

VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

June 1, 2020

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

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

Also present – Deputy Brown, Joe DaGiau, Doug Lipscomb, Jesse Martineck

Tim Forbes arrived at 6:50pm

*Motion to accept the minutes of the May 4, 2020 regular meeting by Fischer, seconded by Roark

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

*Motion to pay bills by Fischer, seconded by Roark

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

GUEST SPEAKER: None

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT: Andrew Gephardt reports:

- **Bridgeway Baptist:** Is there a way for them to use their church exemption while keeping rules in place for other renters? Fitness Center has reopened, signage in place for social distancing, etc
- **Concrete Pads:** Work is completed
- **Zoning:** Notices sent: 303 3rd Street for tall grass; 99 Broadway for shed without a permit; 1784 US 52 for sign without a permit, permit acquired; 81 Broadway for illegal storage unit and debris
- **July 3 Event:** Need to decide if event goes on
- **Riversweep:** Received notification that the event will be held August 15th

There was discussion on whether it would be appropriate for Bridgeway Baptist to reopen in the community center gymnasium. Emily Supinger noted that her recommendation has been that we shouldn't rent to anyone until we can rent to everyone. However, churches have reopened in the area and noted that it is a council decision. Andrew Gephardt noted that most rentals are groups of less than 10 people but not all of them are. Basketball is still prohibited. Phil Turner noted that he is in favor of allowing the church to reopen; Debbie Roark noted that she is in favor as well as long as state guidelines are followed. Emily Supinger reported that weddings are very difficult as the burden is on the village to adhere to state guidelines while the event is in progress.

*Motion to allow Bridgeway Baptist to reopen, allow community center rentals following state guidelines, prohibiting weddings by Fischer, seconded by Turner

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

Phil Turner asked that discussion on the July 3 event be delayed until Tim Forbes arrives. Andrew Gephardt reported that 3 paving bids have been received with Roberts Paving being the lowest at approximately \$28k.

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: Phil Turner reports:

Reported that the Mayor is working with the county on the sheriff's contract; discussed reopening the gym and fitness center; health insurance renewal was discussed; waste water treatment plant issues and costs were discussed.

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FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT: Bill Gilpin reports:

Revenue figures affected by the virus situation were noted and will be monitored for the next several months; reported needing a motion to hold the 2020 tax budget hearing on July 6 at 5:30pm. The current local government fund distribution formula was reported as well as a new formula being supported by the townships in the county leaving little to no negotiation ability for the villages. Phil Turner asked if council members should voice their concerns with the county commissioners; Bill Gilpin will put together some points to make with the commissioners.

*Motion to hold the 2021 tax budget public hearing on July 6 at 5:30pm made by Fischer, seconded by Gorth

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

SOLICITOR’S REPORT: Emily Supinger reports:

Reported that SB310 passed by the state senate contains monies for local government with covid 19 expenses, but the house of representatives has yet to approve anything. The Ohio Municipal League has issued a call to action for local governments to contact their legislators and prompt them to act on the legislation. A letter will be drafted for Mayor Suter to send to the state legislature.

MAYOR’S REPORT: Mayor Suter reports:

Mayor Suter reported a violation issue with the waste water treatment system that Steve Roark is monitoring closely and treating accordingly.

READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:

RESOLUTION 2020-07 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE RENEWAL OF A HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY FOR EMPLOYEES AND ESTABLISHING EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS

*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2020-07 by Fischer, seconded by Gorth

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

*Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-07 by Gorth, seconded by Fischer

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

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrew Gephardt noted that the new rental rates for the community center will go into effect.

Discussion on July 3 event: Mayor Suter noted that the state guidelines still ban groups of more than 10 people. Emily Supinger noted that current rules ban fairs and festivals until at least July 1. Tim Forbes stated he doesn’t see how the event can move forward. Mayor Suter asked if the event should be canceled or postponed to a later date. Phil Turner noted that the history of the fireworks has turned it into a great event for the entire village and indicated he would prefer to cancel if necessary rather than postpone to a later date so as not to alter the integrity of the event.

*Motion to cancel the July 3 fireworks event by Forbes, seconded by Gorth

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

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PUBLIC INPUT:

Jesse Martineck addressed council and apologized for outside people coming into the village and irresponsibly riding motorcycles and atv's that is putting the practice in jeopardy for everyone in the village. Deputy Brown reported that after talking with several people the problem is diminishing; proposed treating atv's the same as someone who rides the lawn tractor in the street. Mayor Suter noted concern for young children riding atv's without a helmet, also suggested limiting the hours for riding in respect for village residents. Debbie Roark noted that something needs to be put into place that works for the village and the people who like to ride atv's. Mayor Suter noted that Deputy Brown will enforce the laws and asked that everyone respect their neighbors.

Doug Mercer asked what was going on with river wall repairs. Andrew Gephardt noted that the grant has been applied for but that grant funding is in jeopardy with the current decline in revenue at the state level.

*Motion to adjourn at 7:06pm made by Fischer, seconded by Gorth

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

APPROVED BY: _____
TIM SUTER, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY: _____
BILL GILPIN, FISCAL OFFICER