

Village of Windham Ohio

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

Held May 25, 2021

At 7:00 p.m. the Honorable Mayor Scott Garrett called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country.

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

Also present were: Tom Reitz, Debbie Blewitt, Tom Brett, Dan Morganati, and Denise Bly.

Mrs. Cale made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 26, 2021 Special Council Meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Cale made a motion to approve the minutes of the May 11, 2021 Special Council Meeting, which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Fiscal Officer Cheree Taylor gave the Financial Reports as follows: The Income Tax collected year to date April 30, 2021 was \$161,814.19. The expenditures for the month of April 2021 were \$142,955.40 in checks and charges. Check numbers 36948 through 37013 were paid from the primary checking account during April 2021 with two checks, numbers 36958 and 36964, voided during the month. Direct Deposit Vouchers 180-2021 through 209-2021, 212-2021 through 231-2021, and 239-2021 through 263-2021 were also paid during the month of April 2021. The all funds reconciled balance for April 2021 was \$1,864,406.27.

Village Council President's report by Lawrence Cunningham – Mr. Cunningham had nothing at the time.

Dispatchers Police, Fire and Rescue Reports for April 2021 by Cindy Cale – Mrs. Cale made a motion to accept the Police, Fire, and Rescue Reports for April 2021, which was seconded by Ms. Belknap and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Mayor's Communication by Scott Garrett – Mr. Garrett said thanked everyone that was involved in helping with the Community Clean-Up. There was a tremendous community outreach for this event.

Prior requests of guests to speak – Dan Morganati from the Portage County Land Bank gave Council a report on the Land Bank and what they have coming up for 2021 and how they might be able to assist the Village with abandoned properties and tax delinquent properties. The Land Bank is transitioning more to rehabbing properties instead of demolition.

Finance by Cindy Cale

Mrs. Cale made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer's expenditures for the month of April 2021 as reported. Mrs. Altieri seconded this motion and it carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Cale made a motion to approve the all funds reconciled bank balance for April 2021 in the amount of \$1,864,406.27 as reported. Mrs. Altieri seconded the motion which carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Safety, Personnel, Rules (SPR) by Terrie Altieri

Mrs. Altieri made a motion to approve hiring Vinnie Valentini and Chaz Hoskin as part-time Police Officers effective May 23, 2021. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Cale and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Altieri read Ordinance O-2021-9 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 155.11-OVERTIME AND COMPENSATORY TIME**. This was a first read. Mr. Reitz said he attached two exhibits so that Council can decide which one they want to go with, the legislation is only on the first read so they have time to look these over. Mrs. Cale said whichever exhibit is decided on; she thinks this pay should be retroactive to when Joe Summers left in January.

Utilities by Cheryl Taylor – Mrs. Taylor had nothing at the time

Service Committee by Cheryl Belknap

Ms. Belknap read Ordinance O-2021-8 **AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT WITH RONYAK PAVING, INC. FOR THE VILLAGE OF WINDHAM, 2020 STREET RESURFACING PROJECT, IN PORTAGE COUNTY, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and made a motion to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Mrs. Cale and carried by a 6 – 0 vote. Mrs. Belknap made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-2021-8, which was seconded by Mrs. Cale and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Economic Development by Lawrence Cunningham – Mr. Cunningham said he has a meeting coming up to look into getting more businesses to come into the Village.

Parks and Recreation by Sherri Pennington – Mrs. Pennington said we're looking to have the Fall Fest on September 25, 2021 and they will be scheduling a planning meeting for that sometime next week. Debbie Blewitt said the American Legion is donating \$2,000 for a new swing set for the Park.

Planning Commission by Scott Garrett – Mr. Garrett had nothing at the time.

Solicitor's Report by Tom Reitz – Mr. Reitz said that he sent a memo to Council on the most recent COVID regulations.

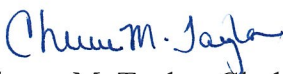
Guest Recognition – None.

Last Chance of Council to Speak on Any Subject – Tom Brett said the cleanup at the Owens property is still on going. Debbie Blewitt said Jake Eye has begun mowing nuisance properties and wants Council to consider changing the Ordinance from 10 days to 5 days to get your property mowed before the Village will come in and mow it and it will be assessed to the taxes.

Council looked at the calendar for June 2021. The Committee meetings (Parks & Recreation and Committee of the Whole) will be Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The Council Meeting will be Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. All meetings will be held at the Community Building.

Mrs. Cale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mrs. Altieri and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chere M. Taylor, Clerk of Council

Attest,


Scott Garrett, Mayor

**** NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUMMARY BY DIRECTION OF COUNCIL ****
All Council & Committee Meetings will be held in Windham Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.