

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

June 15, 2021

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The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:08 P.M. 107 S. Main St., DeGraff, OH 43318.

Mayor 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, President Pro Tempore – Present
Mike Ropp, Council Member – Present
Tom Rowley, Council Member – Present

Staff Present: Chief Chris Prickett, Police Chief; Kassandra Staley, Fiscal Officer

Mr. Dodds made the motion to accept the June 1, 2021 minutes, seconded by Mr. Ropp.

Roll Call – All Ayes.

MOTION

Visitors – None Present

Zoning – 20 Permits are completed and one is still in progress. The modular home that they are wanting to put out on Cornish, some research was done. Mr. Orsborne suggested that the gentleman fill out the application and go through the process with the building authority before purchasing the land.

Solicitor – No Report

Village Administrator –

- The pumps from the force main are still not correct. Everyone is stumped on what to do at this point. The last pump only lasted about 4 years, and they should be lasting longer. Mr. McAlexander is unsure on some of the engineering, since he was not here at the time.
- Chip and sealing of the roads is completed.
- Quality Paving is still a month out for repaving.
- The maintenance crew has started turning water valves in the Village.
- The carpet in the council area is being replaced tomorrow. We cannot get the original carpet we had for the backroom. We can get something similar for the same cost.

Ms. Short made the motion to go with the comparable carpet at the same price, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes.

MOTION

Utility – No report.

Safety – Mr. Dodds explained Chief Prickett needs \$130 for drug test kits and combination locks for the lockers.

Mr. Dodds made the motion to allow the drug test and lock purchase for \$130, seconded by Mr.

Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes.

MOTION

Mr. Jesse Kean was here from Riverside EMS to give an update. The EMS has made 19 calls out of the 32 called in. They are right at their goal for the Village. Mr. Kean is now the President. The EMS is working on pushing for a district, similar to Anna, in a year or two. The EMS would still have full control of operations, be staffed during the day, with volunteers on nights and weekends. Miami Township has expressed interest in doing a levy.

Mr. Dodds explained that the parking spot by the stop sign by Family Dollar is a problem. Mr. Rowley tested leaving the store and he does not see a problem. Ms. Short, who also did a test, had to pull out in road to see around the van. Mayor Orsborne explained there are several options. For example, make it a handicap only or make it a two-hour parking zone. The Village is at the minimum number of parking spots for downtown. Discussion was had on whether or not we could make a downtown parking lot.

Mr. Rowley brought up the firefighters not attending the meetings. The last few months there have only been 3 or 4 at the meetings. Mr. Rowley thinks they need to be at least doing 40% of the runs to be certified. We also need their licenses on file at the Village, we currently do not. Council also believes it should be put in the handbook about police and fire having consistency in attending meetings and trainings, and also the Chiefs should come to one meeting per month. Ms. Kueterman asked if they are working full time it may be hard for them to make 40% of the runs. Mr. Dodds stated the fire chief can sign off on continuing education.

Mr. Wright is returning to work duty, he is currently living in Troy. Both Mr. Wright and Ms. Hunkler will be in training for a while.

Mayor Orsborne forgot to mention about mosquito spraying dates. June 24th, July 8th, August 5th, and August 17th.

Finance - Ms. Staley stated there is a Resolution to move money from the reserve for expenditures for the fire department. With speaking with the Mayor Orsborne it was decided to ask council to move \$10,000 to cover the rest of the year.

Parks - Ms. Kueterman presented council with a proposal for ADA \$5728.80 for the ground cover around the merry-go-round. The work will be done by Bluegrass.

Ms. Kueterman made the motion to move forward with the Bluegrass quote, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call - All Ayes. MOTION

Mr. Rowley thinks the drawing for the merry-go-round is incorrect. Mr. Rowley will get with Mr. McAlexander to discuss. Dash builders are dragging their feet on the concession stand. They are supposed to send a date, but have not heard anything yet. Park has discussed benches at the park, canopies for the benches, and possibly adding a swing.

Mayor Orsborne suggested to give a wish list and we can add to appropriations every year. The Boosters are looking for volunteers for the ball tournaments this weekend for the concession stand. Also, the banners the police provided are up at the ball diamonds.

Cemetery - The cemetery is still interested in the dump truck, if we can sell to them.

Joint Sewer Board- No meeting

Special Firehouse Committee – Mr. Dodds attended a webinar specializing in firehouse builds. He will talk with Mr. McAlexander and follow up with questions.

Resolution 2021-22: A resolution transferring various sums of money in the year 2021 budget within various funds listed herein, in order to pay obligated expenditures, and declaring an emergency

Ms. Short made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule for Resolution 2021-22, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Kuertman made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-22 on first and final reading, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Mr. Ropp made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-22, seconded by Ms. Kuertman. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Old Business: No Report

New Business: No Report

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

Ms. Kuertman made the motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Mayor Stephanie Orsborne

Mike Dodds, Council Pro Tempore

Kassandra 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.