

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

CHAGRIN FALLS VILLAGE COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. SHTROP11

Held FEBRUARY 12, 2018

The meeting of the Council of the Village of Chagrin Falls was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Mr. Maersch.

Member present: DeBernardo, Evans, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Newell, Rogoff
 Members absent: None
 Officials present: Mayor Tomko, Bloom, Jamieson, Zupan, Dacek, Markowitz, Lannon

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved by Ms. Rogoff, seconded by Mrs. DeBernardo that the minutes of the meeting held January 22, 2018 be approved. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Evans, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Newell, Rogoff. Nays: None.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Tomko congratulated Lt. Jason Weiskopf for graduating from the Certified Law Enforcement Executive Program (CLEE). It is a 14-month masters level program in criminal justice, leadership, and administration. Jason is the fourth member of the police department to obtain the CLEE designation.

Mayor Tomko appointed Jeff Opperman to the newly created position on the Parks Commission. Jeff is a trained scientist and environmental in parks matters and I think he would bring a great deal of technical knowledge to our parks. He is a freshwater scientist with over twenty years of experience in working with science and conservation matters. His specific expertise is in aquatic ecology environmental water management and flood plain. Presently he is the global league scientist for freshwater at the Wild Life Association, a lead scientist on the great rivers and partnership with the Nature Conservancy. Previous to that he was a senior freshwater scientist at the Nature Conservancy. He is a resident of the village on West Washington Street.

Moved by Mr. Newell, seconded by Ms. Rogoff to confirm Mayor Tomko's appointment. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Evans, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Newell, Rogoff. Nays: None.

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.

REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR

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Mr. Markowitz introduced his associate Bridey Matheney. He said she will attend the village's next two Council meetings.

Mr. Markowitz reported that the judge on the RITA case in Elyria has ordered the case be moved to Franklin County. The attorneys for the villages in the case have filed to join in the litigation that was previously filed in Franklin County so that is all going to be consolidated. The hearings started today but he hasn't heard anything yet. He gave an overview of the contentions.

Mr. Markowitz said we need to amend our Charter to allow for alternates on the Board of Zoning Appeals and the Architectural Review Board. If Council has no objection I will draft legislation for the next Council meeting and then it would go on the ballot in November.

HUNTING VALLEY FIRING RANGE CONTRACT

Mrs. DeBernardo introduced Ordinance No. 2018-08 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE VILLAGE OF HUNTING VALLEY FOR THE USE OF THE VILLAGE OF HUNTING VALLEY FIRING RANGE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mrs. DeBernardo, seconded by Mr. Newell that the requirement for reading an ordinance three time be suspended. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Evans, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Newell, Rogoff. Nays: None. Moved by Mrs. DeBernardo, seconded by Mrs. Evans that the ordinance be adopted. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Evans, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Newell, Rogoff. Nays: None. Mr. Markowitz said we have had a contract with them before, we are just renewing it. Chief Dacek said there is no change to the contract.

AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BEDFORD

Mrs. DeBernardo introduced Ordinance No. 2018-09 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF BEDFORD FOR BOARDING OF PRISONERS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mrs. DeBernardo, seconded by Mrs. Evans that the requirement for reading an ordinance three time be suspended. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Evans, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Newell, Rogoff. Nays: None. Moved by Mr. Newell, seconded by Mrs. Evans that the ordinance be adopted. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Evans, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Newell, Rogoff. Nays: None. Mrs. DeBernardo said this is a contract renewal. Chief Dacek said there is no change to the contract.

CHAPTER 1340 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES AMENDED

Mrs. Evans introduced Ordinance No. 2018-10 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 1340 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS BY ADDING NEW

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REGULATIONS AND AMENDING SECTIONS 1340.08 AND 1340.19 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Markowitz said the process in the village for unsafe structures, dilapidated structures, and existing hazardous conditions needs to be bolstered up by adding more regulations on how the process works. How to get notices to owners, how to go through the process of demolition if it is required, and giving rights of appeal to the property owners if they disagree with the building inspector's determination. It adds some due process provisions for the property owner and it adds language that we never had in the code before. Comments were heard and questions were answered. Mr. Maersch placed this ordinance on readings.

NAME ALLEY HIMES WAY

Mayor Tomko introduced Ordinance No. 2018-11 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE NAMING THE ALLEY STARTING AT WEST WASHINGTON STREET AND ENDING AT CENTER STREET, BETWEEN WALNUT STREET AND WATER STREET AS HIMES WAY AND AMENDING THE TRAFFIC CONTROL MAP FOR THE VILLAGE OF CHAGRIN FALLS.

