

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

October 19, 2021

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The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:56 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 – Absent
- Mike Dodds, President Pro Tempore – Absent
- Mike Ropp, Council Member – Present
- Tom Rowley, Council Member – Present
- Teddy Zink, Council Member – Absent

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

Mr. Dodds made the motion to excuse Mr. Zink due to employment obligations, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Short made the motion to accept the October 5, 2021 minutes as written and submitted, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Visitors –

- Becky Berger – Ms. Berger wanted to make council aware of some potholes in Steve's Market area, some obnoxious weeds at the gas station, and four wheelers driving in her yard. She also stated about the Ordinance delivered on the property for junk. Council explained it was just a friendly reminder that council is taking the property issues seriously, when complaints are received. Council did acknowledge Ms. Berger's property is looking better, and encouraged her to keep it going.
- Matt Wyan & Eric Helsberger – Mr. Wyan had some tax issues and was appealing the council decision on refunding him the \$992.69, which is the amount still owed that was withheld for municipal income tax. Mr. Helsberger stated it was his departments fault and he would be willing to split the amount with the Village, if they would consider that. Council stated they would speak with the solicitor and get back with Mr. Wyan.

Zoning – No Report

Solicitor – No Report

Village Administrator – Mayor Orsborne spoke on some topics Mr. McAlexander wanted to make council aware of.

- Mr. McAlexander is in training today and tomorrow.
- A well have went down and will need to be repaired. We still have water, but we need to move forward sooner than expected. The Village may have problems with the other well. We will need to move \$100,000 from the reserve to cover the cost of fixing the wells. Although, this will come off our loan amount, because that work was included.
- Mr. Steven's has been on vacation in Florida. When he returns Mayor Orsborne will get with him about signing for the easement.
- There is a leak at Mid States in the parking lot that will be getting fixed.
- The roof at the library has been repaired and the gutter on the village Hall building is also completed.

Utility – No Report

Safety – Mr. Dodds gave the safety report. He mentioned since the turnout gear has not been purchased that was approved at the beginning of the year, he would like to have that PO rescinded.

Mr. Dodds made the motion to rescind the PO for turnout gear and batteries, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

The safety committee would like all of council to look through the Fire Department Handbook that was found and get their thoughts. They would like to approve or get recommendations at the next council meeting. Indian Joint reached out to the Village about the contract. They are okay with the price, but wanted to make sure our firefighters were complying with physicals and abstracts. They wanted proof that the Village is following the ORC. The Village did not get the grant for the tanker truck. Mr. Dodd's further mentioned he is worried about the trucks, they have not been to Wren's for 3 years for any maintenance.

The committee went over the police report, attached to minutes. There is a Verizon issue, and there is no Wi-Fi in the cruiser right now. Discussion was on the repeaters and how they may not fix the problem with radio issues.

Mr. Dodds made a motion to purchase 1 repeater for the police department.
Ms. Staley stated she could not certify the funds for the purchase of the repeater.

Mr. Dodds rescinded his motion on purchasing a repeater, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All eyes. MOTION

Finance – Ms. Staley explained the Resolution for transferring money on the agenda. It would allow the wells to be fixed and also transferring money for police to cover the yearly Lexipol expense.

Parks – Ms. Ropp explained he received a message about the bathrooms being locked during an event. Someone did go down and unlock the bathrooms for the guests. Although, the water fountain was vandalized, and they had put some kind of liquid on the bathroom door handles. The kids who have been at the park are starting to vandalize as well. They have broken a picnic table and wrote profanities in the shelter house. Council mentioned maybe putting up a bluff camera. They would check with Zeb on the liability.

Cemetery – Mr. Dodds stated there is an updated price list. The board added \$5 per cubic feet for foundations. Ms. Berger stated she thinks the trashcans along 235 look bad.

Joint Sewer Board- No Report

Special Firehouse Committee – No report.

Resolution 2021-36: A Resolution approving the write-off of non-billed village utility accounts billed to various village administrative offices for purposes of correct accounting.

Ms. Short made the motion to accept on 2nd reading Resolution 2021-36, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Resolution 2021-37: 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. Kueterman made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule for Resolution 2021-37, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Short made the motion to approve Resolution 2021-37 on first and final reading, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Short made the motion to adopt Resolution 2021-37, seconded by Ms. Kueterman. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Old Business:

- o Ms. Short mentioned about the parking spots the Village is eliminating. She noted nothing has been done yet.
- o Still waiting on leaves to fall
- o Park will be shut down at the end of the month

New Business: Mayor Orsborne mentioned trick or treat will be October 30th from 3pm-5pm. She will be down at the Village passing out candy during the school parade.

Ms. Kueterman made the motion to allow Mr. McAlexander up t \$100,000 to fix the wells, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

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

Ms. Kueterman made the motion to adjourn at 8:14 PM, seconded by Mr. Rowley. 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.