

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

Village of Sabina Regular Council

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held October 8, 2020

Mayor, James Mongold, presiding, called the meeting in session on Thursday, October 8th, 2020 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Collings and the Prayer was led by Mayor Mongold. Members present were Mrs. Mongold, Mr. Collings, Ms. Sloan, Mr. Gottschalk, Mr. Arnold and Mrs. Grehl. Roll-call was taken by the Fiscal Officer Nancy Cornell with all members present. At this time the 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 September 24th and if there are not any changes or concerns to be made, he will ask for a motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Grehl then made the motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Collings. Roll call was taken and all members were in favor.

PERSONS INVITED BY THE MAYOR: None.

MAYORS REPORT: Mayor Mongold stated "We have hired a new Officer to the Police Department. In your packets, there is legislation to be reviewed later for your approval of wages and benefits. I will be swearing in Officer Sydney Doughman tomorrow, so please welcome her to the Sabina Police Department and make her feel at home. I've a feeling she will work out great.

Last time, I mentioned plans for Beggar's Night. The top thought is now happening. We will be doing a "Trunk or Treat" event in the Sabina Elementary Parking lot. Again, the event will be Thursday, October 29th, from 6PM to 8PM. Sergeant Roberts will be stationed at the beginning of the parking lot to prohibit vehicle traffic once the event starts. There is space for 40 vehicles and so far I've two that have contacted me. If anyone from the Village would like to participate, please let me know.

With the current state of things, and because the school system is gracious enough to allow use of the parking lot, I don't quite want to go that far, but would consider a couple of special touches to add to the event.

As well as folks passing out candy, I would like to add to the event. Maybe a DJ to donate a couple of hours to play Halloween music. Folks set up to serve coffee and such to the adults if it's cold. First, however, we need to fill those spaces. For those of us young enough to remember, the old Sabina Elementary always had a Halloween Carnival.

I met with our Law Director and Councilman Collings last week to review their progress on updating employee policy. I was very pleased and impressed. I think the changes they have in mind will enhance things for the employees in a way that is affordable while clarifying and resolving many of the issues that have plagued the past.

Next Tuesday, Laura and I will be conducting interviews with applicants for the Police Chief position so hope that will be filled shortly. I do have a goal in mind of adding another patrol person. I strongly believe there are times we need more coverage even if it is just a part time individual.

I am keeping an eye out for Police vehicles being retired from larger municipalities. If we can grab one or two for a good price that are within 5 years of age, we can replace the two cars that are becoming a strain on the budget. Given the success we've seen so far, I'm watching out for Explorers and avoiding Interceptors and Chargers. I think, given our needs, SUV style vehicles are a better bet. The goal is to get vehicles in place that will at least be lower maintenance until they too can be replaced by new vehicles."

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Dean stated that he made contact with the water tower painters and they would be here this week to work on it.

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CHIEF: Lieutenant Grehl stated in regards to Patrolman Robinsons stop, the Sherriff Department backed him up and they retrieved a gun and drug from the vehicle. Additionally, Lieutenant Grehl will be going to look at two police cruisers the following day and he is currently working on getting everything out of Keynon's name and put into his.

LAW DIRECTOR: Mrs. Gibson stated that she had nothing to report other than they are making good progress on the employee manual and job descriptions.

FISCAL OFFICER: Ms. Cornell reported on the bill list in the amount of \$111,659.21. No expenses to the Village in the amount of \$15,996.15. This left the expense to the village \$95,663.06. She explained the large items to Council in the amount of \$90,881.40 and this left miscellaneous expense at \$4,781.66. 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 Mr. Gottschalk. Roll call was taken with an "All in Favor". Lastly, Ms. Cornell is finishing the September bank reconciliation.

BILL LIST:

COMMITTEES:

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS & HEALTH/SAFETY: Mr. Collings had nothing to report.

AUDIT & PLANNING: Mr. Arnold stated that there was a meeting on August 6th which the audit was discussed. Following that they discussed what they want from their planning committee.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Gottschalk had nothing to report.

RECREATION & TOURISM: Mrs. Grehl had nothing to report.

