

The meeting of the Council of the Village of Chagrin Falls was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Mr. Maersch.

Member present: Berkobein, Lutz, Maersch, Muscenti, Newell, Rogoff, Schleper
Members absent: None
Officials present: Mayor Tomko, Bloom, Alunni, Flynn, Lannon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Mr. Newell, seconded by Mrs. Lutz that the minutes of the meeting held March 28, 2016 be approved. Carried. Ayes: Berkobein, Maersch, Lutz, Muscenti, Newell, Rogoff, Schleper. Nays: None.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Tomko reported that Dick Bodwell unfortunately had to resign from the Charter Review Commission. In his place I would like to appoint Gary Gottfried to the Charter Review Commission. Moved by Mr. Schleper, seconded by Mr. Newell to confirm Mayor Tomko's appointment. Carried. Ayes: Berkobein, Lutz, Maersch, Muscenti, Newell, Rogoff, Schleper. Nays: None.

Mayor Tomko said I forwarded to all of Council a list of the village's known capital needs looking as far into the future as we could see and which of those we believe should be addressed in the next five years. I would ask you Mr. President if you could call a Committee of the Whole meeting to discuss those perhaps following the next Council meeting or a special meeting. We need to get an agreement on what we are going to try to do before we can decide on how we are going to finance them.

Mr. Maersch announced that the regularly scheduled Council meeting for May 9, 2016 will convene at 7:00 p.m. rather than 8:00 p.m. with a Committee of the Whole meeting following.

REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR

No report.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO AGENDA ITEMS (NOT TO EXCEED TWO (2) MINUTES PER PERSON)

None.

AUTHORIZATION TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH AUGUSTINE LANDSCAPING

Mr. Muscenti introduced Ordinance No. 2016-12 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH ANTHONY AUGUSTINE, DBA AUGUSTINE LANDSCAPING, FOR THE EVERGREEN HILL CEMETERY 2016-2017 TURF MAINTENANCE PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mr. Muscenti, seconded by Mrs. Lutz that the requirement for reading an ordinance three times be suspended. Carried. Ayes: Berkobein, Lutz, Maersch, Muscenti, Newell, Rogoff, Schleper. Nays: None. Moved by Mr. Muscenti, seconded by Mr. Newell that the ordinance be adopted. Carried. Ayes: Berkobein, Lutz, Maersch, Muscenti, Newell, Rogoff, Schleper. Nays: None. Mr. Muscenti said we received six different bids and this was the lowest and the best bid coming in about \$6,000 lower than what was budgeted. The budget was \$26,000 and the bid was for \$20,000.

TAXICAB FRANCHISE

Mr. Muscenti introduced Ordinance No. 2016-13 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE GRANTING A TAXICAB FRANCHISE TO KELLIE RETTINGER, DBA WHISPERY PINES CARRIAGE RIDES.

Mr. Muscenti placed this ordinance on readings.

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE

No report.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mr. Muscenti said I have had several discussions with Mr. Trace regarding the escalating costs of maintaining the cemetery. From 2012 to 2015 our costs have escalated almost 50%. Mayor Tomko said you will see that there is an even larger increase in parks expense. Rob Jamieson came to the village in 2012 and he started very accurately keeping track of times; prior to that it was more like hold your finger to the wind. Some of this apparent increase may in reality be a reflection of the more accurate time keeping now than a true increase. I think you need to dig into that a bit before you assume. Mr. Muscenti said when I guess it is my point that when I see actual expenditures in 2012 at \$103,000 and the projection for 2016 at \$152,000 I would like to dig into what is happening over there. You had asked Ben to do some investigation. Mayor Tomko said we gave that to you as part of the budget. We looked at taking it back internally versus going on with the contract and it was going to be significantly more expensive to take it internally because we would basically have to hire another full-time employee to do that. I don't have that analysis with me right now but that was provided to you as part of the budget. Mr. Muscenti said we will schedule a meeting.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Ms. Rogoff announced a meeting for Tuesday, May 16, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

No report.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

Mr. Maersch announced a meeting for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 8:00 p.m.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Maersch announced a Committee of the Whole meeting for Monday, May 9, 2016 following the 7:00 Council meeting.

PARKS COMMISSION

Mr. Lutz announced a meeting for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 at 8:30 a.m.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Mrs. Lutz reported that they have been talking about the Ben King Arboretum on Vincent Street. There has been discussion about taking it up a step and maybe making a wild flower garden there. Mrs. Lutz also reported that they are now posting to the village's website and they learned that they can save a lot of money by going out and tagging their own trees and they are very careful about their selection and their combinations of different trees to keep the crop healthy.

ARTS COMMISSION

Mr. Schleper announced a meeting for Monday, May 16, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. He reported that the Arts Commission will be meeting monthly now as opposed to bi-monthly.

PARKING COMMISSION

Mr. Newell announced a meeting for Wednesday, May 11, 2016 at 3:30 p.m.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

No report.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER

No report.

REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

No report.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Fire Marshall Alunni reported that the “Back the Rec” party will be held at the Fire Department on Saturday.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO ANY MATTER (NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) MINUTES)

Kathryn Garvey, 70 East Washington Street, mentioned that the Safe Routes to School Bike-A-Palooza will be held on Saturday from Noon to 3:00 p.m. at the Philomethian Street parking lot.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Schleper asked if there is an update on the re-paving or resurfacing of Mill Street that had been discussed? Mr. Lannon said it will be evaluated. We have looked at the repairs as part of the wall construction and that has held up pretty well. At this point it would be 100% village cost. To do anything beyond the wall, or anything associated with the restoration of the wall pavement, we still have roughly a 30% grant.

Mrs. Lutz announced that the annual village-wide garage sale will be held on Saturday, September 17, 2016.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Maersch adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

President of Council

Clerk of Council