Village of Phillipsburg, Ohio

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 08/20/2024

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Members present were President Pro-Temp Brandon Myers, Donna Mullins, Chris Steiner, Heather Craft, Hope Hoard and Steve Booker.

Visitors: Police Chief Mark Wysong, Interim Fire Chief Chris Rowher, Street and Water Commissioner Wendell Harleman and Fiscal Officer Michelle Phillips were all present,

Mayor Shawna Newsom asked for approval of minutes from July 16, 2024, meeting, Donna Mullins motioned, Hope Hoard 2nd, Approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Ordinance #797 An Ordinance Establishing Water Rates And Assessing A Fee For Sewer Debt Reduction For The Village Of Phillipsburg, Montgomery County, Ohio, declaring an emergency. Donna Mullins motioned, Steve Booker 2nd, Approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Resolution #2010 A Resolution Authorizing The Fiscal Officer Of The Village Of Phillipsburg To Advance Funds From The General Fund To The Fire Fund, declaring an emergency. Donna Mullins motioned, Hope Hoard 2nd, Approved by unanimous vote.

Approval of Resolution #2011 A Resolution Authorizing The Mayor To Approve Changing Chris Rowher employment status to Interim Fire Chief and declaring and emergency. Donna Mullins motioned to waive the three reading rule, Brandon Myers 2nd, Approved by unanimous vote. Donna Mullins motioned to approve resolution #2011, Brandon Myers 2nd, Approved by unanimous vote.

Mayor Shawna Newsom – Mayor Newsom stated that in going over the utility bills with the water board, departments were being charged that shouldn't be charged and departments weren't being charged that should be. Donna went through the electric and gas bills and has included a copy of the new proposed charge splits between the departments. Chief Mark Wysong didn't agree with the splits, he stated 30% of the bill was too much for him, he has one bay and its not heated so he shouldn't be charged the gas bill. Mayor Newsom agreed and said that Police will only pay for 10% of the total electric bill and nothing on the gas bill. Chief Wysong agreed. The new bill splits approved by all council members. Mayor Newsom stated that the Fall yard sale date is set for September 26-28, 2024, there will be no bulk pick up after the sale. Mayor Newsom stated that the residents are entitled to one bulk pick up per month. Mayor Newsom asked Kay to put in the paper that the village fire hydrants are village property and the home owners who have them on their property are responsible for keeping a 3 foot clear circumference around them which means free of debris, foliage, weeds and structures. Mayor Newsom stated that she has an update on the PFAS/Wessler engineering update. There are surveyors in the area to survey where the water line from Union will be placed. They have placed loggers on Union's lines to gather a weeks flow of date on Unions water. Mayor Newsom stated that Thursday September 19, 2024 is the date for the town hall

meeting regarding the PFAS water project and that residents can ask any questions they may have. Mayor Newsom spoke with the town's solicitor Ben Mazer to determine if council can serve as a board of zoning appeals, if council agrees then they can be the Board of Zoning Appeals. All council members agreed to serve as the Board of Zoning Appeals. Donna Mullins agreed to serve on the Zoning Planning Commission since one council member is required. Mayor Newsom stated that we need get some residents to volunteer their time to these positions.

Interim Fire Chief Chris Rowher – Chris wanted to clarify that he did look up the Ohio code in reference to the three foot circumference around all fire hydrants and that its correct.

Fiscal Officer Michelle Phillips – Michelle asked for a motion to approve appropriation reallocations for July and August 2024. Donna Mullins motioned, Hope Hoard 2nd, Approved by unanimous vote. Michelle stated that she wanted to remind council members to watch the Fraud Reporting video and to print out the certificate when complete, this must be completed by September 28, 2024.

Wendell Harleman, Street /Water Commissioner – Nothing to report

Chief of Police, Mark Wysong – Chief Wysong stated that the speed pole mounted signs have been delivered. Chief Wysong wanted to know who would be installing the signs. Mayor Newsom stated that her and Donna would be putting the signs together and Chris Steiner stated that he would make sure they get installed properly. Council agreed to place one sign at each village corporation sign on Main and State Streets. Chief Wysong stated that the collected data would be helpful to determine when we have the most speeders and can have officers on duty at those times.

Zoning, Mark Wysong – Chief Wysong stated that he has sent out all of the notices with two of them refusing to pick up, he has attempted to serve a notice to the Elm Street resident but he keeps avoiding him, Mark stated that he will eventually see him and serve the notice. Chief Wysong stated that he is going to serve the other resident their notice this evening.

Brandon Myers, Police/Zoning – Brandon stated that he has found a new website hosting service for the village's website, the cost would be $12 per month and that council members would be able to do the updating. Brandon stated that he drafted up a website on the new platform and emailed it to everyone to take a look at it. All council members approved of the new web site hosting service.

Donna Mullins, Finance – Donna Mullins made a motion to approve and pay bills, Hope Hoard 2nd, Approved by Unanimous vote.

Hope Hoard, Park – Nothing new to discuss.

Chris Steiner, Streets – Nothing new to discuss.

Steve Booker – Steve Booker asked Interim Fire Chief Chris Rowher if the Fire Department purchases their fuel from Phillipsburg because we receive gas tax from the purchase. Interim Fire Chief Chris Rowher stated that they purchase fuel from Speedway in Brookville and Steve Booker stated that the village does not receive any tax from Speedway. Chris Steiner asked if we have ever looked into putting a tank at the firehouse and buy gas in bulk to see if it would be cheaper. Interim Fire Chief Chris Rowher

stated that the Fire Department doesn't use much regular gas but he would look into the cost of a bulk tank for diesel fuel.

Heather Craft, Fire – Nothing new to discuss.

Hearing from public: Ilona Yannekis stated that she wanted the town to take down the tree in the alley behind her property, its overgrown, branches are on her garage and tall weeds growing in the alley. Mayor Newsom stated that she would send Wendell out to look at it. Ilona Yannekis complained of a neighbors fence wanted to know what permits were issued. Mayor Newsom stated that we cannot answer that today but she can put in a public records request to find out.

Continuing Business: None

New Business: None

Brandon made a motion to adjourn at 7:56 pm, Donna Mullins 2nd, All unanimous vote.

Mayor: Shawna Newsom

Fiscal Officer: Michelle Phillips