

Special Council Meeting &

Workshop Meeting

March 23rd, 2020

SPECIAL MEETING

Mayor Mohler calls the Special Meeting to order with the following members present; Mr. Rice, Mr. Locke, Mr. Hampton, Ms. Smith, Mr. Allen, and Mr. Loomis. Tom Collins and Lacey Tumblin were also present. This Special Meeting was called to approve Pay Request #1 in the amount of \$56,475, payable to Tuscon Excavating in regards to the Reservoir #1 and #2 Dam Breaching Project. The motion is made by Mr. Hampton, and seconded by Mr. Locke. Motion carried.

Motion to adjourn the Special Meeting is made by Mr. Hampton, and seconded by Mr. Rice. Motion carried.

WORKSHOP

First up on the agenda is the Burr Oak Regional Water District will have a .50 cent per 1,000-gallon rate increase effective July 1,2020. The Burr Oak 2019 Water Quality Report, the Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available if anyone is interested in a copy one will be made available.

Next up is to discuss the sidewalk replacement quote. MHCC (Matt Headley) has given a quote to remove, and replace the concrete ramp and sidewalk at the small shelter house for \$3,500. Council feels like this is a hazard and needs to be replaced.

The Scaggs Zero Turn Mower is in need of a new engine. The quote to have it fixed is \$3,020, if they were to replace it with a new mower it would be between \$12,00-14,000. The mower is in great shape and well worth replacing the engine. It is used in many areas including the water plant, sewer pump stations and the backup mower for the park. Council agrees that is worth the money to have the mower fixed.

The Village has received a quote from Johnson Controls to replace the fire alarm at the Rec Center. It is estimated that it will cost approximately \$7,500 to replace the alarm. While speaking about the Rec Center it is brought up that the air conditioning units will need to be replaced. This is not something that the HAPCAP Grant will be covering, and will cost a great deal of money.

The Perry County Historical Society plans to display local history from each Village within Perry County during the fair. They ask that Council decide what they would like to display, and appoint "someone" as their contact person for the display. Barb Shiplett is who is in charge of these displays. It would not have to be a Council Member; it could be a member of the community who is interested in helping. After minimal discussion, no Council Member steps forward to be the contact person for the Village.

The estimate for the new Fire Station came back higher than expected. The plan is to move forward and put it out for bid to see what the costs come back in at. The money for the Fire Station will be moved in to a Star Ohio account so it can be earning a higher interest rate then what it is currently receiving in the bank account.

The majority of the meeting was spend discussing the Coronavirus (COVID-19) and the impact that it is, and will have on the Village of Crooksville. Rodney Walters has a meeting with the sheriff's department tomorrow to discuss the changes that will be necessary during this time. He would like for the Police, Fire, and EMS to be able to help with delivery of groceries and pharmacy supplies for those who are most likely to be effect by the virus. With the Department of Motor Vehicles shut down, they will not be pulling people over for expired vehicle tags, or expired drivers license until all of this is over with. Officer Devin Holm and his K-9 partner Rocky have completed their training.

There is a lengthy discussion on the pool. With no one sure how long this stay at home order, and social distancing will remain in place; it is unclear on whether or not we will be able to open the pool this season. Some Council members feel that even if it is towards the end of the season, they would still like to be able to open the pool to give people the chance at normalcy. With so many uncertain factors at play, we will just have to wait and see what happens and if the pool will be able to open or not. Certain the hope of all is to be able to open the pool at some point.

During this time of financial uncertainty, the Village will have to cut back on many unessential expenditures. Any expenses will have to be an "emergency" or "necessity". There will need to be some cut backs made in regards to staffing, any part time help will be cut back to try and save some money. There will be no community service being done at this time. Mayors Court will be postponed until further notice. The recycling bins have been removed from behind the Administration Building, due to the fact they are closed.

There is discussion on how we would be able to help people with their utility bills. There is no chance that we would be able to wave the fee. The majority of Council feels like it will have to be taken on a case by case basis. The income tax deadline has not at this time been pushed back, so as of now the deadline is still April 15th, but we will go by the state guideline.

The park will remain open, but should only be used by families or individuals. The park is not open for gatherings or for sports teams to practice during this time. People need to remember that social distancing will help the spread of the COVID-19.

As a reminder there will be no meeting next Monday the 30th because it will be the fifth Monday of the month. The next regular council meeting will be held April 6th.

Chris Mohler

Mayor

Marilyn Horner

Fiscal Officer