

SARDINIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

DATE OF MEETING: October 12, 2020

Roll Call:

Art Hoovler	Present	Juanita Watson	Present	Dustin Puckett	Present
Bill North	Present	Greg Cassidy	Present	Vacant Seat	

Council reviewed the minutes from the September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting. *Motion to accept the minutes was made by Greg Cassidy. Art Hoovler 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 Art Hoovler. Greg Cassidy seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Audience: Nick Selhorst with Choice One Engineering out of Loveland, Ohio. Mr. Selhorst passed around a flyer for his company. Choice One Engineering is a Civil Engineering Consultant & Surveying Company that services primarily municipalities. They have worked with Mt. Orab, Williamsburg, Owensville, Felicity & Amelia. They do not charge a retainer to the municipalities. Their fees are based on the project. They also assist with grant funding. They typically don't charge for the grant work unless it is a detailed grant application. They just want to do the design work for the project. They have a grant writer on staff. They have worked with Kurtis Strickland and RCAP as well.

Executive Session: Mayor Townes asked for a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the vacant Council seat covered by the ORC 121.22 G1.

- *Greg Cassidy moved to go into Executive Session. Juanita Watson seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed*
- *Greg Cassidy moved to come out of Executive Session. Bill North seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*
- Mayor Townes asked Council if there was any action to be taken as a result of the Executive Session. *Art Hoovler moved to appoint Thomas Reifenberger to fill the vacant Council seat that will expire December 31, 2021. Greg Cassidy seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Mayor Townes swore in Tom Reifenberger as Council Member.

Police Department: Chief Jim Lewis

- Tickets written for the October 8 court date totaled 29 with 25 of those written on SR 32; 2 reports were taken.
- Sergeant Dailey held firearms training at the range in Georgetown on Saturday, October 10, 2020.
- Joel Barnett will not be filling the paid position; he will be an Auxiliary Officer. He took a job with the prison.
- Darlene Cox was sworn in as an Auxiliary Officer on Thursday. She retired from Hamilton County Sheriff's Department at the end of September.
- Tony Peters was in the office last week. He is finishing up the Police Academy at UC Clermont. As soon as he passes his test, he will be sworn in as an Auxiliary Officer. And if the 32-hour position is still available, he would be interested in the position.
- Andrew Gossnick is interested in becoming an Auxiliary Officer as well.
- Mayor Townes presented Council with the Officer Activity Report for the month.

Mayor: Tina Townes

Utility Delinquency Update: Still outstanding for April \$238.51; May \$266.21; June \$268.93; July \$263.49; August \$1,344.79; September \$3,486.27 and October is \$25,786.64 for a total of \$31,654.84.

CARES Act Funding: We are eligible for \$7,114.05 in CARES Act Funding for COVID related expenses. Council needs to determine if they want to accept the funds and what they want to use it for. We can assist Eastern Joint Fire & EMS District with needed equipment that directly relates to COVID expenses through a sub-grant to them from our CARES Act Funds. We have to pass a Resolution to establish the funding.

- Resolution 1454-20: A Resolution establishing the limited use of Coronavirus Relief Funding and declaring it an emergency. Mayor Townes read title of said Resolution.
 - *Art Hoovler moved to suspend the three-reading rule. Greg Cassidy seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed*
 - *Juanita Watson moved to adopt Resolution 1454-20. Greg Cassidy seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Cemetery Mowing for 2021: Mayor Townes would like to extend the current contract for another year. The price will stay the same - \$16,800. *Bill North moved to extend the contract for another year. Art Hoovler seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.* Our Solicitor will draft up a contact amendment for the 2021 mowing season.

Town Mowing: We are working on a map of the areas we currently mow withing the Village. Finance Committee reviewed what the cost is of personnel and fuel and it totaled about \$2,200 per month. That does not include any maintenance on the mower. We currently only have one mower and the funds are not available to purchase another mower at this time. They have recommended that we put the mowing out for bid to see if it is cheaper to contract it out. *Greg Cassidy moved to put it out for bid. Bill North seconded the motion. All yeas. Motion passed.*

Phone & Internet Service for Village Buildings: S. Bryer is a new provider in the Village. They have phone, internet and cable services. It is a fiber optic line coming from Mt. Orab. The Village of Mt. Orab uses S. Bryer for internet but not their phone system. Mayor Townes would like to have them come in and review our accounts to see if it is a good fit for the Village.

2nd Reading of Ordinance for the 2021 Temporary Appropriations: Mayor Townes read title of the 2021 Temporary Appropriation Ordinance. This will serve as the second reading.

Trick or Treat: Mayor Townes stated that the Village Trick or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 31 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Administrator: Ty Pack

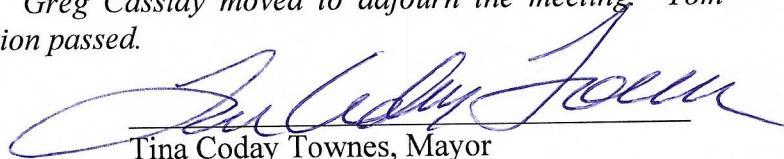
Update on Smoke Testing: This was a project in conjunction with Ohio Rural Water Association. There were 71 violations. Most of those were broken clean out caps and down spouts tied into the sewer lines. We are working on letters to the property owners that had violations setting a 30-day timeline to get the issue repaired. These issues are EPA enforced so the property owner must fix the problem or they could receive a fine. Fairview Ave had several lateral issues, and there were issues on Tri County Hwy and Sardinia Mowrystown Rd.

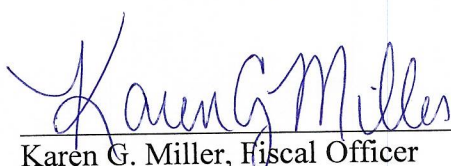
Charlotte & Mae Waterline Replacement Project: Bid opening is scheduled for October 21 at 1:00 pm.

There will be no Committee Meetings in October.

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

PASSED 11/9/2020


Tina Coday Townes, Mayor


Karen G. Miller, Fiscal Officer