

## SARDINIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: July 13, 2020

### Roll Call:

Art Hoovler	Present	Juanita Watson	Present	Seth Cooper	Absent
Dustin Puckett	Present	Bill North	Present	Greg Cassidy	Appointed 7-13-2020

Council reviewed the minutes from the June 8, 2020 Regular Meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes was made by Juanita Watson. Bill North seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Council reviewed the bills to be paid and bank reconciliation. *Motion to pay the bills was made by Bill North. Art Hoovler seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Mayor Townes asked for a motion to go into Executive Session for discussion of appointing a Council member covered by ORC 121.22 G1.

- *Juanita Watson moved to go into Executive Session for discussion on personnel covered by the ORC 121.22 G1 at 7:03 pm. Dustin Puckett seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*
- *Art Hoovler moved to come out of Executive Session at 7:20 pm. Juanita Watson seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Mayor Townes thanked both Peggy Vance and Greg Cassidy for their interest in filling the vacant Council seat.

- *Art Hoovler moved to appoint Greg Cassidy to fill the vacant Council seat for the remaining of the term that expires December 31, 2021. Bill North seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Greg Cassidy was sworn in by Anthony Baker, Solicitor.

### Police Department: Chief Jim Lewis

- Tickets written for the June 18 court date totaled 26. 23 of the tickets were written on SR 32. 5 reports were taken.
- The Sardinia Church of Christ hosted a fireworks display on Saturday, July 11. It was covered by Chief Lewis and Officer Bohl.
- Chief Lewis provided Council with a copy of the updated bond schedule.
- Bill North asked what the status is on the potential Cadet that was present at the June meeting. Chief Lewis stated that she is planning on going through the police academy.
- The advertisement for a 32-hour per week officer has been sent to the newspaper and is posted on the Police Department's Facebook page.
- Mayor Townes provided Council with the ticket and officer activity report for the month.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### Finance Committee: Art Hoovler – Chair

##### Village Mowing:

- The mowing contract at the cemetery covers a set number of mowing with weed-eating done every other mowing. For the 2021 season, we will have the weed-eating done with each mowing.
- We are down to one mower. Karen provided the committee with the cost for our employees to mow in the Village with fuel included. It costs around \$2,100 per month for us to do the mowing. This does not include any maintenance on the equipment, just manpower and fuel. With the loans for the John Deere tractor and mini excavator, we are unable to afford another payment out of those funds to purchase an additional mower. They discussed that for the 2021 season, we ask for bids to contract out the mowing within the Village.
- We are now responsible for mowing the median and edges of SR 32 from Matthews Road to SR 124. We have contracted with Washington Township for this mowing. The cost is \$110 per hour. It was figured that it should be no more than 2 hours per mowing. Mayor Townes just received the contract today.

Sale of Vehicles: Both old cruisers have been sold for a total of \$619.00, the 1999 Ford Pickup has been sold as well for \$200.00

Income Tax: Regional Income Tax Agency completed a collection project for delinquent taxes and have collected all but about \$3,000

##### Delinquent Utility Accounts:

- The Ohio EPA lifted the no disconnect mandate effective July 10. Letters were sent to all delinquent accounts for March through June stating that the deadline to pay would be July 10. After that date, services will be shut off for non-payment.
- The regular procedures for disconnection will resume with the bills due July 9<sup>th</sup>.

##### Public Safety: Chief Lewis

No-Parking Issue on Highland Ave: Art Hoovler, Bill North were appointed to this committee for the month of June. Seth Cooper also attended. It was decided to leave it as is for now. Since the signs have been installed, there have not been any problems.

##### Public Works: Juanita Watson – Chair

Sewer Charges and Sewer Shut Off Valves: They discussed that any property that has a structure that is connected to the sewer will receive a minimum sewer bill even if the structure is vacant. They also discussed the installation of the sewer disconnect valve and the steps to be taken for them to be installed.



**Mandatory Trash Service:** The new beauty salon has requested that she not have to pay for trash pick-up. It was decided that unless the business has a dumpster, there will be a trash charge.

**Cemetery Deeds:** Mayor Townes is working on a spreadsheet and updating the index cards to make sure everything is recorded properly.

**Mayor:** Tina Townes

**Utility Update:** Mayor Townes updated Council on the delinquent accounts: There were 8 disconnects done today for non-payment. We received one request for assistance through a payment agreement. Mayor Townes, Ty Pack and Karen Miller will be setting up a meeting with that customer. Delinquent amounts for each month are: March \$510.77; April \$927.63; May \$1,496.48; June \$1,820.62; July \$12,965.58. Total amount delinquent is \$17,721.08.

