

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL

### REGULAR SESSION

July 6, 2021

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The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:26 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; Ken McAlexander, Village Administrator; Zeb Wagner, Solicitor

Ms. Short made the motion to accept the June 15, 2021 minutes, seconded by Ms. Kueterman.

Roll Call – All Ayes.

MOTION

Visitors – Connie Blaess - Observe

Zoning – 20 Permits have been completed, still working on two others.

Solicitor – Mr. Wagner has been working through the USDA loan 2for the new dump truck. He has also reviewed a couple contracts with Mr. McAlexander and Chief Prickett.

Village Administrator –

- USDA grant/loan for the new dump truck will need to be bid out. There will be legislation tonight to allow to take sealed bids. Mr. McAlexander has the specs for bidding available at the office. The Village will have a year to spend the money from USDA.
- Mr. McAlexander received an email asking if the Village has legislation on allowing medical marijuana facilities. Mr. Wagner suggested checking with the townships to see if they have any legislation on the matter, that may cover the Village if they do.
- Council was presented with an updated quote for the water treatment plant. The electrical numbers have been revised, as they around \$30,000 less than previously quoted. Since we are not doing a new building and upgrading we already have some of the existing electric.
- All the water main valves in town have been turned. There is a list of repairs and replacements. Some include: Ellis & Pleasant – broke and closed, S. Boggs by box factory – valves need fixed.
- The paint has been purchased for the curbs. There is an individual who reached out to us needing to do some community service work. He paints cars for a living and is willing to do the painting of the curbs for his community service work.
- We have begun forwarding account over to RBC collections. We have added around 70 people so far.
- There is still no date from quality paving on the road work. Mr. McAlexander will be following up with B-Sealed on the resealing of the walking track.

Utility – Ms. Short spoke about the new tenant service agreement.

Ms. Short made the motion to change to the new tenant service agreement, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Short also presented council with a letter she had formed about letting residents know about the new Ordinances on junk vehicles and noxious weeds. She would like council to send this letter to all residents as a forewarning on what is coming. In addition, she had a letter for Mr. Jason Warner. Mr. Rowley and Ms. Short went out and found the pins for alleyway. Mr. McAlexander thinks that needs to wait, because the village needs to see if we have a sewer easement for his property.

Ms. Short made the motion to allow the utility department to send out the Ordinances letters, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Mr. McAlexander forgot to mention he is also looking at refinancing the water tower loan through OWDA. He is still reviewing on whether or not it would be beneficial.

Safety – Mr. Dodds stated that the siren downtown is still not working. He spoke with Mr. Daryl Cordrey they checked all the fuses, and they are all still good. The siren won't start. Mr. Dodds called Federal, they were unaware they were checking it this year. If the siren needs replaced could cost around \$20,000-\$30,000 installed.

Mr. Dodds also brought up about the new Marcs radios not getting good service. The State maintains them. Mr. Dodds reached out to the state, but has not heard back as of yet.

Mr. Rowley brought up the property at 222 N. Koke St. The property is in disrepair. There are windows broken out and etc. It was tabled until the Ordinance letter is sent out. Mr. Prickett has spoken to a few residents about the new Ordinances. There are two officers in training now. Ms. Hunkler trains 1 day a week and Mr. Wright has trained 1 day and will be back Wednesday and Friday to finish. After Friday Mr. Wright can go out alone. Ms. Hunkler has called off a few times.

Mr. Prickett is still working on the cloud system there was some billing issues.

The Chief's son is in the process to be hired at Shelby county Sheriffs. He needed a commission for a few weeks waiting on the transition. Chief Prickett spoke to the Mayor to see if he could out him on until the transition happened. His son will receive no compensation it is only to keep his commission active.

Ms. Bleass sked about the rules on vehicles at properties. Chief Prickett explained there was some scenarios about having tags, the year and shape of the vehicle.

Also mentioned, was Chief Prickett should have his yearly review done, then council will discuss the hour changes he has proposed.

Finance -

Parks – Mr. Rowley stated that sometime around August the sidewalk will need to be removed to allow enough clearance for the merry-go-round padding. Also, last Friday was the concession stands second health inspection, all that was mentioned was there was a light bulb out.

Cemetery – No Report.

Joint Sewer Board- The meeting will be Monday, July 12, 2021.

Special Firehouse Committee – Mr. Dodds is working on setting up a time for DLZ architect to come down and talk with the board. There is no confirmed date as of yet.

Ordinance 2021-23: An Ordinance authorizing the Village Administrator to advertise for bids and enter into contract with the successful bidder for the purchase of a new dump truck, to include chassis and related dump truck equipment for use by the Village of DeGraff and declaring an emergency in the Village of Degraff, Ohio.

Ms. Short made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule for Ordinance 2021-23, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Short made the motion to approve Ordinance 2021-23 on first and final reading, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Mr. Dodds made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-23, seconded by Mr. Rowley. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Old Business: No Report

New Business:

Ms. Short made the motion to enter executive session at 7:59 PM to discuss legal issues concerning ~~employees~~ Former Elected Officials, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Short made the motion to exit executive session at 8:25 PM with no action taken, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

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

Mr. Rowley made the motion to adjourn at 8:26 PM, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

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Mayor Stephanie Orsborne

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Mike Dodds, Council Pro Tempore

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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.