

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

July 21, 2020

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The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:43 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  
Ruth Kueterman, Council Member – Present  
Mike Dodds, Council Member – Present  
Tim Baker, President Pro Tempore – Present  
Mike Ropp, Council Member – Present

Staff Present: Kassie Staley, Fiscal Officer; Chief Chris Prickett, Police Chief; Chief Reames, Fire Chief

Ms. Short made the motion to accept the July 7, 2020 minutes, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Mayor Orsborne informed Council we had two applicants for the open Village Council position. Ms. Linda Greek and Mr. Tommy Rowley. Mayor Orsborne asked applicants to introduce themselves.

Ms. Greek taught school for 19 year and wants to give back to the Village. She would like to become active in council and help improve the Village.

Mr. Rowley has been born and raised here, and has been back in the area for 10 years. His father served on Council and there is a plaque dedicated to his service.

Mr. Rowley would like to contribute back to the community as well. Waited to come to Council since returning to get information on the happenings in the Village.

\*Ms. Short made the motion to enter executive session at 7:02PM to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

\*Ms. Short made the motion to exit executive session at 7:09PM with no action taken, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Ms. Short made the motion to appoint Mr. Tom Rowley to fill the open council seat, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Mayor Orsborne took the time to swear in new council member Tom Rowley.

Several visitors from Riverside EMS were present to discuss the contract with the council. Mr. Cordrey is concerned what is going on with the squad. Riverside EMS has been around since 1980, sometimes they cannot make the calls, but are making around 80-90%. They have had some issues with their repeater. Ms. Short's concern was it was \$4730 last year and this year's contract is \$10,000.00. Council

Asked multiple times for why such a big increase. Council also wants a detail of runs. Mr. Ford stated the \$10,000 would be for \$10 a person. It was decided that the best action would be to have a special meeting to discuss EMS issues.

A special meeting will be held Thursday, August 13<sup>th</sup> at 7pm.

Ms. Short presented the utility minutes. One sewer pump has been fixed for \$2700, another one cannot be fixed, and the last one is being worked on currently, hoping to have a s a backup. Delinquent accounts total \$71,000 and the committee is working on a repayment plan.

Mr. Dodds presented the safety report. Chief Prickett is moving forward on the new cruiser. Would also need to look at a new computer and camera system, something with a body camera. Chief Prickett needs some Taser batteries. He is going to trade in a gun in lieu of payment, but would like a \$100 allowance at Vance's if that does not work out.

Mr. Baker made the motion to allow the \$100 PO for Vance's, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Mayor Orsborne went over the packet of papers presented by Village Administrator Mr. McAlexander. He is trying to condense the many water and sewer Ordinances and correct some issues. Mayor Orsborne stated she only seen two increases. One was that the out-of-corp customers were being charged incorrectly for their overages. They will now be charged the 1.5%, the same as they are charged for their first 2000 gallons. The second change was bulk water will go from \$10 to \$12. Mr. McAlexander would like council to go over the new Ordinances and he will get with the Solicitor.

Ms. Kueterman presented for the Park committee. Nine contractors were called to give bids for the cement work and the siding for the park. There should be seven bids coming in. There will be extra cement Ms. Kueterman suggested to maybe make a pad in front of the storage shed. Also, one contractor wanted to know the color on the other shelter house to match, it was suggested instead of matching using blue so the shelter houses would be Riverside School Colors. The Park committee will be having a meeting on July 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30PM.

Mr. Dodds did not have anything to report for the cemetery. They did clean up limbs and flowers after the wind storm.

Ordinance 20-18: An Ordinance specially appropriating the special revenue fund and the sewer fund not otherwise appropriated for the Village of DeGraff, Ohio

Mr. Baker made the motion to suspend the 3 reading rule, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dodds made the motion to accept Ordinance 20-18, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Mr. Dodds made the motion to adopt Ordinance 20-18, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Resolution 20-17: A resolution affirming that funds from the county coronavirus relief distribution will be expended only to cover costs of the Village of DeGraff, Ohio; consistent with the requirements of section 5001 of the cares act as described in U.S.C. 801(D), and ay applicable regulations as is necessary pursuant to H.B. 481 before receiving said funds and declaring an emergency.

Mr. Baker made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Ms. Short made the motion to accept Resolution 20-17, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Ms. Short made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-17, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Resolution 20-22: resolution authorizing the mayor and/or village administrator to apply for and execute any and all necessary obligation documents, closing documents, construction documents, pay draw documents, and/or change orders related to a certain USDA CF loan/grant program equipment application package for public bodies and declaring an emergency in the Village of DeGraff, Ohio

Ms. Kueterman made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Ms. Short made the motion to accept Resolution 20-22, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Mr. Baker made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-22, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

\*Ms. Short made the motion to enter executive session with Council and Mayor at 8:20PM to discuss personnel issues, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**


\*Ms. Short made the motion to exit executive session at 8:41PM, with no action taken, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes.


**MOTION**

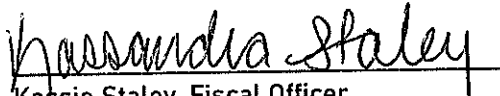
Ms. Short made the motion to pay bills, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes.

**MOTION**

Ms. Short gave the motion to mayor Orsborne to adjourn the meeting at 8:43 P.M., until August 4, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

  
Mayor Stephanie Orsborne

  
Tim Baker, Council President

  
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.