

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION

March 7, 2023

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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. 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
Mike Dodds, Council Member – Present
Mike Ropp, Council Member – Present
Tom Rowley, Council Member – Present
Nancy Hall, Council Member – Present
Sandra Short, President Pro Tempore – Present
Tonya Castallante, Council Member – Absent

Staff Present: Kassandra Staley, Fiscal Officer; Terry Brentlinger, Police Chief

Ms. Short made the motion to excuse Ms. Castallante die to work conflicts, seconded by Ms. Hall. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Mr. Rowley made the motion to suspend the reading and accept the February 21, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All ayes. MOTION

Visitors –

Tom Shoe & Sarah Shultz – Ms. Shultz will be taken over the DeGraff Playground Boosters. They were present to ask for permission to use the park for ball games this year. Mr. Shoe also wanted to ask to use the park for Junior Acme, it is not part of the boosters.

Mr. Rowley made the motion to allow the boosters the use of the park for ball games, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Short made the motion to allow Junior Acme the use of the park, seconded by Ms. Hall. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Gary Pond – Monthly fish fry will be this Saturday from 4pm-6om. The Special with Vic didn't go well on Friday. Before it had been on a Thursday and they did better. To date they have collected \$350 in donations for Memorial Flags at the cemetery.

Crystal Welsch – Came to introduce herself to council she will be running for Municipal Court Judge.

Zoning – No Report.

Solicitor – No Report.

Village Administrator – Mayor Orsborne stated Mr. McAlexander would not be here until the second meeting of the month. However, there were a few items he wanted to bring to council. Harford building is being torn down through grant through LUC. Working on getting bids to fix the top of the firehouse and taking down the old siren. We are also going to need to look at repairs for the side of the building, where Harford house used to butt-up against.

Broadband lines will be getting run through the town to Quincy for the low-cost internet. It will be just a small section in front of the school and Mr. McAlexander wanted to know if council wanted them to purchase a permit. Council stated since for the school didn't think a permit is necessary.

Mr. McAlexander stated he wanted to get councils permission in trading in the mower. The current mower is 2 years old and it mows about 30 some acres per week. A new mower in total would cost \$15,000 or we could trade our mower in and get a new one for \$3,000.

Ms. Short made the motion to allow the Village Administrator to trade the current mower in for a new one for the cost of \$3,000, seconded by Ms. Hall. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Short made the motion to waive the permit for the broadband work, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Utility Committee – No Report

Safety Committee – Ms. Short mentioned about possibly getting the police department jumper cables. Chief Brentlinger stated he would need a waiver if they jumped any vehicle. Could put the Village in a delicate situation.

Mr. Rowley asked about the impound lot. Ask Wren's how many they get roughly per year. Chief Brentlinger stated that project has been put on hold.

Mayor Osborne mentioned there are properties in the Village that need addressed and taken care of. Mr. Dodds and Mr. Rowley will be looking at properties around town to bring back to council. Mayor Osborne will get with Mr. Wagner on properties that may need to be condemned on the proper steps needing to be taken.

Next Tuesday at 6 pm is the CBDG and special firehouse committee meeting.

Finance – Ms. Staley mentioned the following:

- Got an update on the delinquent accounts from RITA. They have collected roughly \$10,000 from September of 2022 to today.
- Write off account Ordinance for utility. These are bills that have reached the statue of limitations or are too little to collect on in court. Totals \$17,789.72

Park Committee – Mr. Ropp mentioned the recycling area looks bad. Looks like a bag or so many have fallen off the truck and there is trash on the ground now.

Banners will be getting put up on the ball diamonds as weather gets better.

Mr. Rowley brought up the bathrooms are going to need power washed this year. Spoke about maybe hiring a professional cleaning crew. Mentioned that maybe Ms. Walls would be interested for some extra hours. Mayor Osborne stated she would talk with Mr. McAlexander about it.

Cemetery – No Report.

Joint Sewer Board- Mr. Rowley explained everything is running well and there are no problems. Working on getting the legs fixed in the screen room. Once all work is done everything will get a fresh coat od paint. March 24th PEP is coming to do an inspection, it was mentioned to try and find the old report as a reference.

Special Firehouse Committee – Next meeting is March 14th.

Ordinances & Resolutions:

Ordinance 2023-17: Amending Ordinance 2023-06 schedule of fines for traffic violations for the Village of DeGraff, Ohio and declaring an emergency

Mr. Ropp made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule for Ordinance 2023-17, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Mr. Ropp made the motion to accept Ordinance 2023-17 on first and final reading, seconded by Ms. Hall. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Hall made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-17 on third and final reading, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION
 Resolution 2023-18: A Resolution acknowledging the mandatory contributions required to be paid under section 742.31 of the Ohio Revised Code for the Chief of Police for the Village of DeGraff who is a member of the Ohio Police & Fire pension fund

Ms. Short made the motion to suspend the 3-reading rule for Resolution 2023-18, seconded by Mr. Ropp. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION
 Mr. Ropp made the motion to accept Resolution 2023-18 on first and final reading, seconded by Ms. Hall. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION
 Ms. Short made the motion to adopt Resolution 2023-18 on third and final reading, seconded by Mr. Rowley. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Resolution 2023-19: A Resolution approving the write off of utility accounts for purposes of correct accounting

Ms. Short made the motion to accept Resolution 2023-19 on first reading only, seconded by Mr. Rowley. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Old Business: Following was discussed:

- Mr. Ropp forgot to mention that Mr. John Hickman came to the utility committee meeting about an outstanding old bill the Village had. The board discussed and agreed to allow Mr. Hickman to pay half of the bill and write off the rest. He paid his half the same night.
- Mr. Rowley mentioned the website needs to be updated. Ms. Staley stated she will get it done.
- Brush pick up for the Village was mentioned. Mayor Orsborne will discuss with Mr. McAlexander.

New Business: Mr. Wagner presented the council with two options for his next contract with the Village.

Ms. Short made the motion to go into executive session at 7:34 pm to discuss compensation of village employees, seconded by Mr. Rowley. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION
 Ms. Short made the motion to exit executive session with no action taken at 7:46 pm, seconded by Ms. Hall. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Mr. Ropp made a motion to accept the solicitor proposal for \$19,050 per year, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

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

Mr. Ropp made the motion to adjourn at 7:48 PM, seconded by Ms. Hall. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

 Mayor Stephanie Orsborne

 Sandra Short, 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.

