

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

July 7, 2020

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The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:42 P.M. in the Village Office at 107 S. Main St. DeGraff, OH 43318-0309.

Mayor Stephanie Orsborne called the meeting to order at 7:01 P.M. with the following Council Members and staff Present:

Mayor Stephanie Orsborne – Present
Sandra Short, Council Member – Present
Sharon Carman, Council Member – Absent
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; Amy Estep, Utility Clerk; Ken McAlexander, Village Administrator; Zeb Wagner, solicitor; Chief Chris Prickett, Police Chief

Mayor Orsborne read the letter of resignation for council member Sharon Carman

Ms. Short made the motion to accept Ms. Carman's resignation letter, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mayor Orsborne asked Ms. Staley to post for an open council seat.

Mr. Dodds made the motion to accept the June 16, 2020 minutes, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mayor Orsborne introduced Logan County Auditor Jack Reser. Mr. Reser was present to present the levy for the Cemetery to be on the November Ballot.

Resolution 20-20: A Resolution requesting the county auditor to certify certain tax valuation information in anticipation of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation ORC section 5705.03

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

Mr. Baker made the motion to accept Resolution 20-20, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

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

Resolution 20-21: A resolution proceed with the submission of the question of levying a tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation (ORC section 5705)

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

Mr. Baker made the motion to accept Resolution 20-21, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All Ayes.

MOTION

Ms. Baker made the motion to adopt Resolution 20-21, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes.

MOTION

Mr. Reser also took a few minutes to discuss the Cares Act funding. He explained some items the money could be used for and stated Council had to collectively agree the money was Covid related.

In other visitors, Mr. Gary Pond was present. Mr. Pond asked about the sign at the cemetery that states closed dusk to dawn, faded and cannot read. Also, asked about where we are at on the new water treatment plant. In response, Mr. McAlexander stated he has signed a contract with Poggemeyer. They will be preserving the building and electrical, adding a well and revamping other wells. He is guessing bidding will start in October. Mr. Dodds stated he would bring the cemetery sign up at the next cemetery meeting.

Mr. McAlexander gave the zoning report. We have received 29 permits so far this year.

Mr. Wagner had no report. Mayor Orsborne thanked Mr. Wagner for his letter he sent in at Ms. Dearwester's sentencing.

Mr. McAlexander gave his report. The pump station is not up to capacity. The pumps are being repaired. Backflow letter have been sent out to area businesses. There was a leak at 109 Walker St., it has been fixed now. The auto dialer is fixed as well, it had broke the other day. The guys are currently working on finishing the alleys, and doing some tree trimming. The trench box from the BWC grant is now here. Mr. McAlexander has completed 95% of the asset management plan. Mapping should be installed by July 22nd. Hurley's will begin their work on 235 end of July or early August. Mr. McAlexander has met with Access Engineering for the Village Office, they are working on drawings. The Library will be fixed as soon as Mr. Notestine can fit it in his schedule.

Chief Chris Prickett was present. He wanted to update council on the new cruiser. He also has some suggestions for the Cares Act money. All State certifications are completed. Ms. Staley explained she was notified USDA now has some grant money available and the Village is eligible for it on the cruiser. This will give us an extra 15% in grant money toward the new cruiser.

Mr. Dodds spoke for the safety committee. The quote for the gear box is \$1304.

Mr. Dodds made the motion to get the gear box on the tanker truck fixed, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes.

MOTION

Council was presented with the Riverside EMS contract. There is no difference since the last contract. Council tabled the discussion until some of their questions are answered. Mr. Dodds stated they would discuss at the safety meeting. They

may need to have a special safety meeting about joining with an existing EMS district.

Ms. Short made the motion to table the EMS contract, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Ms. Staley presented for Finance. She went over the budget numbers, and they are attached to the minutes. Ms. Staley also let council know about Mr. Brad Jackson purchasing the tarps for the ball diamonds, and we are reimbursing him through the grant we received for them.

Ms. Short made the motion to accept the Mr. Jackson's reimbursement for the tarps, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mr. Baker went over the finance minutes. Finance would like all of council to read over the Village Handbook and make any necessary corrections, and be done by September. This way we can correct everything at once. Also discussed, is the \$75,296 owed in delinquent water bills.

Ms. Short presented for the Joint Sewer Board. There was a meeting last night, Mr. Joel Jacob gave an update on maintenance at the plant. Quincy brought up we need to work on a new agreement.

In new business, Ms. Short mentioned maybe holding community garage sales the first weekend in August. Mayor Orsborne mentioned about United Methodist Church doing the free lunches at the park. Some ball tournaments would like permission to use the park diamonds. Tournaments will be held July 31st through August 2nd. Ms. Kueterman will get with Ms. Estep to notify the shelter house reservations about the tournaments.

Ms. Kueterman made the motion to allow the tournaments at the park, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll call – All Ayes. **MOTION**


Ms. Short made the motion to make the County wide garage sales August 1st, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mr. Ropp asked about speed limit signs on Ellis. Speed limit is 25 MPH. Mr. McAlexander will check on signs.


Ms. Staley let council know she will be taking July 31st off as a vacation day.

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

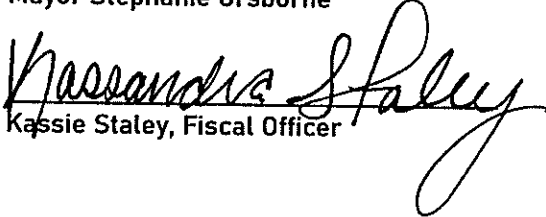
Ms. Short gave the motion to mayor Orsborne to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 P.M., until July 7, 2020 at 7: 00 P.M.



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.