

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

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The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:48 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

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

Mr. Dodds made the motion to excuse Ms. Carman due to health reasons, seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll Call – All Ayes **MOTION**

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

Mr. Orsborne was not present. Mr. McAlexander spoke on his behalf. There are still a couple of permits in process, waiting to be approved. However, there is not a lot going on.

Mr. McAlexander explained quality paving has finished the roadwork; the alley work is in progress. He also spoke about the new rules for asset management and, that there is a program, that helps keep everything together and organized. It is about \$5,000 for the software. Mr. McAlexander applied for a grant and received \$4,222.03 toward the software, leaving roughly \$977.98 for the village to pay. Council was presented the updated contract with Poggemeyer for the water treatment plant. Council will need to do an amended Ordinance at the next council meeting to move forward. Cistern on 508 has been filled in. Mr. McAlexander is waiting on Hurley's for a price to fix a tile on Sandra Drive. Cistern was paid for with county sales tax money. The CCR will be electronic this year. Once on website will put a memo on utility bills. The Village had a couple pumps go out, and those are fixed now. Fire hydrants have been flushed; need to replace four valves. The bid has been awarded for the library repairs. Mr. McAlexander asked about opening back up the park; Mayor Orsborne suggested at this time to follow the Governors orders. Mr. Ropp mentioned that the handicap spots at the park need to be repainted.

Mr. Dodds spoke for safety committee. The police Chief interviews are tomorrow at 6:30PM

Ms. Staley gave the financial report, attached to minutes. She also spoke about the due to Covid-19 the Village has lost money in the general fund and the fire fund.
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Mr. Baker spoke for the finance committee. Ms. Staley, the fiscal officer, has agreed to go to 30 hours per week and be hourly instead of salary. This will save the general fund about \$7,000 through the end of the year. Ms. Estep the utility clerk has agreed to cut her Wednesday hours and this would save the water and sewer total about \$882 through the end of the year. The committee also discussed about not doing the cell stipend through the end of the year. It was also mentioned that three seniors were chosen through the committee for the Riverside Community Scholarship. Letters will be sent to those students in the next couple of days.

Park committee has not had another meeting, but Mr. Ropp wanted to let council know he had the tarp quote. It was about \$900 more, so he is still looking.

Mr. Dodds spoke about the cemetery levy that is on the November ballot. The Cemetery committee would like to keep the same and do a simple renewal.

Mr. Dodds made the motion to do a renewal, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Ms. Short spoke for the Joint Sewer board. Maintenance has been started. Two pumps have been purchased and one rebuilt. Spoke of sludge disposal. Mr. Jacob is doing a great job. Mr. McAlexander mentioned earlier about the Joint Sewer Plant needing a vehicle. DeGraff is willing to sell our old police car to plant. Mr. Wagner will work on an Ordinance for that.

Ordinance 20-07: An Ordinance amending Ordinance 19-29 as a supplement to the 2020 annual appropriations, and declaring an emergency:

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

Mr. Dodds made the motion to accept Ordinance 20-07, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mr. Baker made the motion to adopt Ordinance 20-07, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

In old business, Ms. Short spoke about the dumpster issue at the park. The recycling dumpsters are the county not the village. The Village was charged an overage fee, which Ms. Staley is taking care of. Believe it will get better with people starting back at work.

In new business, Ms. Orsborne talked about the senior parade on the 15th. The Sheriff's department will be helping.

Ms. Short made a motion to pay bills, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. **MOTION**

Mr. Ropp gave the motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 P.M, until May 19, 2020 at 7:00 P.M.

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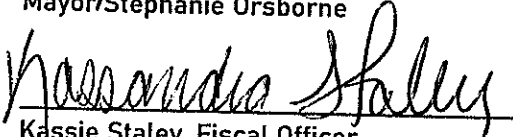


Stephanie Orsborne

Mayor/Stephanie Orsborne



Tim Baker, Council President



Kassie Staley

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.

