

VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

January 6, 2020

Regular Council meeting called to order, pledge of allegiance at 6:05pm by Mayor Suter, with roll call by Bill Gilpin

Fischer - Present 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

Phil Turner arrived at 6:25pm

Also present – Deputy Brown, Washington Twp. Trustee Dennis Cooper

Emily Supinger swore in Mayor Tim Suter to his new term as Mayor. Emily Supinger also swore in Debra Roark and Phil Turner for their new terms on council.

\*Motion to accept the minutes of the December 2, 2019 regular meeting by Fischer, seconded by Caudill

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

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

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

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Washington Township Trustee Dennis Cooper addressed council regarding the recent village dissolution votes that have taken place at Amelia and Newtonsville; also expressed support for the villages of Moscow, Neville and Chilo.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Andrew Gephardt reports:

- **Rumpke Rate Increase:** .06 per residential unit; will review contract to see if the increase is allowed
- **Zoning:** Permit issued for 402 Fourth Street for addition
- **Fitness Center Update:** The treadmill has arrived; multi station gym is next. Rate change for rentals?
- **GovDeals:** Website now active for purchasing and listing equipment

There was discussion on raising the rental rates for the gymnasium for non-residents. A minimum rental fee was also suggested along with offering a lower rate for using the meeting room instead of the gymnasium.

Mayor Suter asked about a house on Third Street. Andrew Gephardt stated that they have obtained building permits that expire in November and that our only option right now is to enforce the property maintenance code. Mayor Suter noted that there are also houses on Elizabeth Street and Broadway Street that are accumulating debris on their properties.

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

Reported being busy working on year end reporting duties; also noted that the cell phone allowance for employees will begin this week. Revenue is expected to drop by approximately \$86,000 in 2020 compared to 2019.

**SOLICITOR’S REPORT:** No Report

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

Reported the need to appoint a Vice Mayor and also a new member on the finance committee to replace Debra Roark. Also noted that there is a special council meeting this Saturday at 10 am to discuss capital planning needs.

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\*Motion to appoint Tim Forbes as Vice Mayor for 2020 by Turner, seconded by Roark  
Fischer – yea Forbes – abstain Roark - yea  
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to appoint Tim Forbes to the finance committee by Fischer, seconded by Caudill  
Fischer – yea Forbes – abstain Roark - yea  
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

**ORDINANCE 2020-01 – AN ORDINANCE SETTING THE DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

\*Motion to waive the readings of Ordinance 2020-01 by Fischer, seconded by Forbes  
Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea  
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-01 by Fischer, seconded by Caudill  
Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea  
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2020-01 as an emergency by Caudill, seconded by Fischer  
Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea  
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

**RESOLUTION 2020-02 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) FUNDS**

\*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2020-02 by Fischer, seconded by Forbes  
Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea  
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-02 by Caudill, seconded by Fischer  
Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea  
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mayor Suter reported that the Christmas Eve program was good but turnout was very low. It was noted that changes need to be made or cancel the program.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Tim Forbes asked who is responsible for the area around the bridges in the village. Mayor Suter reported that they are the responsibility of the state and county. Tim Forbes noted that the vegetation around one bridge is getting overgrown and needs attention.

Deputy Brown provided a report on the crime statistics for the past month in the area.

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

\*Motion to adjourn at 6:45 pm made by Fischer, seconded by Forbes  
Fischer – yea Forbes -yea Roark - yea  
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

APPROVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
TIM SUTER, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
BILL GILPIN, FISCAL OFFICER