

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION

July 20, 2021

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The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:58 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; Chief Buck Purtee, Fire Chief

Ms. Short made the motion to accept the July 6, 2021 minutes with corrections, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Visitors – Mike Idle – Observe
Gary Pond – Observe

Zoning – Mayor Orsborne explained about the Modular home on the South end of town. A gentleman has bought a piece of property and is wanting to move his home to the land. It will only allow a 10-foot clearance and he also want to put up a garage. Mr. Orsborne wanted council's permission to allow for the modular home.

Ms. Short made the motion to allow the modular home on the land, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Solicitor – No Report

Village Administrator –

- Quality Paving will be here this week repaving some of the roads and alleys.
- The valves on Main St. and Pleasant that need replaced will be worked on tomorrow
- Electrical work on East Miami Pump station is completed
- Mr. McAlexander is still working on Ms. Siders easement for a signature.
- Annual Backflows are getting completed
- United Way volunteers will be in the Village in August. They will be painting fire hydrants and benches
- The painting along the streets in downtown have begun being painted.

Utility – No Report

Safety – Mr. Dodds stated that Mr. Wright is back with the Village and he is cleared for road duty. Chief Prickett is still working with Ms. Hunkler to get her road ready. Mr. Dodds stated that Chief Prickett wanted to table his proposal on hours changes for now.

Mr. Dodds made the motion to table the Police Chief’s hour proposal, seconded by Ms. Short.
Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Fire Contracts are on the agenda tonight with a \$500 increase and a renewal after 1 year of service. The siren on the firehouse is still not working. The fuses were checked and they are all good. Mr. Dodds called Federal the Village is on the list, just unsure of date. If we need a new siren the Village will be looking at \$25,000-\$35,000.

Finance – Ms. Staley stated that the Resolution for the first tranche of the American Rescue Plan funding is on the agenda. The Village will receive \$133,662.36. The Village could receive more in a third tranche for money that was unused from other entities.

Parks – Ms. Kueterman asked if Mr. Rowley would be able to unlock the bathrooms for the luncheon at the park on Wednesday. Mr. Ropp mentioned about dog feces on the walking track. There have been several piles, and he mentioned about the possibly looking into putting up posts with bags available for cleanup. It was mentioned to put a friendly reminder on the utility bills this month asking residents to be considerate.

Cemetery – No Report.

Joint Sewer Board- Mr. Ropp stated that two roll offs of sludge have been removed. The new light at the plant had to be replaced because it got water in it. There was no charge for getting the new fixture. The generator work is now completed. The MAG meter was off for the Village of DeGraff, it is now calibrated. A lot of the meeting was talking about the work done by Auto Diesel Mechanics. A check was provided to the company for their work, but they are unable to cash the check due to not having a bank account in the business name. Next years charges will 68% for DeGraff. Other projects will be power washing and painting.

Special Firehouse Committee – The committee met with Mr. Jack Reser on ideas for funding. A lot was focused on a fire district. If we don’t consider a district the cost will be on the Village residents alone. A district would help spread out the cost. It was also mentioned maybe doing a district with Quincy as well. We would need to see how much it would cost our Village residents. Most grants you will need to be shovel ready for. Mr. McAlexander is concerned about the integrity of the old firehouse building. He is working on calling the county about seeing if we can get a structural engineer to look at the building. If we want to consider keeping the old firehouse.

Mr. Dodds and the committee also met with Mr. Greg Giate from DLZ and toured the old firehouse building. He stated he thinks the old building is structural okay because even upstairs with the weight there was no sag in the floor. DLZ is working on getting some numbers put together and should have a proposal by the first meeting in August.

Resolution 2021-24: A Resolution establishing “American Rescue Plan” fund and making supplemental appropriations and amending the permanent appropriations Resolution

Mr. Rowley made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule for Resolution 2021-24, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

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

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

Resolution 2021-25: Fire Protection Contract for Harrison Township, Champaign County
Ms. Short made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-25 on 1st reading, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Resolution 2021-26: Fire Protection Contract for Indian Joint Fire District, Logan County
Ms. Short made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-26 on 1st reading, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Resolution 2021-27: Fire Protection Contract for Miami Township, Logan County
Ms. Short made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-27 on 1st reading, seconded by Mr. Rowley. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Resolution 2021-28: Fire Protection Contract for Pleasant Township, Logan County
Mr. Dodds made the motion to accept Resolution 2021-28 on 1st reading, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Resolution 2021-29: Fire Contract for Union Township, Logan County
Mr. Dodds made the motion accept Resolution 2021-29 on 1st reading, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Old Business: Mr. Rowley spoke about the handbook updates that was presented at the last council meeting. He asked if their was any updates, changes, and/or corrections. It was mentioned we need to make sure every firefighter has a copy of our handbook, as it pertains to them as well.

Ms. Short made the motion to accept the handbook updates, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Mayor Orsborne mentioned about a letter for the water bills for the junk vehicle and nuisance property Ordinances.

Ms. Short made the motion to accept the letter and sent with utility bills, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Short mentioned she received a complaint about 322 N. Main St for nuisance property. Ground Hogs are all over and tearing up property.

The internet for the school PC's for people has the antenna now installed on the water tower.

New Business:

We got a call from Solid waste today and they stated someone is putting our yellow bags in the recycling containers and not our trash dumpster. She just wanted to iterate they do not go into recycling. The driver did speak with someone at the park who stated they was an employee, and was told to put the bags there.

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

MOTION

Mr. Short made the motion to adjourn at 7:58 PM, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. 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.