

VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

October 7, 2019

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

Fischer - Absent Forbes - Present Roark - Present
Turner - Absent Gorth - Present Caudill - Present
Mayor Suter – Present Andrew Gephardt, Administrator - Present
Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer –Present Emily Supinger, Solicitor –Present

Also present – Deputy Brown, Jeff Markovic, Karie Novesl, Kathy Angel, Gerald Mercer, Joe DaGiau, Dennis Cooper

*Motion to accept the minutes of the September 9, 2019 regular meeting and September 18, 2019 special meeting by Gorth, seconded by Forbes

Fischer – absent Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - absent Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

*Motion to pay bills by Forbes, seconded by Caudill

Fischer – absent Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - absent Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

GUEST SPEAKER:

Kathy Angel from Clermont Senior Services spoke to council about the agency. They are looking for volunteers to adopt a senior, and also to contribute financially to senior needs throughout the county. Various senior programs were reviewed.

Jeff Markovic spoke to council about the current liability insurance premium; due to the large claim following the 2012 tornado he cannot get the premium any lower after trying to do so; understands if the village were to switch to the Ohio Plan given the significant difference in premium.

Karie Novesl of the Ohio Plan spoke to council about her Ohio Plan proposal; noted that there is no contract to sign and that each member of the pool has their own limits. The Ohio Plan premium is \$3k cheaper than the current premium which was lowered \$2k from last year. The policy features and limits were reviewed. The village would undergo a risk assessment shortly after the insurance is in effect.

Tim Forbes asked if our premium could be affected by another member of the pool, answer was no, that the rates are based on market trends and claims history.

Dennis Cooper reported that the Zimmer Station is again being devalued; accurate figures should be available by the end of the month.

*Motion to purchase liability insurance from the Ohio Plan by Forbes, seconded by Gorth

Fischer – absent Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - absent Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Andrew Gephardt reports:

- **314 Third St. Update:** The owner has furnished a county report that may allow for the structure to be repaired. The repairs must be made within 30 days, after which if other non-structural issues remain the village would have to rely on the property maintenance code to force further improvements
- **Maintenance Position Filled:** Alan Ausman started on September 29
- **Zoning:** Permit issued for a fence at 128 Water Street
- **Ohio State Capital Budget Process:** Application is due October 18
- **Clermont County Park Grants:** Application has been submitted

Thea Kellum is training Alan Ausman on the key card system.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: Bill Gilpin reports:

Ordinance 2019-18 for amending appropriations was reviewed with the changes noted.

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SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Emily Supinger reports:

Nothing to report

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Suter reports:

Reported that the F550 dump truck has been taken in for major brake system repairs at an estimated cost of \$3500; the village will need to budget for replacement of the truck in the next five years. The debris from 404 4th Street is still on village property and the property owner is not responding. The village may have to pay for the debris removal and explore legal options after that. Deputy Brown reported that the county prosecutor could prosecute if the individual can be identified and if it is determined that the case can be won. Joe DaGiau reported that he is in the process of purchasing the property where the house was torn down. Mayor Suter noted the village will need to clean everything up and go after the people involved.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

ORDINANCE 2019-18 – AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF MOSCOW, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2019 1st Reading

OLD BUSINESS:

There was discussion on putting pressure on Dennis Skeene to complete the demolition of the structure he owns on Wells Street.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was discussion on supporting Washington Township’s grant application for playground equipment improvements.

*Motion to submit a letter of support for Washington Township’s grant application made by Forbes, seconded by Caudill

Fischer – absent Forbes -yea Roark - yea
Turner - absent Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

PUBLIC INPUT:

Joe DaGiau asked about the rules on the tax abatement program for property improvements. Emily Supinger explained the program.

*Motion to excuse absent council members Fischer and Turner made by Forbes, seconded by Roark

Fischer – absent Forbes -yea Roark - yea
Turner - absent Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

*Motion to adjourn at 7:22 pm made by Caudill, seconded by Roark

Fischer – absent Forbes -yea Roark - yea
Turner - absent Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

APPROVED BY: _____
TIM SUTER, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY: _____
BILL GILPIN, FISCAL OFFICER