Village of Phillipsburg, Ohio

COUNCIL MEETING

Date: 10/01/2024

Call to Order: 7:00 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Visitors: Interim Fire Chief Chris Rohwer, and Fiscal Officer Michelle Phillips were all present.

Approval of Resolution #2016 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.

Mayor Shawna Newsom spoke to the Village Solicitor and public recordings are allowed in the galley but speaking while video taping is a disruption and can be grounds for removal from the meeting.

Fiscal Officer Michelle Phillips stated that Clay Township has the Fire check ready and once she receives it, she will pay back the General Fund.

Council member Heather Craft joined the meeting at 7:03.

Mayor Shawna Newsom stated that she had reached out to Ben to get some waivers so Donna Mullins and her family can clear the property of weeds, trees and debris at 20 E. Poplar Street. Mayor Newsom passed around the training availability schedule so council members can choose the dates they're available for a Sunshine Laws training session with Ben. Mayor Newsom asked for approval for repairs made to the truck, the original estimate to replace the bumper was $1,500, $750 from the street fund and $750 from the water fund, the invoice is for $1,800. Donna Mullins motioned, Hope Hoard 2nd, approved by unanimous vote. Mayor Newsom asked council members to fill out the fraud assessment questionnaire that was sent to them from the State Auditors, a few members have yet to fill them out. Mayor Newsom reached out to Ben to see if they were required to be filled out. Ben told Mayor Newsom that it would be in the best interest of the council to fill them out to the best of their knowledge and they can answer N/A if they do not know the answer. Heather Craft complained that the audit could cost the Village up to $8,200 and that is a lot of money the Village does not have. Mayor Newsom stated that we do not have a choice when it comes to the audit and that is why we placed a General Operating Fund Levy on the ballot to help cover expenses. Mayor Newsom thanked Fire Chief Chris Rohwer and the firefighters who helped with all the trees down from the storm and for all the calls they responded to.

The Fire Department will have a Chicken Dinner on November 3, 2024.

Fire Chief Chris Rowher – Fire Chief Chris Rowher stated that Engine 80 has a water leak in the tank, he had three companies come out to give him estimates. Only one company would give him an estimate, the

other two companies said the price would be based on the hours involved, they would pull the body off and put a poly tank in and the cost would be $8,000 - $20,000. Western Ohio Truck and Fire would put a man in the tank and fix it, the cost is $1,089.89. Fire Chief Rohwer said is priority is replacing the medic, it has 150,000 miles, the maintenance has been high, they do not have EMS grants to replace a medic and it would have to be financed. Chief Rohwer is looking at used medics and demo medics. Chief Rohwer stated that he would like to replace Engine 80, he is looking into FEMA Grants & AFG Grants to replace Engine 80, if we received a grant we would have to come up with some of the money for example if the new engine is $750,000, the village would be responsible for approximately $60,000 out of pocket and can be financed. Chief Rohwer stated that he would like approval for $2,500 to a grant writer to write an AFG grant for some new air packs. The fire departments air packs are from 1997, they are only good for 15 years they're way beyond their life and they can no longer be hydro tested. If we receive the grant we would be responsible for 5% of the total cost, the total cost to replace 21 air packs, 42 cylinders is estimated at $240,000 - $245,000. If we receive the grant the old packs will have to be sent out and destroyed. If we do not receive the grant, the grant writer will offer a rewrite grant at a much cheaper price. Donna Mullins made a motion to approve $2,500 to a grant writer to write the grant, Chris Steiner 2nd, Approved by unanimous vote. Steve Booker made a motion to approve $1,089.89 tank repair on Engine 80, Chris Steiner 2nd, Approved by unanimous vote. Chief Rohwer wanted to update council about Emergency Networking Software, Ben will review the contract and provide them with a written 30 day notice to terminate the contract. Approval of new contract with ESO will be on hold until we hear back from Ben. We have not paid the invoices from Emergency Networking they have failed to return our calls or emails; the CAD integration has still not been completed. Council agreed to let Ben send the letter to Emergency Networking. Chief Rohwer stated that Ben has reviewed the MOU between the Village of Phillipsburg and the Village of Pitsburg, shared use of staff car to be used at both agencies and Ben had no concerns. Both Villages would share the staff car and both agencies would share the expenses 50/50, this would be a cost reduction for us, we would share the fuel and the maintenance. Chief Rohwer spoke to the insurance company and it would be covered on the insurance. If anything happens when responding to a call in Pitsburg, then Pitsburg would be responsible for the deductible and hold harmless clause, the Village of Pitsburg Fire would hold the Village of Phillipsburg harmless should anything happen. He would like to update the decals on the staff car to PFD and chief that would work for both agencies, the Village of Pitbsurg Fire Association would pay for the new decal.

Chief of Police, Mark Wysong – Not present

Zoning, Mark Wysong – Not present

Brandon Myers, Police/Zoning – Nothing new to discuss.

Donna Mullins, Finance – Nothing new to discuss.

Hope Hoard, Park – Hope Hoard stated that she wanted to discuss changing to ESO but Chris already covered it.

Chris Steiner, Streets –Chris updated the progress on installing the speed signs, he is contacting OUPS, he said that since these are solar powered we will not need an electrician to install them. He is looking on getting the poles and brackets to install the signs.

Heather Craft, Fire – Nothing new to discuss.

Steve Booker – Nothing new to discuss.

Hearing from public: Andy Newsom asked Fire Chief Chris Rohwer if they have a pack charging manifold, Chief Rohwer stated that they use a MACO unit for charging. Andy Newsom asked who OUPS was and Chris Steiner stated that it is Ohio Utilities Protection Service and they come out and mark the utility lines.

Continuing Business: None

New Business: None

Brandon Myers made a motion to adjourn at 8:03 pm, Hope Hoard 2nd, All unanimous vote.

Mayor: Shawn L Newsom

Fiscal Officer: Michelle Phillips