

## MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** DeLong, Thompson, Hubbard, Brittany Burgess, Barb Burgess, Holmes, and Morena. Also in attendance were Murdock, Benson, Shoemaker, and Neading.

Motion by Morena, second by Holmes to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of December 2, 2019. All council members approved.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:** Gina and Bobbi, representatives from AEP were in attendance to discuss the Franchise agreement that is coming due in January. The current agreement is 50 years old. The agreement allows AEP to build infrastructure, provide power, help new businesses establish new connections, and allows for energy efficiency opportunities. Also, the agreement allows AEP to complete work without pulling permits, and helps with faster power restoration during outages. If the agreement is approved, the Village must post the information for two consecutive weeks in the paper or post the information at five public areas for 15 days. If the agreement is approved, they will work with Neading to complete all of the paperwork.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT:** Jamie Shoemaker was in attendance and presented the service department report. He noted that he would like to order eight repair sleeves, their current supply is getting low and there is a current discount for purchasing eight or more. He also reported the new garage door was installed at the Service Garage. There were some dents in the door and it is under warranty and the panels will be replaced in the spring at no cost to the Village. They repaired a leak on E. Grant on an abandoned line. They also repaired another leak on Robertsville Road. Potassium and Chlorine were ordered and received for the water plant. He also reported the Water Plant is running well and water consumption is good. They continue to patch roads as weather permits. The leaf vac has been removed from the truck and stored. All snow equipment is installed and ready.

Holmes asked Shoemaker why he has not used any of the brine. Shoemaker said he wanted to use it today, but the roads were too wet, but it is set up and ready to be used.

### **PARK:**

**FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT:** Neading provided the RITA, Fund Status, Receipts, and Payments (as of 12/16/19). She reported the State Historical Society reviewed the list and are not requesting any items to be transferred. She will obtain quotes for destruction for the first quarter. She also discussed Christmas Tree Recycling will be December 26<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup> at the park.

Barb Burgess made a motion to enter into executive session for the purchase of real property, second by Holmes. All council members approved. All council members, Murdock, Benson, and Neading entered into executive session at 7:09. The meeting resumed at 7:18 with no action taken.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** Benson reported he and Shoemaker attended an asphalt and sealing demonstration in Canton. He also discussed they tried three different mini excavators and agree the John Deere is a good fit for the Village. It is priced at \$30,000 after trading in the current mini excavator for \$14,000. He has also been looking into a new truck. He was able to price a cab and chassis for \$38,000 which is approximately \$8,000-10,000 off the list part.

Barb Burgess made a motion to allow Benson to proceed with the purchase of the John Deere mini excavator and trade in the current mini excavator for \$14,000, not to exceed \$30,000. Second by Brittany Burgess, all council members approved.

DeLong asked how quick of a turn around it would be for the mini excavator. Benson thought it would be able to be completed in a few weeks.

Holmes asked if the Village would be trading in a truck or keeping all of them. Benson explained that there are times where three trucks would be beneficial. For example, during leaf season, the leaf box is on one truck, another truck could be equipped for snow

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removal, and the other truck would be available for dirt in the event of a water leak. He also intends on outfitting the new truck with everything it would need for snow removal.

Barb Burgess made a motion to allow Benson to proceed with purchasing the cab and chassis not to exceed \$38,000, second by Brittany Burgess. All council members approved.

Benson discussed the water leak at Daystar. They need to install a backflow preventer and upgrade their lines from plastic due to EPA regulations. They were good with everything and will get it completed over the next few months.

He also discussed that he met with Angela Lambert regarding her son's water line. There have been issues for a long time with the line. It is an old cast iron pipe that creates a dead end. They are looking for a resolution to provide better quality water for the area. He is going to have the service department work on line locates and make a plan.

**MAYOR:** DeLong was contacted by Jeff Smith, his son is an arborist and would like to plant trees in the spring at the park. DeLong has additional questions about location and types of trees. DeLong provided council with the 2020 committee lists. He thanked Tom Holmes for being a good representative of council. He wished everyone in attendance Happy Holidays.

### **COUNCIL:**

Holmes thanked council and noted that it was great working with everyone. He also thanked Carol Brawley and MCDF for the time he worked with them. He wished everyone in attendance Happy Holidays.

Thompson thanked Tom and wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Barb Burgess thanked Tom and welcomed Jan. She also wished everyone a Merry Christmas.

Brittany Burgess wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Morena thanked Ashley for the cookies. He also thanked Tom and welcomed Jan. He wished everyone Happy Holidays.

Hubbard thanked Tom. She also thanked the Fire Department, MCDF, and the American Legion for a great Christmas Party.

### **LEGISLATURE:**

Barb Burgess made a motion to put on the agenda the first reading of Ordinance 9-2019, an Ordinance granting Franchise to Ohio Power Company. Second by Morena, all council members approved.

Motion by Morena, second by Burgess for the first reading of Ordinance 9-2019, an Ordinance granting Franchise to Ohio Power Company. All council members approved.

Barb Burgess made a motion to put on the agenda Ordinance 10-2019, an Ordinance amending the 2019 appropriations to move \$80,000 from the Water Other Supplies and Materials to Water Purchase of Motor Vehicles and declare it an emergency. Second by Morena, all council members approved.

Motion by Barb Burgess, second by Morena to suspend rule 731.17. All council members approved. Motion by Barb Burgess, second by Morena to adopt Ordinance 10-2019, an Ordinance amending the 2019 appropriations to move \$80,000 from the Water Other Supplies and Materials to Water Purchase of Motor Vehicles and declare it an emergency. All council members approved.

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**FINANCE:** Motion by Barb Burgess, second by Holmes to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$83,186.36 in vendor invoices, pre-approved by the Finance Committee 12/16/19; plus \$5,767.90 in payroll pre-approved by the Finance Committee and paid 12/12/19. All council members approved.

**QUESTIONS:** Thomas asked if the rule was suspended for both legislation items? Burgess clarified it was only for the second item.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Holmes, second Thompson to adjourn. All council members approved.

**Next regular council meeting will be Monday, January 6, 2020 @ 7:00 p.m.**

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer