#### December 6, 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 – Absent

Also present – Deputy Brown, Lisa Nichols, Joe DaGiau, Tracey Suter, Cheryl Richards, Jeff Richards, Gerald Mercer, Jeffrey Levine of Strauss Troy

\*Motion to accept the minutes of the November 1, 2021 meeting by English, seconded by Forbes

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:

• **Retaining Wall:** Easement Agreements

• **Utility Bill Late Fees:** Consideration for waiving utility payment late fees

• Walking Paths: Pre-construction meeting scheduled soon

Phil Turner asked what the pre-construction meeting would entail. Andrew Gephardt replied that is to review the plans, timelines, etc.

After a brief discussion it was the consensus of council to waive the late fees for the first quarter billing for utilities.

\*Motion to waive all late fees for the first cycle of utility billing by English, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

## FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT: Bill Gilpin reports:

Reported attending year end procedures training for continuing education requirements; the 2022 temporary appropriations were reviewed in detail during the finance committee meeting. The consensus was not to have a finance committee meeting in December due to the timing of the holidays and no pressing need to hold the meeting.

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

Reported that the village has made several budget cuts that will result in our fund balances only dropping by approximately \$30k this year, with more severe cuts to come in the future as revenue continues to drop.

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT:** Emily Supinger reports:

Absent, no report

### **MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Suter reports:

Mayor Suter reported receiving a call from the county sheriff assuring him that the village will continue to be covered adequately after the current contract expires; negotiations are ongoing on a possible sale of the Zimmer Plant; new light fixtures will be installed along the front of the community center; new council members will be sworn in at the January meeting; Sheila DuFau has indicated that the first round of utility billing went well.

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Steve Roark will be retiring at the end of the year and subsequently returning to work parttime at some point in 2022; would like to hold a retirement party for him; asked council to consider giving Steve the old blue tractor as a retirement present.

\*Motion to donate the old blue tractor to Steve Roark by Forbes, seconded by Turner

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

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

Discussion: Phil Turner reminded everyone that there was a large crowd at council a few months ago asking for something to be done. Mayor Suter noted that the legislation is very restrictive and suggested that slight changes be considered in the future. Todd English noted having concerns about prosecution costs for violators.

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-27 by Turner, seconded by Gorth

 $English-nay \qquad \qquad Forbes-nay \qquad \qquad Roark-absent$ 

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-27 as an emergency by Turner, seconded by Gorth

English – nay Forbes – nay Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

ORDINANCE 2121-30 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING SALARY INCREASES TO VILLAGE PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

\*Motion to waive the readings of Ordinance 2021-30 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-30 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-30 as an emergency by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

ORDINANCE 2121-31 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE RETENTION OF EMILY T. SUPINGER AS LAW DIRECTOR AND THE LAW FIRM OF STRAUSS TROY TO PROVIDE GENERAL LEGAL SERVICES TO THE VILLAGE OF MOSCOW, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

\*Motion to waive the readings of Ordinance 2021-31 by Gorth, seconded by English

 $English-yea \hspace{1.5cm} Forbes-yea \hspace{1.5cm} Roark-absent$ 

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-31 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

 $English-yea \hspace{1.5cm} Forbes-yea \hspace{1.5cm} Roark-absent$ 

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-31 as an emergency by Gorth, seconded by English

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

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RESOLUTION 2021-32 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF CLERMONT COUNTY FOR ROAD RESURFACING

\*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2021-32 by English, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Resolution 2021-32 by Gorth, seconded by English

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

ORDINANCE 2121-33 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING AN EASEMENT FOR RETAINING WALL IMPROVEMENTS WITH DOUGLAS LIPSCOMB AND CONNIE LIPSCOMB AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

\*Motion to waive the readings of Ordinance 2021-33 by Gorth, seconded by English

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-33 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-33 as an emergency by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

ORDINANCE 2121-34 – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING A TEMPORARY CONSTRUCTION EASEMENT FOR RETAINING WALL IMPROVEMENTS WITH STEVEN KAPPES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

\*Motion to waive the readings of Ordinance 2021-34 by English, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-34 by Caudill, seconded by Gorth

 $English-yea \hspace{1.5cm} Forbes-yea \hspace{1.5cm} Roark-absent$ 

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-34 as an emergency by Forbes, seconded by English

 $English-yea \hspace{1.5cm} Forbes-yea \hspace{1.5cm} Roark-absent$ 

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

ORDINANCE 2121-35 – 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, 2022

\*Motion to waive the readings of Ordinance 2021-35 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2021-35 by Turner, seconded by English

English – yea Forbes – yea Roark - absent

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

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# **OLD BUSINESS:**

Cindy Gorth reported that herself, Tracey Suter, Todd English and Andrew Gephardt will be judging the Christmas lights on December 23; also noted that the Christmas Eve event is hoping to be funded by donations rather than village resources.

Jeff Richards thanked Steve Roark for doing a great job repairing and restoring an area near his house.

Tim Forbes asked about the street light project. The consensus was to remove approximately 6 fixtures from the current arrangement and proceed with the project on a seven year payback schedule.

Cindy Gorth asked if a water fountain could be installed for use by fitness center members.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Todd English asked council to consider installing signage and a crosswalk near the newly installed playground equipment.

## **PUBLIC INPUT:**

Deputy Brown reported a very low crime trend in the county for last month. Mayor Suter thanked Tim Forbes for his many years of service to the village.

English – yea	Forbes -yea	Gorth, seconded by Caudill Roark - absent	
Turner - yea	Gorth – yea	Caudill - yea	MC
APPROVED BY:			
	TIM SUTER, MAYOR		
ATTESTED BY:			
F	BILL GILPIN, FISCAL	OFFICER	