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February 21, 2022

The regular meeting of council, open to the public, was called to order by Mayor Dennis Finley at 7:30 P.M. with the following council members present: Sword, Scheibe, Johns, Nussbaum and Rabatin.

Note: After the meeting, Council was saddened to learn that Council Member Rodi-Barbera passed away the day before.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a moment of silence was observed.

Guests

Solicitor Kendra Carpenter, Jim Bucklew, and Don Matz were in attendance.

Public Participation

Jim Bucklew thanked council for the opportunity to attend the Ohio Township Association training in January.

Nussbaum made motion to accept and approve the January 17, 2022 minutes noting a correction to the EWFD radio grant information, second by Johns. All council members voted yes.

Committee Assignments and Reports

Finance

Motion to accept and approve payments and invoices made by Johns, seconded by Sword. All council members voted yes.

Fiscal Officer

Bank balance as of 1/31/2022 is \$1,599,276.94. Receipts totaled \$124,927.98; Payments totaled \$123,814.17. A payment listing is attached. January tax receipts: \$33,864 and utility receipts: \$56,739.

Local Government Services completed their audit and adjustments in UAN made per the auditor's recommendations. Closed 2021 and filed reports with the State.

Douglas Insurance is working on the liability insurance renewal. Will be presenting two quotes, Ohio Plan and a policy endorsed by the Ohio Municipal League.

Michelle Clos hired as BPA Clerk and started last month.

Ord 22-02 Dalton's permanent appropriations for 2022 on tonight's agenda.

CCA is evaluating whether on-site tax preparation for residents is possible this year. CCA will prepare tax returns for residents if they complete a form and send their tax documents by mail. Forms available on CCA's website.

Council member Sword requested a cost analysis of the Agri-Sludge contract by May meeting.

Mayor Finley provided an update that as of March 1, 2022, the Village will be handling the water operations internal as there is a qualified employee on staff to cover this responsibility. Village applied for license to land apply sludge. This will reduce sludge removal sludge. Expect to receive license within next few months.

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Dave Reynolds requested approval to purchase a canopy structure for salt storage. Purchase would eliminate the use of tarps to cover salt, waste due to salt getting wet, and reduce labor costs associated with handling the salt. Motion by Sword to approve the purchase of the structure at a cost not to exceed \$9,553 from the capital fund. Second by Scheibe, all council members voted yes.

BPA

Reviewing BPA handbook specific to shut off policy.

Camera system that was installed has assisted staff in monitoring plant operations and reduced need for staff call backs.

Parcel at N Wenger and Route 30 has been purchased by Peter Kiko. Peter Kiko and Jeremiah Schwartzentruber attended the BPA meeting to present a site plan for the parcel and request information on extending water and sewer to the buildings and the merits of annexation. Phase 1 is Wayne Savings Dalton branch. Possible Phase 2 - a second commercial building, depending on the ability to secure tenants.

Property owner will be responsible for tap fees for sewer and water for each building, expense of running the lines from the east side of Wenger to the west side. Parcel is currently out of the corporation limits. For the Village to consider any additional work related to this parcel, it should be annexed. It sounds as if Wayne Savings is coming regardless of whether the parcel is annexed. Peter Kiko is going to confer with them to see how the bank feels about annexation. BPA discussion in their meeting was that they are going to follow the policies in the handbook regarding new construction requirements and process.

Unless the parcel is annexed, no consideration will be given to financial requests by owner. No current policy exists mandating annexation related to water and sewer, it is requested however. Topic should be reviewed by BPA Committee for a recommendation for council. Out of corporation water and sewer accounts pay higher rates for water and sewer.

Public Safety

LED flashlights have been purchased for cruisers.

Emergency Management Plan for the community. With recent bad weather, Mayor Finley reviewed plan and performed a trial run. Discussed options for communicating emergency alerts to residents.

Mayor Finley followed up with ODOT regarding the Wenger road crossover. ODOT was not aware of motorists continuing to drive through. May be being used by State Patrol.

