VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

July 5, 2023

Regular Council meeting called to order, pledge of allegiance at 6:03pm by Mayor Suter, with roll call by Bill Gilpin

English - Present Nichols - Present Roark – Present

Turner - Present Gorth - Present Caudill - Present

Mayor Suter – Present Alan Ausman, Village Administrator - Present

### Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer –Present Emily Supinger, Solicitor –Absent

Also present – Joe DaGiau, Rebecca Boeckmann, Matt Fellerhoff

\*Motion to accept the minutes of the June 5, 2023 meeting by English, seconded by Nichols

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner – yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to pay bills by Caudill, seconded by English

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Rebecca Boeckmann spoke about property she owns in the village that she is trying to sell; it is comprised of 6 different parcels that has a paper version of Hazel Alley running through it; asked the village if it would consider vacating the paper alley on the property. Mayor Suter responded that in the past the village has not vacated any old roads when asked, but it would be a council decision. Matt Fellerhoff noted that it would require council action to vacate any old paper roads. Todd English asked how far on the property the old alley went. Mayor Suter responded that it goes all the way out into the field behind the property. Mayor Suter told Rebecca Boeckmann that council would make a decision and get back with her.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**  Alan Ausman reports:

* **Maintenance:** Spraying of river bank will be soon; Cornerstone Development to start on river wall project next week
* **Administrative:** Fireworks went well even with the short time frame to prepare; riversweep was a success with lots of volunteers; Mayor and council petitions due to county by August 9
* **Zoning:** Bid of $17,800 received to demolish the structure at 314 Third Street, adjudication order posted on the property and notice mailed to property owner

Phil Turner asked if the county land bank was an option for razing the structure at 314 Third Street; Mayor Suter noted that he has spoken to the county and they are ready to assist with the project if possible. Phil Turner asked if now is the proper time to spray the river bank since it looks nice and green. Mayor Suter noted that the village made an agreement with the Army Corps of Engineers many years ago to keep the bank clear of vegetation after some work was performed.

**FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT:**  Bill Gilpin reports:

Reported that the resolution for the levy is a replacement of the current 7 mil levy that expires at the end of this year; resolution 2023-14 is regarding the new LGF formula developed by the county township association. Mayor Suter reported that the mayor’s association is recommending not approving the resolution due to the villages being left out of the conversation. Resolution 2023-15 is for approving the tax budget that was reviewed earlier in the evening.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** Emily Supinger reports:

Absent, Matt Fellerhoff in attendance, nothing to report

**MAYOR’S REPORT:** Mayor Suter reports:

Reported that the Zimmer owners property tax appeal hearing has been pushed back to October 18 to allow time to negotiate a PILOT program with the school district; also noted that the new state budget allows for utility PILOT programs.

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The fireworks went very well with a huge crowd this year, thanked Alan and Steve for their work preparing for the event; suggested forming a committee to organize and fundraise for next year’s event should council decide to continue the event for next year.

Phil Turner asked council to make a decision on whether to vacate the portion of Hazel Alley requested by Rebecca Boeckmann. The consensus of council was not to do so.

\*Motion to not vacate Hazel Alley by Turner, seconded by English

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner – yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

ORDINANCE 2023-12 – AN ORDINANCE TO PROCEED WITH A REPLACEMENT TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR OPERATING EXPENSES AND TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER 2023 ELECTION BALLOT

\*Motion to waive the readings of Ordinance 2023-12 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2023-12 by Caudill, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

RESOLUTION 2023-13 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO COOPERATION AGREEMENT FOR THE CLERMONT COUNTY ENTITLEMENT PROGRAM WITH CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO PURSUANT TO PROVISIONS OF THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED

\*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2023-13 by English, seconded by Nichols

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-13 by Turner, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

RESOLUTION 2023-14 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION OF ALTERNATIVE METHOD OF APPORTIONMENT OF THE UNDIVIDED LOCAL GOVERNMENT FUND (LGF) FOR CALENDAR YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2029

\*Motion to table Resolution 2023-14 by Turner, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

RESOLUTION 2023-15 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE 2024 TAX BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF MOSCOW AND AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT THE BUDGET TO THE AUDITOR

\*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2023-15 by Caudill, seconded by English

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Resolution 2023-15 by Gorth, seconded by Nichols

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

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**OLD BUSINESS:**

Cindy Gorth reported that the July 4 parade went well.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Joe DaGiau noted that the fireworks were great and the town was busy all weekend; suggesting charging for parking next year to help with the fireworks cost; also expressed support for razing the structure at 314 Third Street; may be interested in purchasing the property after the demolition is completed.

\*Motion to adjourn at 7:16pm made by English, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Nichols -yea Roark - yea

Turner - absent Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

APPROVED BY:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TIM SUTER, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BILL GILPIN, FISCAL OFFICER