washington Court House, have their gaming location outside the City limits. Mrs. Dean thanked him for the information. The posting of public information vital to the meetings, codes need to be provided for the meetings. The Mayor tried to respond and Mr. Arnold asks him not to interrupt. Be very careful on what you say about enforcing Ordinances, we have a lot of them, and to have someone say just get rid of them because they don't like or understand them, is horrible. Especially with the shape, this country is in.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mrs. Mongold stated if she could a list of the posting locations she will put it on line to ensure the public knows where they are be located. Mr. Collings ask for clarity on what Mr. Arnold meant in reference to the Ordinance and repealing. Mr. Arnold explained as a public official to say he does not understand or has not read it, so repeal the Ordinance. He apologized for the statement and how it was perceived. He did not intend for it to come across that way. Mr. Collings wished to express his feelings on what is going on the country and the wellbeing of the citizens. Residents have approached Ms. Sloan on limbs hanging down in front of Stop signs. Whose responsibility does that fall upon?

ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor asked for all in Favor: All Ayes with no Nays at 9:10PM.

Attest:

Approved:

Nancy L. Cornell
Fiscal Officer

Peggy Sloan,
President of Council

James Mongold, Mayor