
Village of New Madison

**Council Meeting
March 15, 2021
6:00 p.m.**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Schlechty. Present for the meeting were Darin Dubbs, James Lawrence, Justin Spencer, Gail Farmer, Chas Godsey, Solicitor Mike Rieman

Absent: Karl King

Visitors: Brian Anderson, Chris Pearson, Doug Hollinger, Troy Dubbs, Adam Hollinger, Randy Mikesell

Chris Pearson representing Tri-Village Schools asked whether Doug Hollinger could remove a portion of village fencing to allow work to be completed from one area of school property – crossing village property – and back to school property. Hollinger explained he would move dirt from behind the visitor’s bleachers at the football field and need to cross the drive going to the village well field. He plans to mound dirt across the drive to protect village water lines. After completion the dirt will be removed and fence restored. Project expected to begin April 1, 2021. Solicitor Rieman will draft a contract agreement to be signed by school and council.

Adam Hollinger purchased the village truck and asked for consideration of payment for half of the amount in rebuilding the transmission.

Lawrence motioned to accept the minutes for February 8, 2021; second by Godsey.

Yea – Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey, Motion passed

Dubbs motioned to accept the cash summary by fund; second by Lawrence.

Yea – Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Dubbs motioned to accept the appropriations payment register; second by Lawrence.

Yea – Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Lawrence motioned to accept the revenue receipt register; second by Dubbs.

Yea – Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Dubbs motioned to accept the February 2021 bank reconciliation; second by Farmer.

Yea – Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Mayor's Report: Mayor Schlechty spoke of participating with "We are the Majority" at Tri-Village Schools. Group advocates for a drug free/alcohol free lifestyle. Mayor Schlechty signed a Proclamation declaring the week of April 5, 2021 as "We are the Majority Awareness Week." Schlechty reported on the Darke County General Health District meeting.

Parks & Recreation:

Safety & Security:

Sewage, Sanitation & Water:

Streets & Infrastructures:

Growth, Development, Zoning & Annexation:

Finance, Audit & Economic Development:

Personnel:

Cemetery:

Fire Department:

Rescue Squad:

Fiscal Officer Report:

Unfinished Business: Dubbs motioned to suspend the rules and read Resolution 21-03 by title 2nd & 3rd time approving the contract for farming services for the Village of New Madison; second by Farmer.

Yea - Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Dubbs motioned to adopt Resolution 21-03; second by Lawrence.

Yea - Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Spencer reported on estimate for the village website and he has contacted someone to get a second estimate.

New Business: Darke County Parks Grant – Schlechty will be attending March 17th meeting at 6:30 p.m. Suggestions for grant application are: metal roof on shelter at Drew Park and new picnic tables at Drew Park as well as paving parking lot.

Dubbs motioned to suspend the rules and read Resolution 21-02 by title 2nd & 3rd time confirming employment of Evan Saylor as part-time summer employee; second by Lawrence.

Yea - Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Dubbs motioned to adopt Resolution 21-02; second by Lawrence.

Yea - Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Farmer motioned to enter executive session at 6:36 p.m. for reason of Potential Litigation and Personnel.

Council returned from executive session at 7:10 p.m.

Dubbs motioned to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 21-01 by title 2nd & 3rd time authorizing a settlement agreement regarding potential litigation and declaring an emergency; second by Lawrence.

Yea - Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Dubbs motioned to declare an emergency on Ordinance 21-01; second by Farmer.

Yea - Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Dubbs motioned to adopt Ordinance 21-01; second by Lawrence.

Yea - Dubbs, Lawrence, Spencer, Farmer, Godsey Motion passed

Farmer suggested council seek grants for removal of water tower, a bridge for crossing to well field and streets.

Farmer motioned to adjourn at 7:31 p.m.; second by Dubbs. Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is April 19th at 6:00 p.m.

Monica L. Schlecty

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