

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

February 4, 2020

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The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:28 P.M. in the Village Office at 107 S. Main St. DeGraff, OH 43318-0309.

Mayor Stephanie Orsborne called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following Council Members and staff Present:

- Mayor Stephanie Orsborne – Present
- Sandra Short, Council Member – Present
- Sharon Carman, Council Member – Absent
- Darren Stalling, Council Member – Absent
- Ruth Kueterman, Council Member – Present
- Mike Dodds, Council Member – Present
- Tim Baker, President Pro Tempore - Present

Staff Present: Kassie Staley, Fiscal Officer; Amy Estep, Utility Clerk; Ken McAlexander, Village Administrator

Mr. Dodds made the motion to accept the January 21, 2020 minutes as written and submitted, seconded by Ms. Kueterman Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Ms. Short made the motion to excuse Ms. Carman due to having surgery, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mayor Orsborne read a resignation letter from council member Darren Stalling. Mr. Baker made the motion to accept Mr. Stalling's resignation, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mr. Ryan Furlong was present from the Logan County Sheriff Office. He presented Mayor Orsborne with a copy of all the calls the Sheriff's department has answered in the village. Total calls was 1007 in 2019. Council Thanked the Sheriff's Department for helping out.

Mr. and Mrs. Chuck Stevens was present. Mr. Stevens has some concerns about the easement on the new well. He would like to keep the easement on the west side of the creek, that way it does not cross the creek. Mr. McAlexander is looking at possibly shifting the location. This would make the Village get an easement from Martha Sidders or the railroad.

Mr. McAlexander was present to present the Village Administrator report. He has reached out to other loan options for the new water treatment plant, but because the Village has no findings or orders, we cannot go another loan route. He has talked to the EPA about possibly remodeling the current building. Shinn brothers has been wanting an answer on should they start. Mr. McAlexander has verbal approval for plan B. This would include a new clear well and new filters. Plan B would cost between \$500,000 to \$700,000.

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-Mr. Baker asked if the plant would remain operational? Mr. McAlexander stated he has a plan for that with a bypass line. They would be allowed to use temporary piping until everything is complete.

With cancelling Plan A there would be an OWDA fee (possibly). It would be \$8703, but OWDA could decide to forgive the Village. We could reapply through OWDA for Plan B, and RCAP could help. Shinn Brothers could possibly ask for their bond back. It cost \$18,000 for \$2.5 Mil, but since project may be zero dollars, there could be no fee. We have to wait and see. Also discussed, was once back wall is removed for new filters maybe putting in an overhead door, in case this needs done again in the future.

Ms. Short made the motion to proceed with Plan B, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mr. McAlexander stated he would look into Mr. Stevens's concerns with engineering on Plan B.

Tile from the park to Steve's Market was backed up. It was causing some of the flooding on Elbow St. Mr. McAlexander taught the maintenance workers how to run the jetter, and the locator. Repaired section and pulled out an enormous root. The drop box safe cannot be repaired. All the innards are missing. The only option would be to replace the whole safe and it would be expensive. –Mayor Orsborne stated she spoke with LGS and they do not recommend reopening. They feel it is a liability. The Annex building that needs repaired is going to need more than siding. There is a leak coming from the flashing down the wall. The studs and the header above the window is all deteriorated. –Ms. Short stated the Friends of DeGraff will be looking into getting a grant for the Library, but they will need quotes ASAP. Mr. McAlexander stated other projects him and the maintenance workers are working on.

Mr. Dodds presented for the safety committee. Mr. Dodds spoke with Mr. Jack Reser, Logan County Auditor. He got several breakdowns for what possible levies could bring for the EMS. Council would like him to figure out the breakdown on what the cost of the Levy would approximately cost each household. Mr. Dodds asked council for permission to go talk with the surrounding Village and Townships about his EMS proposal.

Ms. Short made the motion to allow him to go these other entities, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mayor Orsborne has received some calls on nuisance properties. Chief Piersall had the flu, so he hasn't got to tag any yet. She would like Mr. McAlexander to get the zoning information and the clean-up Ordinance out to the public.

Ms. Short made the motion to, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Mayor Orsborne thanked Ms. Staley for obtaining a grant for the Village to get a new police cruiser. Talk was about the old white cruiser and whether the Village should sell or keep.

Mr. Dodds presented for the Cemetery. Since Mr. Stalling has now resigned, plans to replace on the board. Mayor Orsborne stated we would wait until after the next council meeting. Hopefully, we will be appointing a new council member.

Mayor Orsborne presented for the joint sewer board. The board and Quincy are still considering hiring Joel Jacob. Still looking into insurance for him. There are two samplers there and the non-potable pumps. The tractor is fixed now as well. DeGraff has now paid all back pay to the Village of Quincy. Ms. Sandy Ward made a calculation error so she let DeGraff know we still owe \$433. Quincy will let us know when they are able to hire Mr. Jacob.

Ordinance 20-03: An Ordinance establishing the amount of compensation to be paid to officers of the Village of DeGraff, Logan County, Ohio within the calendar year of 2020, repealing any Ordinance in conflict therein.

Ms. Short made the motion to accept Ordinance 20-030 on the first reading, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Resolution 20-01: A Resolution to authorize the Village of DeGraff, Ohio to enter into an easement agreement with Charles and Brenda Stevens of DeGraff, Ohio.

Ms. Short made the motion to accept the adoption of Resolution 20-01, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

In new business, Mayor Orsborne spoke about talking with Ms. Kim Kauffman from Riverside Schools about the American Red Cross smoke detector project. Mayor Orsborne will get the information to her and she will get some groups together.

A resident asked about community wide garage sales. Ms. Short made the motion to hold it on June 6<sup>th</sup>, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mr. Baker made the motion to pay bills, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mr. Baker gave Mayor Orsborne the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28PM, until February 18, 2020 at 7:00PM.

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Mayor Stephanie Orsborne

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Tim Baker, Council President

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Kassie Staley, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL concerning and relating to the adoption of Ordinances, Resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.