VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

April 1, 2019

Regular Council meeting called to order, pledge of allegiance at 6:00pm by Mayor Suter, with roll call by Bill Gilpin

Fischer - Present Forbes - Present Roark - Present

Turner - Present Gorth - Present Caudill - Present

Mayor Suter – Present Andrew Gephardt, Administrator - Present

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

Also present – Tracey Suter, Deputy Brown, Thea Kellum, Gerald Mercer, Joe DaGiau, Doug Lipscomb, Ken Rosser of Cincinnati Bell, Megan Alley of the Clermont Sun

\*Motion to accept the minutes of the March 4, 2019 regular and March 19, 2019 special meeting by Forbes, seconded by Fischer

Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

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

Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Ken Rosser of Cincinnati Bell Fioptics division spoke to council about recent installation of fiber optic cabling and explained some new options that are now available to Moscow residents.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**  Andrew Gephardt reports:

* **Connect Clermont:** The grant application for fitness center equipment has been submitted
* **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program:** A grant application has been submitted for the riverfront wall on the east end of the village
* **Zoning:** A letter has been sent for the junk car in the yard at 214 Third Street
* **Records Retention:** Nancy and I have made more headway in organization and disbursement of old files; will need records commission to approve before turning in to Ohio History Connection
* **Certified Local Government Funding Change:** Attended Clermont County meeting, not much discussion; suggest we make resolution expressing our concerns
* **Community Reinvestment Area:** The CRA allows for a 10 year tax abatement on remodeling projects costing more than $10,000; allows for a 15 year tax abatement on new home construction costing more than $150,000

The hazard mitigation grant application calls for a 20% match on $200k worth of riverbank repair work.

The records commission will meet on May 6 at 5:30pm to prepare the necessary paperwork for obsolete records disposal.

Local Government Fund: There was discussion on possibly passing a resolution expressing opposition to the formula proposed by the townships. Mayor Suter suggested proposing the allocation be split equally amongst all entities or changing the 25% base to a higher percentage of the allocation. Emily Supinger recommended the villages agree and pass a singularly worded resolution for the commissioners to consider.

Mayor Suter noted that the villages do not have a strong organization to share information with and that he has called all three commissioners without receiving a return phone call to date from any of them. Mayor Suter and Andrew Gephardt will prepare something for the May council meeting.

Everyone is encouraged to spread the word to all residents to take advantage of the tax abatements allowed in the CRA.

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

Attended the LGOC in early March to fulfill annual continuing education requirements; the annual TIF and CRA reports have been filed; the village received $264.35 from the county in assessments from a property owner.

Reported speaking with Hannah Lubbers regarding the solid waste program. There will be a $0.50 increase in disposal fees, expanded programs for recycling at apartment complexes and schools, large item drop off program.

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

Nothing to report

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

Distributed photos of the continued riverbank erosion problem; reported having been asked why the village is working on the area by the park where there are no homes. The reason given is that the area near the park is also very near the wastewater treatment plant that needs to be protected. Phil Turner asked that the village photograph the riverbank area annually and keep on file to document the erosion problems.

Reported that there have been questions about junk vehicles in the village. Emily Supinger noted that while there may be vehicles that are unlicensed they do not fit the definition of a junk vehicle by our ordinance and that a vehicle cannot be towed if the only issue is not being licensed. Emily Supinger read aloud some of the provisions of our current junk vehicle ordinance. There was discussion on the fact that most residents have the need to park their vehicles in the village right of way making it difficult to enforce the 48 hour limitation provision of the ordinance. There was discussion on if it may be possible to separate enforcing the 48 hour rule on a resident’s vehicle versus an abandoned vehicle. Emily Supinger noted that the ordinance states that any vehicle left in the right of way for more than 48 hours is considered abandoned and that there are provisions in the property maintenance code that will make it somewhat easier to remove junk vehicles in the future.

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

RESOLUTION 2019-07 –A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC PURCHASE AGREEMENT WITH AEP ENERGY FOR THE VILLAGE’S ELECTRICITY REQUIREMENTS

\*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2019-07 by Caudill, seconded by Fischer

Fischer - yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Resolution 2019-07 by Forbes, seconded by Caudill

Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

RESOLUTION 2019-08 – A RESOLUTION A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING APPROVAL OF REVISED DRAFT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN, DATED 2018-2037, FOR THE ADAMS-CLERMONT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT, 1st Reading

ORDINANCE 2019-09 – AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING A PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE FOR THE VILLAGE OF MOSCOW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, 1st Reading

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Phil Turner asked about the health insurance changeover. Bill Gilpin reported that it will take place on May 1.

Phil Turner asked if Tate Monroe Water had been notified of inferior pavement repairs following excavation. Emily Supinger and Andrew Gephardt are working on an ordinance that will dictate how such repairs are performed in the future in the village right of way.

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Cindy Gorth asked if the village was going to have the July 3 fireworks this year; the consensus of council was to continue the fireworks for 2019.

\*Motion to continue the July 3 fireworks event for 2019 by Forbes, seconded by Roark

Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Joe DaGiau volunteered to assist with fundraising and sponsorship for events.

\*Motion to adjourn at 7:38 pm made by Caudill, seconded by Roark

Fischer – yea Forbes -yea Roark - yea

Turner - absent Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

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

TIM SUTER, MAYOR

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

BILL GILPIN, FISCAL OFFICER