

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION

May 2, 2023

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The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 8:27 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 – Present

Staff Present: Kassandra Staley, Fiscal Officer; Zeb Wagner, Solicitor; Ken McAlexander, Village Administrator; Terry Brentlinger, Police Chief

Mr. Dodds made the motion to suspend the reading and accept the April 18, 2023 minutes, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All ayes. MOTION

Visitors –

Gabe Kean – Observe

Gary Pond – Everything is ready for Memorial Day. There will be a donation only fish fry on Memorial Day at the legion. New officers were voted in and Mr. Dave Cavinder is the new commander Mr. Pond is stepping down.

Sue Walls – Observe

Amanda Mees – Residents lives on Humble Drive and her neighbors are parking on the side of the street making it dangerous for the bus to pass to pick up kids. She believes there should be no parking on the road on Humble Dr and Sandra Dr. She has called metro and they are doing nothing. Chief Brent linger has spoke with the tenants and they will move, but continue to do it. Also, their car is loud and they rev it up at inappropriate. hours. Mayor Orsborne and Mr. Wagner explained noise ordinances are hard to enforce, since the noise has to be a certain decibel and applies to stationary objects. Another neighbor allows her children to play on other residents' properties and is afraid they are going to get hit on the street. She has call ed the school and CPS to no avail. Mayor Orsborne explained the only thing they can do is look into the parking situation on the roads within that area.

Hannah Diewald – Ms. Diewald was here to go over the information for the Neighborhood Revitalization Grant the Village is applying for (handout attached). Mr. Kean asked about if residents sidewalks were being replaced would there be assessments to taxes. The Village used to do that. Mayor Orsborne explained the Village use to do that, but with the cost of everything she would rather not put that cost on the residents if the Village could afford it. Ms. Walls stated she would rather the park money go to the paving project inside of the resurfacing of the walking track. She believes this would be more beneficial to the community. Ms. Diewald explained if the Village didn't include sidewalks it could be detrimental to the grant funding. Mr. McAlexander asked about switching the hydrant work from water to fire, since it would be adding fire flow to areas it is currently not at. Ms. Diewald took note.

Zoning – No Report.

Solicitor – Mr. Wagner explained a Ms. Linda McGillvery reached out to him. The DeGraff Country Fair is in the process of dissolving and they are wanting to donate a parcel of land to the Village. Mayor Orsborne stated they would be willing to accept the land. Mr. Wagner stated the Village would need to do a title search and an Ordinance.

Village Administrator – Mr. McAlexander went over the following:

- Water Plant Bid Opening will be May 11th at 1pm. There has been some interest in the project 3-4 sets of prints have been taken.
- Generator grant for the water plant is approved. That will be \$50,000 toward a new generator from Ohio EPA.
- Water Main loop Grant blueprints have been reviewed and submitted back to the engineer with corrections. There will be a meeting on Tuesday.
- Consumer Confidence Report is completed. There was an ad in the paper and it was put on the bills that went out for this month.
- Mr. McAlexander looked into if the fire house could be a historical building, and it is not historical. Even if it was the max amount the Village could possibly receive would be \$20,000.
- Several sections of streets have been graded that were holding water. Fixing these areas will help with road deterioration.
- The hydraulic pump was fixed on the skid loader.
- Neighborhood revitalization grant the South end sewer project could be shrunk to \$155,000, with looking at finances the Village could put \$30,000 toward the project. There is a dramatic leak on the west end so we do not want to cut that project. Mr. McAlexander is working on getting the projects within budget.

Utility Committee – No Report

Safety Committee – Ms. Short went over the following:

- Need to look at coming up with suggestions on the cost for pool fills for the fire department.
- Mr. Rowley went over the following properties:
 - 219 Moore St. – Appliances in back yard
 - 221 Moore St. – Stairwell into basement has a whole and that is outside of our ordinances. In our eyes there is no violation.
 - 322 N Main St. – There is junk in the backyard and on the porch. Council would also like a letter sent asking what are his plans with the property.
 - 206 N. Koke St. – There are several broken windows. Mr. Dodds asked what ordinance this was violating. Currently the Village does not have an Ordinance on this. Mr. Wagner explained the council would need to adopt a building code Ordinance before it can be addressed. Council tabled this address until they look at passing a building code.
 - 202 N Mill St. – Mayor Orsborne explained the family approached Mr. Orsborne and they are working on fixing u the property. Mr. Rowley would like a letter sent out asking about plans for the property.
 - 206 S. Main St. – Mr. Rowley would like a letter of plans for the property be sent.
 - 103 N. Koke St. – There is a truck and car on the property. Would like a letter to be sent.
 - 120 N. Mill St. – Mr. Rowley explained he looked at the property and to see junk in the back yard you have to look over cars and it is at least 50 ft from the sidewalk. He doesn't believe there is enough to warrant a letter.

Mr. Rowley made the motion to send a letter to 219 Moore St. for the appliances in the backyard, seconded by Ms. Castellante. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Mr. Rowley made the motion to send a letter of intent on property and a violation notice for the junk on the porch and the backyard, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Finance – Ms. Staley mentioned the following:

- The committee went over the April bank statement.
- Ms. Staley also explained she would not be at the next meeting, because her son has his one and only band concert.

Park Committee – Mr. Rowley went over the following:

- Working on getting bids for a handicap parking pad at the park.
- MR. Rowley cleaned the bathrooms at the park and he cannot physically do it every two weeks. Boosters do clean the bathrooms after the ball games. Ms. Mees stated she would volunteer to clean the bathrooms. Mayor Osborne moved it to the finance committee to see how much and if the Village could pay for the services.

Cemetery – No Report.

Joint Sewer Board- Mr. Coy is considering doing more in-house testing for e-coil. He is pricing the cost of equipment compared to the amount of money we spend per year. He will be filling the generator with diesel fuel checking out companies to see who will fit the needs the best. Continuing working on the 5-year plan. Council has been invited to make an appointment with Mr. Coy if they would like to tour the sewer plant. Fields for land apply have been approved and will save the Village about \$8,000 per year over the landfill.

Special Firehouse Committee: Mayor Osborne explained we are waiting to see what happens with the levy tonight.

Ordinances & Resolutions: None.

Old Business: The following old business was discussed:

- Spring Clean-up is still continuing throughout the Village
- Garage sales are set for the 1st Saturday in June

New Business: No Report.

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

Ms. Short made the motion to adjourn at 8:27 PM, seconded by Mr. Rowley. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Mayor Stephanie Osborne

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.

