

VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

November 1, 2021

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

English - Present Forbes - Present Roark – Absent  
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, Lisa Nichols, Joe DaGiau, Dennis Skeene

\*Motion to accept the minutes of the October 4, 2021 meeting by English, seconded by Caudill

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

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

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

**GUEST SPEAKER:** None

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Andrew Gephardt reports:

- **Maintenance:** Playground equipment removal starting
- **Zoning:** Letter sent for tall grass, lot next to tank park; resolved
- **Walking Paths:** Bid approval process
- **Playground:** Benches
- **Capital Bill Application:** Submitted

Phil Turner noted he is not comfortable voting on the Roberts Paving contract as not enough time has been allowed to study the bid specs.

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

Reported that the amended appropriations ordinance has been increased by \$100k to allow for the village to manage the CDBG grant directly; work has begun on the 2022 temporary appropriations. The November finance committee meeting needs to be rescheduled as it falls on Thanksgiving. The meeting was moved to November 18 at 6pm.

An update on the latest Zimmer plant devaluation was given. The county auditor has notified the village that the Zimmer plant has been devalued again which will result in an additional \$45k reduction in revenue for 2022. This is in addition to the shortfall in 2021 created by the owners of the plant short paying their current tax bill after filing an appeal for 2020 taxes.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:** Phil Turner reports:

Reported that the finance committee reviewed a spreadsheet detailing the past 10 years revenue for the village; Bill Gilpin is creating a similar spreadsheet to track expenditures. A proposal from Duke Energy to switch over street lights to LED fixtures is being recommended to council by the committee. Mayor Suter reported that he met with 3 Duke employees today who felt that several existing street lights could be removed. The consensus of council was to look further into how many fixtures should be moved to new locations and/or removed.

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

Nothing to report

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

Mayor Suter asked council if the Christmas Eve event is desired this year. The consensus was to have it again this year. Reported being contacted by a real estate agent who claims to have a buyer for the Zimmer Plant and asked if council wanted the village to get involved. The consensus was to be involved in the process if possible.

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\*Motion to hold the annual Christmas Eve event by Gorth, seconded by English

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Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

ORDINANCE 2021-27 – AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE OPERATION OF ALL-PURPOSE VEHICLES ON THE STREETS, HIGHWAYS, AND OTHER PUBLIC PROPERTY OF THE VILLAGE OF MOSCOW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY  
This will serve as the second reading of Ordinance 2021-27

Discussion: Todd English noted that he is not in favor of the village passing legislation that goes further than the Ohio Revised Code on dealing with ATV usage.

ORDINANCE 2121-28 – 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, 2021

\*Motion to waive the readings of Ordinance 2021-28 by English, seconded by Caudill

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

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-28 by Gorth, seconded by Turner

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

RESOLUTION 2021-29 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ROBERTS PAVING, INC. FOR THE RIVERFRONT & FIRST STOP PATH PROJECT

\*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2021-29 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

Discussion: Mayor Suter noted that he is not fond of starting a construction project in November. Phil Turner agreed and noted that the performance dates in the bid specs need to be evaluated and filled in prior to voting.

Todd English withdrew his motion and Jo Caudill withdrew her second.  
This will serve as the first reading of Resolution 2021-29.

**OLD BUSINESS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Phil Turner reminded everyone to vote tomorrow.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

Deputy Brown reported increased incidences of car break-ins and thefts in Clermont County recently and urged everyone to remove valuables and lock the vehicles at all times.

Dennis Skeene noted that he feels the ATV ordinance creates a bigger problem than it intends to solve and asked that the ordinance be tabled.

\*Motion to adjourn at 6:49 pm made by Gorth, seconded by English

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

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

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