

## **SARDINIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING    DATE OF MEETING: November 8, 2021**

### **Roll Call:**

Art Hoovler	Present	Juanita Watson	Present	Dustin Puckett	Absent
Bill North	Present	Greg Cassidy	Present	Tom Reifenger	Present

Council reviewed the minutes from the October 11, 2021 Regular Meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes was made by Juanita Watson. Bill North seconded the motion. All yeas, with Greg Cassidy abstaining. Motion passed.*

Council reviewed the bills to be paid and the bank reconciliations for October. *Motion to pay the bills was made by Greg Cassidy. Art Hoovler seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

### **Audience:**

- Chief Melissa Downes - Brown County Humane Society: She informed Council about the Spay & Neuter Assistance Program (SNAP). Their funding is not tax based, it comes from a portion of the animal license fees. She also stated that they are trying to raise funds for the 2022 program. They have a donor who will match all funds raised up to \$11,000. They catch feral cats, neuter them and then release them back to the area they were caught using the TNR system (trap, neuter and release). The Brown County Humane Society has raised half of the \$11,000 and has until November 22<sup>nd</sup> to raise the remaining balance. Anyone can donate to this program.
- Peggy Vance came to discuss the installation of a catch basin and tile to catch the runoff from the field and the neighbor's property that causes flooding on her property. There is an unmaintained alley in between the neighbor's property and hers. She had first thought to have the alley closed, but would now like to leave it as it is. Karen has stated that the Village is willing to cover the cost of the tile under the alley portion of the project. Ms. Vance will get estimates from a contractor and bring it back to Council so they may approve the cost for the portion that encompasses the unmaintained alley. Karen will measure the alley section so Council knows how many feet the Village will cover.

### **Police Department:** Chief Jim Lewis

- Tickets written for the November 4 court date totaled 10, 8 of those were written on SR 32. 5 reports were taken.
- Sergeant Dailey and Officer Johnson attended a refresher course to be instructors for the Tasers.
- Sergeant Spitznagel, Sergeant Dailey, Officers Johnson & Cox and Cadet Christman as well as Jessica Lewis assisted with traffic and handing out candy for Trick or Treat. No incidents were reports.
- Sergeant Dailey held the yearly firearms qualifications. Retired Sergeant Baker qualified the Officers on rifles.
- The 3 radars have been recertified. The Lidar will be sent off to be recertified.
- We will be doing Shop With A Cop again this year. We are planning on taking 3 students. The date is scheduled for December 14. Officer Thatcher and Officer Johnson will be going to businesses for donations. It starts with breakfast, then shopping, lunch and a movie, then wrapping presents and dinner before the kids are taken home.
- Chief Lewis would like to present all of our Auxiliary Officers a \$300.00 leather allowance again this year as an appreciation for their hard work. *Art Hoovler moved to give each officer \$300.00. Greg Cassidy seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

### **Administrator:** Karen Miller

**Water Meter Grant Application:** We were awarded the HB 168 Infrastructure Grant for the replacement of the water meters – The grant award is \$147,763.00 and our matching cost is \$58,498.00 for a total project cost of \$206,261.00. Our matching funds are coming from the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA). This project will replace all of our water meters with meters that are read through a cell signal and sent directly to the computer 4 times a day. This will allow us to catch leaks early, which will save the customers, as the leak will be caught quickly. As of right now, we are the only applicant from Brown County that received grant funds. Mayor Townes stated that this was a joint effort and she greatly appreciates everyone's cooperation. Mayor Townes feels that this will reduce operating costs for the Village.

**Water & Sewer Rate Study:** Karen provided Council with a copy of the 5-Year Rate Study that was completed by Wayne Cannon with RCAP. We are on target with our revenue and expenses. The first year the water will increase 2.25% and sewer will not have an increase. The following 4 years, both the water and sewer will have an increase of 2.25%. Wayne Cannon will be at the December Council meeting to answer any questions. Mayor Townes stated that instituting the minimum charge for every sewer connection has made a definite impact on our revenue in the sewer fund. Tom Mayes stated that part of the reason we were awarded the HB 168 Grant was because we have a Rate Study completed.

### **Mayor:** Tina Townes

**3<sup>rd</sup> and Final Reading of Ordinance 1287-21 Amending the Zoning Map Property Designations:** Mayor Townes read title of the said Ordinance. This will serve as the third and final reading. *Juanita Watson moved to adopt Ordinance 1287-21. Greg Cassidy seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed*



2<sup>nd</sup> Reading of Ordinance for the 2022 Temporary Budget: Mayor Townes read title of the said Ordinance. This will serve as the second reading.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance for the 2022 Rates of Pay for Village Employees: Mayor Townes read title of the said Ordinance. This will serve as the first reading.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance for the 5-Year Water Rates: Mayor Townes read title of the said Ordinance. This will serve as the first reading.

1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance for the 5-Year Sewer Rates: Mayor Townes read title of the said Ordinance. This will serve as the first reading.

Emergency Resolution 1462-21 for the SR 32 Resurfacing Project: Mayor Townes read title of Resolution 1462-21 giving ODOT permission to resurface SR 32 within the Village Corporation Limits in 2023.

- *Greg Cassidy moved to suspend the three-reading rule. Art Hoovler seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*
- *Greg Cassidy moved to adopt Resolution 1462-21. Art Hoovler seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Christmas Parade: Mayor Townes updated Council on the schedule for the Christmas Parade on December 4, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Lineup will begin at 5:30 at the Fire Department. After the parade, the American Legion will be having cookies, hot chocolate and pictures with Santa.

Trailers at the Railroad Depot: All of the semi-trailers have been removed by the owner of the Railroad. Mayor Townes made many phone calls, sent emails and finally sent the owner a certified letter stating that they needed to be removed or he would be cited to Mayors Court for a zoning violation.

Railroad Crossing Repairs: The Village patched the railroad crossings on Tri County as a temporary fix until the Railroad can have them repaired. The Village invoice the Railroad \$1,602.47 for the repairs. The Director of Operations is working on a plan to have the crossing repaired sometime next spring.

Kroger Gift Cards for Village Employees: Mayor Townes would like to give each employee a Kroger gift card in appreciation of their work for 2021. *Art Hoovler moved to purchase a \$150.00 Kroger gift card for each employee. Greg Cassidy seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

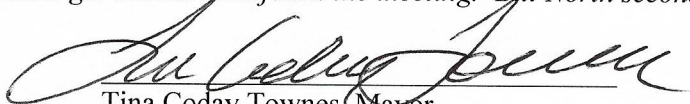
Winchester Street Repaving: The Brown County Engineer contacted us asking if we would like to be included in his county group application for the OPWC funding. We agreed to be included as it will allow us to score higher by being included in a county project. As soon as the rankings are released, we will let Council know.

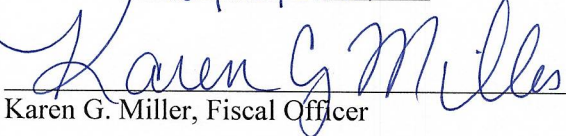
NatureWorks Grant Application: The awards for the NatureWorks Grant have not been announced yet.

Mayor Townes asked for a motion to adjourn. *Tom Reifenberger moved to adjourn the meeting. Bill North seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

PASSED

12/13/2021

  
Tina Coday Townes, Mayor

  
Karen G. Miller, Fiscal Officer