

The meeting of the Council of the Village of Chagrin Falls was called to order on May 8, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. by Ms. DeBernardo.

Members present: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff  
Members absent: None  
Officials present: Mayor Tomko, Jamieson, Gergye, Markowitz, Zupan, Dacek, Lannon

### **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Moved by Ms. DeBernardo, seconded by Ms. Rogoff to approve the minutes from the April 10, April 22, and April 24 meetings. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: None. Abstains: Gutierrez.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

#### **REPORT OF THE MAYOR**

Mr. Mayor presented the 2023 art award to Maeve Brennan.

#### **REPORT OF THE FINANCE DIRECTOR**

Ms. Gergye shared that the administration has begun meetings with the new software company.

#### **REPORT OF THE LAW DIRECTOR**

Mr. Markowitz announced his return to the great state of Ohio!

#### **REPORT OF THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER**

Mr. Jamieson requested a movement to authorize the administration to advertise for bids for the water valve turning trailer.

Moved by Mr. Rockey, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez to authorize the administration to go out for bids for the water valve turning trailer. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

#### **REPORT OF THE ENGINEER**

Mr. Lannon shared that the Maple Street project has made the first cut for congressionally directed spending through Sherrod Brown's office.

## **REPORT OF THE POLICE CHIEF**

Chief Dacek shared that the police department has started their preparations for Blossom Time.

## **REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF**

Chief Zupan shared that they have also begun their preparations for Blossom.

## **COUNCIL COMMITTEE/COMMISSION REPORTS**

### **ADMINISTRATION AND COMPENSATION COMMITTEE**

Mr. Gutierrez shared that he is the new chair of the committee!

### **FACILITIES AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Moved by Mr. Rockey, seconded by Mr. Drum to approve the minutes from the February 23 and March 27 meetings. Carried. Ayes: DeBernardo, Drum, Rockey. Nays: none.

### **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Moved by Ms. Rogoff, seconded by Mr. Corkran to approve the minutes from the March 27 and April 24 meetings. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Rogoff. Nays: none.

### **SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Mr. Drum announced a meeting for June 12, 2023, at 6:45 p.m.

### **STREETS AND SIDEWALKS COMMITTEE**

Moved by Ms. Grube, seconded by Ms. Rogoff to approve the minutes from the February 13 meeting. Carried. Ayes: Grube, Rogoff. Nays: none. Abstains: Gutierrez.

Ms. Grube announced a meeting for May 22, 2023, at 6:30.

### **UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Moved by Mr. Corkran, seconded by Mr. Rockey to approve the minutes from the February 9 meeting. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, Drum, Rockey. Nays: none.

## **ARTS COMMISSION**

Ms. DeBernardo announced a meeting for May 30, 2023.

## **BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS**

Mr. Rockey announced a meeting for May 23, 2023.

## **CEMETERY COMMISSION**

Ms. Grube announced that Memorial Day is May 29, and the commission is meeting Wednesday to get the final details figured out for the ceremony.

Ms. Grube also announced that the stumps in the cemetery have been ground.

## **GROVE HILL COMMISSION**

Ms. Rogoff shared that the clean-up event was a success!

Ms. Rogoff announced a meeting for May 31, 2023.

## **MERCHANT LIAISON**

No report.

## **PARKS COMMISSION**

Moved by Mr. Drum, seconded by Ms. Rogoff to approve the three park events. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

Mr. Drum shared that the parks commission has spent more time discussing the possibility of adding a little free library to Whitesburg Park. The council discussed the idea and expressed concerns.

Moved by Mr. Drum, seconded by Ms. DeBernardo to accept the donation of a little free library for Whitesburg Nature Preserve. Denied. Ayes: DeBernardo, Drum, Grube. Nays: Corkran, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff.

Mr. Drum shared that the Dogwood Valley Club has offered a donation. The commission decided that the best use of the donation would be to revive the garden area at the corner of Vincent Street and Cleveland Street.