East Wayne Fire District

Council Member Rabatin reported the board met in February. Highlights include: a discussion about entering into an agreement through the county fire chiefs for specialty teams (ex fire investigation, hazmat, water rescue) at an annual fee of \$2500 per year, at this point EWFD commitment is personnel. Discussion on staffing issues including recruitment and retention, shift coverage now accomplished through existing ranks. Study regarding pay rates for surrounding departments for

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comparison. Discussed implementing a fee for repeat false fire alarms to help recoup some of the cost of repeated false alarms at businesses. Other ideas presented for consideration include a quarterly newsletter. Legal and capital subcommittees disbanded.

Council had asked for follow-up on washing personal vehicles and remote work/overtime. Board voted to prohibit the washing of personal vehicles at the fire district and confirmed there is no overtime for remote work. With the staffing shortage, Chief encouraged to limit remote work to assist in shift coverage.

Meeting to discuss Dalton Volunteer Fire Department lease was scheduled earlier in the month of February, but cancelled. Has not been rescheduled at this point, but expect it will be in near future, as EWFD is operating on an extension.

Fiscal Officer filed levy documents with the County Auditor.

Presented proposed changes to the Articles of Incorporation to representative from Marshallville council.

Extra staff helped cover additional workload that resulted from recent bad weather and flooding.

Council Member Johns will fill in for two upcoming meetings. 102 calls year to date.

Discussed response time on two recent calls and how to resolve manpower shortages. Recruitment being stepped up for additional hiring, calling mutual aid to assist with response time when manpower is an issue.

Police Chief

Several vehicle repairs have been necessary in the department this month.

Street and Park

Spring Clean-up – Dave Reynolds proposes a one-day clean up at Village Green Park. Dalton police would provide traffic control. Expect a substantial amount of waste as it has not been held in the past 2 years. Would be limited to Village residents and we would have to manage what comes in as not all items are acceptable (ie, paint, computers, etc). Unable to provide a quote due to increasing costs. Potential dates are April 2 or April 9.

Motion by Johns to hold Spring Clean-up Day at a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Second by Rabatin.

As a result of discussion, Nussbaum moves that the original motion be amended to not exceed \$12,000. Second by Johns and all council member voted yes to amend the original motion.

All council members voted yes to approve Village Clean-up days at a cost not to exceed \$12,000.

Motion to move the discussion of Clean-up Days to the Street Committee by Sword and seconded by Nussbaum. All council members voted yes.

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Street Committee will meet on March 3, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall to discuss specifics and logistics of Clean-up days.

Park and street committee met to review variance request to allow a fence to be installed across the Village's right of way. Committee recommended by a vote of 3-0 that approval should not be granted to allow the installation of a fence over a Village right of way because doing so hinders the Village's ability to access lines for repairs. Will review existing fence ordinance at next committee meeting. Resident has been notified of the decision.

Planning Commission

Did not meet but Village has received the storm water prevention plan for the P.G. Dunn proposed park. Plans have been forwarded to engineer for review.

Mayor's Report

Fines for month of January were \$390.00

Have not received any new information on the Village's grant application for the water line project.

ORDINANCE 22-02

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF DALTON, STATE OF OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

A motion was made by Sword and seconded by Scheibe to suspend the rule requiring a resolution be read on three separate occasions and that Ordinance 22-02 be accepted and passed as an emergency measure by title only. All council members voted yes.

A motion to accept Ordinance 22-02 by title only was made by Sword and seconded by Johns. All council members voted yes.

Old Business

ODOT/Wenger Rd crossover – ODOT not aware of problems, suggest that State Highway Patrol may be using the crossover for emergency use.

New Business

Proposed Employee Travel Expenses policy and American Recovery Act Funds information provided to council for review for the March meeting.

Shady Lawn repayment agreement includes paying current monthly balance and \$5,000 per month on delinquent balance.

Armstrong rates will be increasing for some services.

No executive session

Council members who wish to have a topic included on the agenda should forward the information to the Mayor.

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Motion by Sword and second by Rabatin to adjourn. All council members voted yes.

Meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Mayor Dennis Finley

Council President Patrick Sword

Fiscal Officer Neena Miller