

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Village of Put-in-Bay Council

Tuesday, March 9th, 2021

12:15 PM

Mayor Dress called the meeting to order at 12:15 PM.

Roll: Koehler; absent, Market; present, Berry; present, Faris; present via Zoom, McCann; present, Boyles; present.

Susan Anderson present. Mark Hummer present via Zoom.

Paragon Presentation:

Two Paragon Investigations representatives presented council with a detailed description of what the background check would entail. (see handout)

Council discussion on Village need for background checks. Paragon representatives answered all council and public questions.

ACTION OF COUNCIL NEEDED:

Minutes:

Berry moved to approve the Meeting Minutes from February 2021 Regular Meeting and February 2nd, Special Meeting. Second by Market.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Financials:

Market moved to approve February 2021 Financial Statements including: (Then & Now Purchase Orders/PO's over 3K/Supplemental Appropriations/Mayor's Court). Second by Berry

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Market moved to approve the bills to be paid in March. Second by Berry.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Market moved to approve the 1st installment MOLL in the amount of \$4,959.00. Second by McCann.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Vacation Usage:

Market moved to approve Karen Goaziou use to 3 vacation days prior to annual anniversary accrual April 1, 2021. Second by Berry.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Recoup Agreements:

Market moved to approve the 2021 Re-coup Agreements and Payment. (see attached) Second by McCann.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Training:

Market moved to approve Interim Chief Kimble to attend Human Trafficking Investigation Training, March 9-10th, 2021 London, Ohio. Second by Berry.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Rules and Regulations:

Market moved to approve the Rules/Regulations of the Utility Department Handbook; Final Copy. Second by Berry.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Public Access to Council Meetings:

Discussion took place on this issue.

Council members stated it needs to be all or nothing when it comes to public access. Different options were discussed.

Faris moved to table this until Fiscal Officer can research different options. Boyles second.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

PIB Floating Tiki Business License

Lengthy discussion took place. Per Village Policy, Mayor and Designee approve business licenses. F.O. brought to Council attention due to exemption to resort and sales tax. F.O. will ask business owner about parking and signage. Rules and Ordinance Committee will meet to discuss Charters Businesses in the Ordinance.

Berry suggested scheduling a meeting to Faris. Will review and let committee know when a date is scheduled.

Lodging Tax Letter:

Faris moved to approve the Lodging Tax letter to be sent out. Berry second.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Faris will send over ideas to incorporate in the letter to the Fiscal Officer.

Interns:

Faris moved to approve Water and Wastewater Plant Interns at \$15/hour. Market second.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Birds Nest Meter:

Village Administrator summarized the Birds Nest meter issue; (see document attached)

Discussion took place on meter readings. Ryan Daugherty; employee of the Birds Nest was present and explained meter inconsistencies that the business endured.

Market moved to table discussion. Berry second.

Boyles disagreed with Market's motion to table.

Boyles moved to cut amount in half, and Birds Nest pays for new meter and testing.

*motion died for lack of second.

Market removed original motion, Berry removed second.

McCann moved that the Birds Nest be financially responsible for everything until they can prove the usage. Second by Berry.

Susan Anderson suggested to amend the motion not to be contingent on proving the water usage.

McCann amended his prior motion; Berry amended her second.

McCann moved to deny the Birds Nest request for refund. Berry second.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Generator Project:

Boyles moved to approve the Transtar Bid for the Generator Project in the amount of \$90,839.00. Second by Berry.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

American Legion Donation:

Market moved to approve \$350.00 donation to the American Legion for Memorial Day celebrations. Berry second.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Senny Capital Recovery:

Approve: Senney request for Capital Recovery for sewer line on Chapman Rd.

*No action is needed on this. Village Administrator presented council on how the project is coming along.

Curb Repair:

Village Administrator explained Curb Repair quote for \$3,650.00. Village Administrator asking for up to \$4,000.00 for an addition to the project. Additions include portion of Delaware Ave that always produces a huge puddle. Expenditure to be made from Fund 2011; Street Construction Maintenance and Repair.

Market moved to approve the expenditure up to \$4,000.00 for curb repair, to come out of Fund 2011. Berry second.

Roll: Market; yes, Berry; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

MAYOR REPORT:

Police Dept will receive grant monies to purchase an ATV. Mayor had found private donor to contribute the remaining amount for the purchase. Anderson will brief council on purchase later in the meeting.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Berry exit meeting before public participation takes place.

Anita McCann:

Thanked Council for considering public access via Zoom for council meetings.

3 questions directed to council:

1. Personal cellphone usage during meetings
2. Concerns with the special meeting posting from March 2nd, 2021. Newspaper publication was made aware of meeting details.

3. PDF files were used as Exhibits in the Bruce Winters trial involving possible conversations between Mayor and K. Blumensaadt were used as evidence in Bruce Winters hearing. Questioned Mayor's agenda.

Anderson stated that personal attacks are prohibited in public participation.

Anderson also stated the proper practice of posting special meeting notice's and action that can and can not take place.

Christine Ontko:

Would like council support in her spearheading a committee regarding "one island one government"; and in educating the public on how it could be helpful and beneficial.

Mayor Dress exit meeting.

President of Council Berry exit meeting at 1:35 PM

Melinda Myers:

Concerns with the Special Meeting posting on March 2nd, 2021.

Anderson stated the posting was legal and provided enough explanation on the purpose of the meeting per Ohio Law.

REPORTS:

Police Department: Dana Mullins:

Records Retention is underway. Car fleet cleanup will take place within the next week or so. Hiring of seasonal officers are underway and planning of the mini academy is also taking place.

Boyles asked Mullins about how she conducts her background checks on possible hires.

Administrator:

Received monies from the LoPresti property sale that is owed to Chan Stevens.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Council will need to make a motion to direct legal to work with Paragon on a background check plan fit for the Village's needs.

Boyles moved to approve legal to move forward with Paragon and a background check package fit for the Village's needs. Market second.

Roll: Market; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

Boyles moved to enter executive session for the discussion of pending and imminent litigation and terms and conditions of the employment of a public employee. McCann second.

Roll: Market; yes, Faris; yes, McCann; yes, Boyles; yes.

McCann asked Village Admin. if a Townhall/Property Committee meeting can be scheduled for the discussion of the Erie Street property. Susan had done research done on the possibility of a direct sale of portion of Erie Street property to the park; Village cannot sell outright, would have to lease. May be able to bid it, but for a specific purpose. Village would have to articulate legitimate reasons for stipulations on a lease.

Auger will work with McCann and other committee members to set a date.

Council entered executive session at 2:01 PM.

McCann moved to exit executive session. Market second.

Roll: Market; yes, Faris; yes, Boyles; yes, McCann; yes.

Council exit executive session at 2:30 PM.

Boyles moved to adjourn. McCann second.

Roll: Voice vote; all yes.

Meeting adjourned at 2:31 PM

Mayor

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Council may enter Executive Session for the discussion of pending and imminent litigation and real property issues.