

VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

May 4, 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 - Present Gorth - Present Caudill - Present
Mayor Suter – Present Andrew Gephardt, Administrator - Present
Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer –Present Emily Supinger, Solicitor –Present

Also present – Deputy Brown, Joe DaGiau, Mickey Hanselman

*Motion to accept the minutes of the March 2, 2020 regular meeting by Fischer, seconded by Caudill

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: None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Andrew Gephardt reports:

- **Bridgeway Baptists:** Covid 19 restrictions have limited their community center use. Rental agreement for gym has expired
- **Concrete Pads:** Hired Bill Dickerson to pour two pads in back of community center; still receiving paving bids
- **Zoning:** Notices sent: 314 3rd Street and 2nd Street for tall grass; 1787 US 52 for junk in yard
- **July 3 Event:** Need to decide if event goes on
- **Tate Monroe Water:** We have a number of taps we are paying for that are not in use. We estimate we can save \$200 per month by eliminating
- **Appalachian Regional Commission:** Looking into more funding for riverfront protection; will apply for grant in June

Bridgeway has requested relief from their rent during the building closure. Finance committee is recommending forgiving April and possibly May as well. The consensus of council was to forgive all fees for April and May

*Motion to pay forgive all fees for Bridgeway Baptist for April and May by Turner, seconded by Forbes

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

There was discussion on what to do about the July 3 fireworks event. The consensus of council was to hold off as long as possible in hopes of having the event. Phil Turner noted that we need to strive towards getting back to normal; asked Andrew to get a date from the vendor when we would need to make a decision. Mayor Suter noted that we may be putting our employees at risk doing cleanup if the event is held too soon.

Discussion on terminating the water accounts on the village owned vacant properties: consensus of council was to terminate the service.

*Motion to terminate the water accounts on the vacant properties by Forbes, seconded by Roark

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

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FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Phil Turner reports:

Reported that the sheriff’s contract is being reviewed; Mayor Suter will contact the county for options on a new contract. A certificate of deposit has matured and the money was invested in Star Ohio. Recommending the purchase of a grille guard for the new tractor. Rick Beasley’s employment status was discussed; Andrew Gephardt noted that since then Rick Beasley has applied for unemployment.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: Bill Gilpin reports:

Reported that the TIF and CRA annual reports were filed with the state in March as required; the annual LGOC conference was canceled; the local government fund distribution formula is supposed to be negotiated again this year but no meetings are currently scheduled; revenue figures showing a decline in some revenue line items due to COVID 19 were noted and will continue to be monitored.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Emily Supinger reports:

Reported having a conference call with the EPA regarding violations at the Zimmer Plant; the village asked for money to assess any health effects from the violations on village residents. The request was denied due to changes in the law. Moving forward Zimmer management has agreed to supply copies of any EPA reports to the village when filed. Mayor Suter noted that we may need to hire a consultant to analyze the reports. Phil Turner asked Mayor Suter is he was satisfied with the response; answer was no, not at all. It was noted that the village spent \$250,000 over a five year time frame monitoring air quality just prior to the alleged violations occurring. The village did file an official complaint with the court system regarding the lack of notification when violations occur.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Suter reports:

Mayor Suter read aloud a thank you card received from the Swarts acknowledging the efforts of Steve Roark, Mayor and Council. Reported a dog attack issue recently that has resulted in the dog warden now patrolling the village and stated that all dogs must be on a leash; also reported that a stray dog will be attempted to be trapped and removed from the village.

Mayor asked for input on a timeline for re-opening the community center. Phil Turner asked Andrew to check with Steve and Alan on how they would feel about re-opening the building. Mayor Suter stated he feels we should keep the building closed until it is totally clear that it is safe to re-open. The consensus of council was to keep the community center building closed until at least the June council meeting.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2020-06 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPROVE AN EXTENSION TO THE CONTRACT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2020-06 by Caudill, seconded by Fischer
Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

*Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-06 by Fischer, seconded by Caudill
Fischer – yea Forbes – yea Roark - yea
Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Tim Forbes asked if any of the sidewalks needing repair have been looked at; Andrew Gephardt replied not yet.

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PUBLIC INPUT:

Mickey Hanselman thanked mayor and council for the positive things in the village and stated that she has some grave concerns about other things going on in the village. Concerns were noted about gun noise, some of which is outside and some of which is inside the village she feels. She also feels the noise is upsetting pets and ammunition is polluting the soil; also reported problems with ATV's and motorcycles on the streets speeding through the village. Mickey Hanselman also stated that she feels the laws of the village are not being enforced making it difficult for her and others to sell their houses; also reported knowing of other residents who are contemplating leaving the village due to the gun noise. Mayor Suter, Phil Turner and Tim Forbes all explained that unfortunately the process for getting things cleaned up is a long and tedious process. Phil Turner asked Andrew Gephardt to contact the property owners, being the Carmuse Company, and asking them if they are aware of people using their property. Mickey Hanselman again asked that the village laws be enforced.

*Motion to adjourn at 7:42pm 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