Moved by Mr. Drum, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez to accept the donation of less than \$1000 to be put toward plants from the Dogwood Valley Club. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

Mr. Drum also shared that the Grove Hill Commission recommended to the Parks Commission that we officially adopt the name “Grove Hill Park” for the parcel located at the northwest corner of West Cottage Street and North Main Street. The Parks Commission has discussed it and Mr. Drum would like to recommend it to the council.

Mr. Markowitz recommended that this change be made with legislation.

Moved by Mr. Drum, seconded by Ms. DeBernardo to move the summer concert series from Triangle Park to Riverside Park. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rocky, Rogoff. Nays: none.

### **PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION**

Ms. Rogoff announced a meeting for May 15, 2023, at 7 p.m.

### **SHADE TREE COMMISSION**

No report.

### **PRESENTATIONS**

None.

### **PUBLIC HEARINGS**

None.

### **MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO SPEAK TO AGENDA ITEMS (NOT TO EXCEED FIVE (5) MINUTES PER PERSON)**

None.

### **LEGISLATIVE DOCKET**

#### **ORDINANCE NO. 2023-25 FORD F-250 SUPER PICKUP FOR STREET DEPARTMENT**

Mr. Rocky introduced Ordinance No. 2023-25 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH JEFF DRENNEN FORD OF COSHOCTON, OHIO TO ACQUIRE A 2023 FORD F-250 SUPER PICKUP AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mr. Rockey, seconded by Ms. Grube to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 2023-25. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

Moved by Mr. Rockey, seconded by Mr. Corkran to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-25. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-26 PLAYGROUND – DWA RECREATION**

Mr. Rockey introduced Ordinance No. 2023-26 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DWA RECREATION, INC. OF HARRISON, OHIO TO INSTALL A NEW PLAYGROUND AT RIVERSIDE PARK AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Mr. Rockey, seconded by Ms. Grube to suspend the rules for Ordinance No. 2023-26. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

Moved by Mr. Rockey, seconded by Mr. Corkran to adopt Ordinance No. 2023-26. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2023-27 PAVING REPAIRS ON NORTH MAIN STREET**

Ms. Grube introduced Ordinance No. 2023-27 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. OF BURTON, OHIO FOR EMERGENCY PAVEMENT REPAIRS ON NORTH MAIN STREET AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Moved by Ms. Grube, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez to amend Ordinance No. 2023-27 to read, “An Ordinance authorizing the mayor to enter into a contract with Ronyak Paving, Inc. of Burton, Ohio for emergency pavement repairs on North Main Street and declaring an emergency.” Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

Moved by Ms. Grube, seconded by Mr. Corkran to suspend the rules for Ordinance. No. 2023-27. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

Moved by Mr. Grube, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez to adopt Ordinance No 2023-27 as amended. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

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

None.

## **MISCELLANEOUS**

Ms. DeBernardo shared that there has been some discussion on what color the uprights in the new playground should be, as well as the color of the dragonfly.

Moved by Ms. DeBernardo, seconded by Mr. Rockey to select the bronze uprights for the new playground. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

Ms. DeBernardo shared that she received a few different color options for the dragonfly and based on the recommendation of a local parent, Ms. DeBernardo gave the options to Gurney School for students to vote on their favorite. The council is going to keep the color selection secret from everyone. Currently only the Gurney principal, Ms. DeBernardo, and Mr. Jamieson know the color selection.

Moved by Mr. DeBernardo, seconded by Mr. Gutierrez to have Mr. Jamieson order the color selected by the children of Gurney Elementary School for the playground. Carried. Ayes: Corkran, DeBernardo, Drum, Grube, Gutierrez, Rockey, Rogoff. Nays: none.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Ms. DeBernardo adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

*Angela DeBernardo*

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President of Council

*Angela A. Bergese*

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Clerk of Council