

Council Meeting – Council Chambers September 4, 2024 – 7:00 pm Mayor Mark A. Cegelka presiding

Mayor Mark Cegelka called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and all present said the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present:

Jeff Adie, Don Banas, Tony DeCarlo, Barb DiBacco, Gurvis Smith, Larry Sylver

Others Present:

Law Director Mark Marong, Engineer Mike Henry, Chief Greg Curtin

Economic Development Director Jeremy Rowan, Clerk of Council Lori Kovach

Absent:

Finance Director John Veres, Building Official Braden Thomas

The minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 7, 2024 were approved. (Sylver/Adie)

Roll Call:

Yeas - Adie, Banas, DeCarlo, DiBacco, Smith, Sylver

Nays - None

6 yeas – 0 nays Motion Carried

PAY ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 2024-9-27

The Pay Ordinance was approved as presented. (Adie/Smith)

Roll Call:

Yeas - Adie, Banas, DeCarlo, DiBacco, Smith, Sylver

Nays - None

6 yeas – 0 nays Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE & MAYOR'S REPORT:

The following were in the Mayor's packet:

- Attached is the Mayor's Court Report for August.
- Attached is a report showing active permit applications and transactions for August.

- Attached is a copy of a check for \$3,267.85 from the City of Cleveland for the Sanitary Sewer Fund for user sewer fees for July.
- Attached are two checks in the amount of \$3,756.23 and \$4,118.99 from Republic Services for the months of June and July.
- Attached is a check in the amount of \$2,053.04 from Charter Communications for franchise fees for April, May, and June.
- Attached are the Police Department activity reports for August.
- Attached is a report from the Police Department on warning tickets given out in August.
- Attached is a resignation letter from full-time Officer Ryan France effective August 31st.
- Attached is a report from Engineer Mike Henry with updates for current projects.
 2024 Paving Program

 Train Depot Decking
 Pickleball Courts
 Richmond Rd. Drainage Improvement
- Attached is a monthly report from the Service Department.
- Attached is a report showing gas and diesel consumption for the Service Department and Police Department.

Service Department:

gas: 47.2 gallons

Police Department: gas: 421.3 gallons

Diesel: 182.4 gallons

- Attached is the resignation letter from Larry Kalal in the Service Department Effective July 31st.
- We have hired two new employees to fill the vacancies in the Service Department. Jeremy Hansen and Dan Molnar.
- Attached is a report from Economic Development Director Jeremy Rowan with an update on the following:

TIRC Meeting results

Former TTI building update

Former Stratford Commons building update

- Attached are the monthly activity reports from Oakwood Fire Department for August.
- Attached is a memo from NOPEC regarding the expectation of higher electric prices starting next summer due to a capacity issue. The closure of coal and natural gas plants has reduced the available electricity.
- Attached is correspondence from resident Chuck Holmes on North Village Lane inquiring about implementing a quiet zone.
- The Mayor will be on vacation from September 7th through the 11th.

LAW DIRECTOR MARK MARONG:

Law Director Mark Marong commented on the agenda items:

Items 2, and 4 are authorizations to apply for the CDSG and the CDBG. A public hearing took place last month to discuss potential projects that would be applicable for funding for these two programs. Potential projects for this coming year are replacing the playground equipment at the Donald Norman Payne Park with ADA compliant equipment with CDBG funds and using CDSG funds to make improvements to the path from South Village Lane to the ballfield.

Item 3 is authorization to apply for OPWC funding.

Item 5 is authorization for the purchase of a new 2024 For Interceptor for the Police Department.

Item 6 accepts the amount and tax rates determined by the Budget Commission. This sets our millage at 3.3 mil., which has not changed from previous years.

Mayor Cegelka commented on a Proclamation Council is being asked to sign this evening for Judith Miles. Judith works with the County Prosecutors Office. She helped resolve the issue of the parcels of land that were paper streets across from the new Service Center

ENGINEER MIKE HENRY:

Engineer Mike Henry commented; the Engineering report was submitted in the Mayor's Report and commented; Austin Powder will be shut down starting September 9th with access only from Cochran Rd. The following week access to Austin Powder will only be accessed from Pettibone Rd. This is the last phase of the 2024 Concrete Program.

SERVICE DIRECTOR MIKE HENRY:

Mike Henry commented; the Service Department report was submitted in the Mayor's report.

The two new Service Department employees that were hired have started. They are fitting in with the rest of the crew.

Davey Tree was out and cleaned up the fallen tree in the Pettibone Rd. Park that came down, and five other trees were also cleaned up.

The summer flowers will soon be removed and replaced with the fall flowers and decorations and the installation of the Christmas lights will begin soon.

POLICE CHIEF GREG CURTIN:

Chief Greg Curtin commented; the police reports were submitted into the Mayor's report.

Sergeant Fovozzo made a traffic stop of a vehicle he found suspicious. The driver was on a watch list for terrorists and was wanted. He did an excellent job from start to finish on the case.

