



## Minutes of Special Council Meeting

Held March 3, 2020

At 5:30 p.m. the Honorable Mayor Scott Garrett called the meeting to order stating the reason for the Special Council Meeting was to pass Resolution R-2020-3 and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country.

Roll Call: Cheryl Belknap – present Lawrence Cunningham – present  
Cindy Cale – present Cheryl Taylor – present  
Terrie Altieri – present Sherri Pennington – present

Also present were: Debbie Blewitt and Tom Reitz.

Finance by Cindy Cale

Mrs. Cale read Resolution R-2020-3 **A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AGREEMENT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING PERTAINING TO THE PENDING OPIOID LITIGATION SETTLEMENT FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and made a motion to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Mrs. Taylor and carried by a 6 – 0 vote. Mr. Reitz explained that the Attorney General is looking for a show of force from Ohio municipalities to show the pharmaceutical companies that the whole State of Ohio is behind this lawsuit and if the pharmaceutical companies do not come up with a settlement the whole State of Ohio is behind this lawsuit. Mr. Reitz said any money that comes from this settlement would be restricted to certain drug programs, drug training, drug recovery, and narcain and some of these things could be beneficial to the Village's Police Department. Mr. Reitz said if Council doesn't pass this Resolution then the Village would be on its own to pursue legal action against the pharmaceutical companies. Mr. Reitz said if the Council does pass this Resolution, there may be settlement and some part of that settlement may trickle down to the Village of Windham or it may not settle after 10 to 15 years of litigation. Mr. Reitz said he believes the Village's best course of action would be stay in the settlement because even if the Village does not get any money from this they will be no worse off for it because there is no cost to the Village. Mrs. Cale made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2020-3, which was seconded by Mrs. Altieri and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Cale made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Taylor and carried by unanimous vote at 5:44p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheree M. Taylor, Clerk of Council

Attest,

Scott Garrett, Mayor

**\*\* NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUMMARY BY DIRECTION OF COUNCIL \*\***

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