Mayor Tomko said we looked for something that we could do to permanently get Ben's name in recognition for his forty years of service with the village. We found this alley that was unnamed and we thought that that would be an appropriate way of permanently recognizing Ben's many years of service. Mr. Maersch placed this ordinance on readings.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

STREETS AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE

Mrs. Grube reported that 35 out of 56 surveys have been returned regarding the assessment on Walters Road. So far there have been no objections. Because not all of the surveys have been returned a notice will go in the newspaper for 14 days as a secondary way of notifying the residents of Walters Road and Hickory Hill of the pending assessment. That will appear in the newspaper on the 22nd and then we give them 14 days and we can start moving forward on the 8th of March. Mrs. Grube announced a meeting for Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:45 p.m.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

Mrs. Evans reported that the committee voted unanimously to pass Ordinance No. 2018-10.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Ms. Rogoff announced a meeting for Wednesday, February 21, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

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Mrs. DeBernardo reported that some changes are being made to the traffic signalization timing. She will have more information at the next meeting.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

None.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

No report.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Maersch acknowledged receipt of the Summary Financial Statements dated January 31, 2018.

PARKS COMMISSION

Mrs. Grube announced a meeting for Tuesday, February 27, 2018 at 3:15 p.m.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Mrs. DeBernardo reported that the commission will have a planting design for the entrance way to Greenbrier ready by the end of March and they will present that design to the residents of Greenbrier. They are pursuing participation in the Arbor Day Foundation Event "The Community Canopy Program", which provides free or low cost trees to residents.

ARTS COMMISSION

No report.

PARKING COMMISSION

None.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Mrs. Lipp reported that the commission continued to have some concerns regarding the stop-gap measure that has been proposed in the 2018 budget. They are concerned that the number of sites to be gained may not justify the expense and they are also concerned about loss of access to some of the sites once the drive is removed. They would like to proceed, or have some idea of the steps that would be involved when we do the big expansion thinking that perhaps making some headway at least in the initial phases may be more beneficial.

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mrs. Grube asked Mr. Jamieson to provide some information on the village's snow removal process.

Mr. Jamieson said snow and ice control is the joint responsibility of the street department and the police department as far as deployment. During the regular scheduled work days 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. the street department self deploys when they see that the road conditions are bad. Also, if police out in the field notice conditions are bad they can also call during the work day and verify that the plows are out. After 3:30 p.m. until 7:00 a.m., as well as the weekends and holidays, that judgement call is up to the police officer in charge. When they determine that the road conditions are getting slippery or becoming a safety hazard then they call the foreman. The road foreman also looks at the weather prediction, what is coming down also the time of day to look at how many people get called in. We operate our crews starting around 4:00 a.m. and sometimes at 3:00 a.m. when we have to clear parking lots and then we work until about 11:00 p.m.

Mrs. Grube said how do you feel about our use of salt because I know you guys have made some adjustments to make sure we are efficient cost wise. Mr. Jamieson said years ago there was really not much focus on the use of salt as much. It was cheaper, it was easier to get, and deliveries were quick. There wasn't as much control in how much has been put down. In about the last ten years there has been a lot more scrutiny used.

Mrs. DeBernardo said does the fact that we have a school in the area and the school makes calls play into your decisions at all with the early morning storms since they tend to make their call a little before 6:00 a.m.? Mr. Jamieson said it doesn't; we are a factor in their decision making. Their schools are located on main routes and there are hills so they are automatically on our priority areas to be treated. They do contact us so when they are making their decision to cancel school or not.

Mr. Maersch said on a percentage basis, do you think we have reduced our salt output? Mr. Jamieson said since we have started using the aqua salina our goal is a 30% reduction and we are probably at a 15% to 20% reduction right now.

Mrs. Grube said does the aqua salina change the wear and tear on the roads? Mr. Jamieson said no, it doesn't.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER

Mr. Lannon reported that we had applied for OPWC funds for the Greenbrier project as well as River and West Streets. Based on the preliminary result I reported back that Greenbrier was a lost cause. Since that time it has reemerged and is a potential candidate at this point. In the meantime, we developed a plan to go it alone on Greenbrier so we will leave that option in place. We will know by the end of March and if it does get money it will be available July 1, 2018.

REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Chief Dacek reported that we have started using the new parking software and we have had 6 online payments already. On February 28th we are having a "Coffee With a Cop" event at 3:00 p.m. at

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Hamlet, which is open to the public. The main topic is the 911 cellular app and there will be general open discussion. They are holding a fund raiser basketball game on March 16, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. Chief Dacek said we would like to form a registry for community members who have family that have dementia, alzheimer, or autism. We will be creating a book with information if somebody has a family member who is prone to wander or has different needs where they may come into contact with law enforcement. We want to make sure our officers are prepared and are familiar with that person so that they can address their situation appropriately.

REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Regarding the Chili Cook-Off in January, Chief Zugan reported that the fire department won best Safety Services chili and the police department came in second.

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

Bob Humphry, manager of Grove Hill Restaurant, said the restaurant is opening for lunch Tuesday through Saturday at 11:00 a.m.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Maersch adjourned the meeting at 8:01 p.m.



President of Council



Clerk of Council