A wire came down on Saturday on Austin Powder near the Odd Fellows Camp. Our phones and internet went down here at Village Hall. Lori came in and got it back up and working.

A call button was installed at the from door of Village Hall that will now call dispatch directly after hours.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR JEREMY ROWAN:

Economic Development Director Jeremy Rowan reported on the annual TIRC meeting held at the County; at the meeting, the TIFs and CRAs were discussed. All were compliant with the exception of Fastner Tools. The Village found it to be compliant, but the County found it to be a little short in the payroll. They did continue to keep all of the agreements going forward into next year.

The former TTI building was sold recently. It was sold to Onyx Partners out of Massachusetts for 28 million. They have a tenant that will take the entire building and are currently negotiating a 15-year lease. Spectrum Diversified is still the building until next year. The Village will reach out to them to try and find a space for them in the Village when their lease is up.

Jeremy and the Mayor met with a group from New York City interested in the former Stratford Commons building. They buy facilities in the Midwest and convert them into assisted living memory care facilities. If they decide to go forward, they will need a Special Use Permit. Council will be updated when more information is received.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON AGENDA ITEMS ONLY None

OLD BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

| 2024-9-28 | An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to apply for certain Community Development Block Grant Funds (CDBG) from the Cuyahoga County |
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| Ordinance | Department of Development for Project Year 2025; and declaring an emergency. (Mayor & Council) |
| | Motion to suspend 3 reading rule (Smith/Sylver) |
| | Roll Call: Yeas—Adie, Banas, DeCarlo, DiBacco, Smith, Sylver Nays—None |
| | 6 yeas – 0 nays |
| | Motion passed |
| | Motion to approve (DiBacco/DeCarlo) |
| | Roll Call: Yeas— Adie, Banas, DeCarlo, DiBacco, Smith, Sylver Nays— None |
| | 6 yeas – 0 nays |
| | Ordinance carried |
| 2024-9-58 | A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Ohio Public |
| Resolution | Works Commission (OWPC) for a grant for the funding of the Pettibone Road Reconstruction Project from Cochran Road to Diamond Parkway. (Mayor & Council) |
| | Motion to suspend 3 reading rule (DeCarlo/DiBacco) |
| | Roll Call: Yeas— Adie, Banas, DeCarlo, DiBacco, Smith, Sylver |
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| | Nays— None 6 yeas — 0 nays |
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| | Nays— None 6 yeas – 0 nays Motion passed Motion to approve (Smith/Adie) |

| 2024-9-59 | A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply for certain Community Development Supplemental Grant Funds (CDSG) from the Cuyahoga |
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| Resolution | County Department of Development for Project Year 2025; and declaring an emergency. (Mayor & Council) |
| | Motion to suspend 3 reading rule (Smith/Adie) |
| | Roll Call: Yeas— Adie, Banas, DeCarlo, DiBacco, Smith, Sylver Nays— None |
| | 6 yeas – 0 nays |
| | Motion passed |
| | Motion to approve (DeCarlo/DiBacco) |
| | Roll Call: Yeas— Adie, Banas, DeCarlo, DiBacco, Smith, Sylver Nays— None |
| | 6 yeas – 0 nays |
| | Resolution carried |
| 2024-9-60 | A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2024 Ford Police |
| 2024-9-60 Resolution | A Resolution authorizing the purchase of a 2024 Ford Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles from Liberty Ford Aurora through the State of Ohio Administrative Cooperative Services Purchasing Program and other non-state related equipment from Hall Public Safety Upfitters; and declaring an emergency. (Mayor & Council) |
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2024-9-61

Resolution

A Resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Fiscal Officer; and declaring an emergency.

(Mayor & Council)

Motion to suspend 3 reading rule (Sylver/Smith)

Roll Call: Yeas—Adie, Banas, DeCarlo, DiBacco, Smith, Sylver

Nays--- None

6 yeas – 0 nays Motion passed

Motion to approve (DiBacco, Banas)

Roll Call: Yeas- Adie, Banas, DeCarlo, DiBacco, Smith, Sylver

Nays--- None

6 yeas – 0 nays Resolution Carried

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

Barb DiBacco commented on the Safety Committee held this evening. Discussion took place regarding the purchase of the new vehicle for the Police Department.

Barb asked if the Village is planning to hand out the "Holiday Bags" to the residents this year. Mayor Cegelka commented; Lori has set the dates for December 7th and 8th to hand them out. Don Banas Suggested we shorten the hours to hand them out. Rather than 4 hours each day down to 3 hours each day.

Lori Kovach reminded Council members to complete the state mandated Fraud Training if they have not done so.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION:

None

There being no further business to come before Council, motion by Jeff Adie, seconded by Gurvis Smith to adjourn the meeting. Voting on the motion to adjourn was all yeas and no nays.

Mayor Cegelka adjourned the meeting at 7:37p.m.

Mark A. Cegelka – Mayor & President of Council

Lori Kovach, Clerk of Council