EMERGENCY SERVICES & FLOOD RELIEF: Ms. Sloan stated that there will be a Fire District meeting on October 20th. Lieutenant Grehl asked to schedule a meeting to discuss the hiring of a 6th officer. Ms. Sloan requested to schedule a meeting on October 20th at 7:00pm.

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

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTIONS: Mayor Mongold proposed an emergency Ordinance Authorizing the Fiscal Office to Transfer Funds from the Water and Pool to the Unclaimed Monies Account. Ms. Sloan made the motion to waive the three readings and adopt Ordinance #2020-23 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Collings. Roll call was taken with all members in favor. Mayor Mongold proposed an emergency Ordinance to Approve the Village Administrators Residence outside of the Village. Ms. Sloan made the motion to waive the three readings and adopt Ordinance #2020-24 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Arnold. Roll call was taken with all members in favor. Mayor Mongold proposed an emergency Ordinance to hire Police Officer Sydney Doughman. Mr. Walls interrupted to say Resolution #1081 states that in order to hire a new officer it must go to the Police Committee first. Mayor Mongold states that Resolution #1081 counteracts the Ohio Revised Code. Mr. Walls says it does not. Mayor Mongold states that the Mayor hires not the Council. Mr. Walls suggested having the Village Law Director take a look at it. Mayor Mongold stated that there is also a Resolution stated that this portion of the meeting is not open for public discuss and Mr. Walls should have brought this to a council members attention prior to the meeting. Mr. Walls will have the time to discuss it in the public comments section. Mrs. Gibson stated that the ORC states that the Mayor shall appoint all police officers. Mr. Arnold made the motion to waive the three readings and adopt Ordinance #2020-25 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Gottschalk. Roll call was taken with all members in favor. Mayor Mongold proposed an emergency Ordinance implementing a promotion of Sergeant John Grehl to Lieutenant. Ms. Sloan made the motion to waive the three readings and adopt Ordinance #2020-26 and the motion was seconded by Mr. Collings. Roll call was taken with all members in favor with the exception of Mrs. Grehl whom abstained. Mayor Mongold proposed an emergency Ordinance implementing a promotion of Corporal Connie

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Roberts to Sergeant. Mrs. Grehl made the motion to waive the three readings and adopt Ordinance #2020-27 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Sloan. Roll call was taken with all members in favor.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mrs. Gibson suggested buying temporal thermometers under the CARES Act funding. Ms. Cornell states that we have already purchased two of them. Mayor Mongold suggested stocking up on masks and gloves just in case.

COUNCIL COMMENTS: Mr. Collings has a book recommendation to start the new month and it is called "Call to the Presidency." Mr. Arnold stated that he had a gentleman talk to him about trucks running down N. Jackson St. in the early morning hours. Mr. Collings says that he can hear the grain bins running and trains but he may just be used to the noises. Additionally, Mr. Arnold also wanted to state that he wanted to move ahead with the new hire Ordinance because they Village has a difficult time finding officers as it is. Mr. Collings stated that Council wants to do everything by the books and he is certainly willing to listen to any concerns of residence regarding this but in a time prior to the meeting. Mrs. Grehl stated that she had a complaint about lawn mowers running in the middle of the night that she would like to discuss with Mayor Mongold. Mayor Mongold stated that he also received a complaint on a property where trash is stacked up all the way down their house and asked Mr. Grehl to look into it. Mr. Arnold stated that he will help handout or donate candy for the Trunk or Treat event.

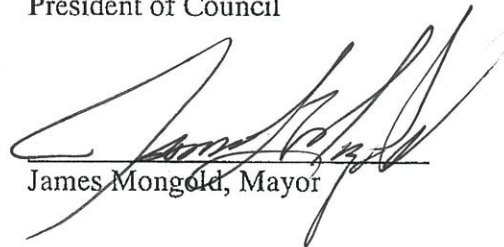
ADJOURNMENT: The Mayor called for adjournment at 8:10PM. The motion was made by Mrs. Mongold and was second by Mr. Collings. Mayor asked for all in Favor: All Ayes with no Nays.

Attest:

Approved:


Nancy L. Cornell
Fiscal Officer


Peggy Sloan
President of Council


James Mongold, Mayor