

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

CHAGRIN FALLS VILLAGE COUNCIL

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. SHTR0P11

Held _____ JULY 9, _____ 20 18 _____

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, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Rogoff
 Members absent: Evans, Newell
 Officials present: Mayor Tomko, Bloom, Zugar, Dacek, Markowitz, Jamieson

Moved by Ms. Rogoff, seconded by Mrs. Grube that the absence of Mrs. Evans and Mr. Newell be excused. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Rogoff. Nays: None.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR

Mayor Tomko reported that the village received a refund, of just under \$53,000, from the Bureau of Workers' Compensation.

Mayor Tomko announced that Katie Knauff is our new employee who will be replacing Debbie in the utilities department and Debbie will be moving upstairs to replace Beth who is retiring.

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

Mr. Markowitz reported on the R.I.T.A. appeal.

CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Mr. Markowitz placed on the floor Ordinance No. 2018-44 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A FUNDING MECHANISM FOR THE
CEMETERY-PERPETUAL CARE FUND.

Moved by Mr. Maersch, seconded by Mrs. DeBernardo to amend the version of 2018-44 that we considered last week and replace it with the version that is in our packets today. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Rogoff. Nays: None. It was agreed to have Mr. Markowitz amend the ordinance again to add "all gross revenue from all cemetery operations". Mr. Maersch said this will remain on readings.

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE CITY OF SOLON

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Mayor Tomko introduced Resolution No. 2018-48 entitled:

A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE CITY OF SOLON APPLICATION FOR A GRANT FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES FOR A HIKING/BIKING TRAIL ALONG FORMER CHAGRIN FALLS AND SOUTHERN RAILROAD RIGHT-OF-WAY.

Moved by Mr. Maersch, seconded by Mrs. Grube that the resolution be adopted. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Rogoff. Nays: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:**STREETS AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE**

No report.

FACILITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE

No report.

PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION

Ms. Rogoff announced a meeting for July 16, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

No report.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE

No report.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

No report.

ADMINISTRATION AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE

No report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Mr. Maersch acknowledged receipt of the Summary Financial Statements dated June 30, 2018. There was a general update on the Capital Plan.

PARKS COMMISSION

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Mrs. Grube reported that the commission reviewed a proposal from a parent group regarding concerns and upgrades to the playground in Riverside Park.

SHADE TREE COMMISSION

Mrs. DeBernardo announced a meeting for Thursday, July 12, 2018 at 8:30 a.m.

Mayor Tomko announced his appointment of Ben Himes to the Shade Tree Commission. Moved by Mr. Maersch, seconded by Mrs. DeBernardo to confirm Mayor Tomko's appointment. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Rogoff. Nays: None.

ARTS COMMISSION

No report.

PARKING COMMISSION

No report.

CEMETERY COMMISSION

Mrs. Lipp announced a meeting for Wednesday, July 11, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER

Mr. Jamieson reported on the Walters Road project, the status of the Road Program, the Sidewalk Program, and the library path. He also reported that the bid opening for the Greenbrier Project will take place on Friday, July 13, 2018 at 12:00 p.m. He mentioned that there is a section of pavement on High Street that is going to be patched, with the assistance of Bainbridge Township and their equipment.

REPORT OF THE ENGINEER

No report.

REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF

Chief Dacek reported that they received a Drug Use Prevention Grant for \$941. She also reported that there is a second grant that is available and they hope to buy an upgraded radio system. It is a Federal COPS Grant that requires a 25% match and the school district will match that 25%. She said they will most likely have to purchase the equipment and then get reimbursed for it.

Moved by Mr. Maersch, seconded by Ms. Rogoff to authorize the police department to apply for a grant through the COPS office under the School Violence Prevention Program for a radio system to be used at the Chagrin Falls schools with the understanding that the Chagrin Falls schools will cover the 25% match. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Grube, Lipp, Maersch, Rogoff. Nays: None.

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REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF

Chief Zugan reported that the fire department received a \$5,000 grant to use towards a thermal imager. He reported on an incident that occurred on West Washington Street in South Russell at the Geauga Vision building and the pool of resources that were involved.

Mr. Maersch thanked Fire Marshall Jim Alunni for providing a tour of Rescue 2.

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

Kerry Nelson, 111 Bell Street, said she put \$800 into her golf cart to make it "street legal" and would like to be able to drive it on village streets. Mr. Maersch said the only way she can do that is if the village changes its laws to authorize low speed, under speed, etc., etc. vehicles. Mrs. Nelson said her hybrid golf cart goes 40 MPH, which is the exception to a regular electric golf cart.

Mr. Markowitz said last year we had discussed whether we wanted to consider becoming a permissive village to allow it and there was no support from Council at that time.

Chantel Michalek, 39 West Summit Street, spoke in favor of allowing golf carts on village streets.

Moved by Mr. Maersch, seconded by Mrs. Grube that we refer the issue of changing that providing local authorization for golf carts in Chagrin Falls to the Safety Committee. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Grube, Lipp. Nays: Maersch, Rogoff.

Karen Savel, Nob Hill resident - 411 Solon Road A-3, said there is a problem at the crosswalks on Solon Road. Cars don't stop and when they do stop they get hit from behind. If a car stops and she is crossing the street the car behind that car will come across the double yellow lines. She had a friend get hit there who is now in a wheelchair. She saw a woman with a stroller almost get hit and the car stopped for the crosswalk but then the car behind didn't see them so they hit the brakes, drove the car completely over the curb, and the woman with the stroller had to turn. She said she almost got hit because it is a problem with the cars going around or completely ignoring you when you are in the middle of the street. She said she would like to know if there is something else that could be done there.

Mr. Jamieson said both crosswalks are marked with the appropriate signage, however, they are marked right at the crosswalks. He said he is looking into some "crosswalk ahead" signs so that there is advanced warning. Mayor Tomko suggested placing a bollard in the middle of the road at each crosswalk.

Robbie Grodin, 318 Hillside, complained about the 30 inch high grass at the front of the waster water treatment plant. She said it hasn't been mowed in a year. Mayor Tomko said it has been mowed; there is only a small part that has not been mowed. We took action last year to try to look at where we could cut back on mowing, as an expense control item, and that was one of the areas that we felt that we could cut back on. We were planning on having trees installed there replacing

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the trees that have died in front of the swale. This didn't occur in the Spring so it will happen in October. It is about a 10' section in front of the swale that isn't mowed. The street front property is mowed and the planting bed by the signage is being taken care of. Mrs. Grodin said so I can be assured that from the street to the building will be mowed? Mayor Tomko said no, we will go down and look at it. Mrs. Grodin said from the fence up to the building there is a hill and it is not being mowed. Mayor Tomko said that is the swale that we are not mowing. Mrs. Grodin said I am asking for it to be mowed. Mayor Tomko said it is not going to get mowed. The problem with the swale mowing is that it has to be done by hand around all those trees and it takes an enormous amount of time.

MISCELLANEOUS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Maersch adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m.

President of Council

Clerk of Council