**Update from the Administrator:** Ty is on vacation. He provided the Mayor with the following information to share:

- The PLC System (Computer system) upgrade for the wastewater treatment plant should be installed in August or September. It will include a camera system that can be accessed through a smart phone or tablet. Karen mentioned that the cost is a good bit less than the initial estimate.
- 1999 Ford truck was put out for sale through sealed bids. It was purchased by Chris Bales for \$200.00.
- Crestview Mobile Home Park is proceeding with plans to install 9 more trailer pads.
- The Mae and Charlotte Street waterline replacement project is moving forward. The cost is less than initially estimated due to the fact that we will be installing the new lines along the road right-of-way instead of down the middle of the road as proposed.

**Office Hours:** Mayor Townes stated that since our customer area is so small, the office will be open by appointment only.

**Address Assignment:** We need to assign an address to a portion of vacant land on Yochum Road since the new owner is planning on building a house there. Ty determined that it should be 7881 Yochum Road. Art Hoovler moved to assign the address as requested. Dustin Puckett seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.

**Rumpke Trash Contract:** We had the option to extend our contract with Rumpke for 2 more years through our current contract. It was agreed to extend the contract for two more years.

**Ordinance 1275-20:** Emergency Ordinance entering into an agreement with Ohio Department of Transportation stating what ODOT is responsible for and what the Village is responsible for. This is just an update to an agreement that was made in 1975. ODOT will do snow & ice removal, any paving and line painting as well as maintaining the signage along SR 32 from Matthews Road to SR 134. Mayor Townes read the title of said Ordinance.

- Greg Cassidy moved to suspend the three-reading rule. Dustin Puckett seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.
- Greg Cassidy moved to adopt Ordinance 1275-20. Bill North seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.

**Resolution 1449-20:** Resolution declaring the necessity of a 5 mill additional police levy and asking for certification from the County Auditor. Mayor Townes read the title of said Resolution.

- Art Hoovler moved to adopt Resolution 1449-20. Bill North seconded the motion. All yeas with Greg Cassidy abstaining. Motion passed.

**Resolution 1450-20:** Budgetary Resolution to appropriate additional funds to cover engineering costs for the waterline replacement project. Mayor Townes read the title of said Resolution.

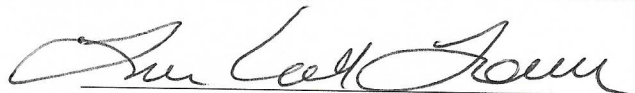
- Juanita Watson moved to suspend the three-reading rule. Dustin Puckett seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.
- Art Hoovler moved to adopt Resolution 1450-20. Greg Cassidy seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.

**Cemetery Rules:** We have several residents who walk in the cemetery because it is a quiet and safe place to walk. While they are walking, they pick up trash they find as well as replacing flags, etc. Mayor Townes informed Council that she has received complaints from residents who walk in the cemetery about being approached by a Sardinia Police Officer because they are walking after the cemetery is closed for the night. The posted rule states the cemetery is closed from daylight to dark. She had an incident last year where she was told to leave the cemetery because it was after hours. Mayor Townes stated that she felt they should be able to walk in the cemetery at any time especially when the weather is hot. One complaint stated that the walker was told she looked suspicious. Mayor Townes does not know of any incidents of vandalism at the cemetery but she knows that there was vandalism at the park the same night of the resident complaint. Chief Lewis stated that we had a couple of headstones knocked off the bases 4 months ago. He defended his officer stating that his officer is just enforcing the posted rule. Mayor Townes is requesting for Council to allow residents to walk in the cemetery at any time. Art Hoovler made a motion to allow residents to walk in the cemetery at any time. Dustin Puckett seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed. The rules will be reviewed and revised at the next Public Works Committee meeting.

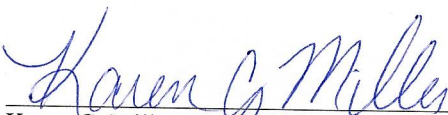
Mayor Townes asked for a motion to adjourn. Dustin Puckett moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill North seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.

PASSED

8/10/2020



Tina Coday Townes, Mayor



Karen G. Miller, Fiscal Officer