VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

April 4, 2022

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

English - Absent Nichols - Present Roark – Present

Turner - Present Gorth - Present Caudill - Present

Mayor Suter – Present Alan Ausman, Village Administrator - Present

### Bill Gilpin, Fiscal Officer –Present Emily Supinger, Solicitor –Present

Also present – Washington Twp. Trustee Dennis Cooper, Chief Deputy Chris Stratton, Deputy Steve Seng, Joe DaGiau, Rick Beasley, Steve Roark

\*Motion to accept the minutes of the March 7, 2022 meeting by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – absent Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

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

English – absent Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Chief Deputy Stratton reported that the county recently added 4 new officers and that 6 more will be hired this year; introduced Steve Seng as the new Washington Twp. contract deputy.

Washington Township Trustee Dennis Cooper asked Alan Ausman to communicate with the township on the status of fireworks this year; also noted that the township dumpsters are being moved to the administration building; no further news from Vistra on the Zimmer Station. Phil Turner noted that New Richmond Schools is hiring an attorney to appraise the power plant; future meetings will be held with the stakeholders.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**  Alan Ausman reports:

* **Maintenance:** Mowing has begun; JR Trees worked in the village today; maintaining the community center; backhoe repair should be this week; gym floor slated to be done on the 25th (gym closed for one week); cost to paint upstairs restrooms is $750
* **Zoning:** Issued 4 permits in March; BZA hearing on 109 Broadway Street was held
* **Administrative:** Rumpke contract; street lights; street paving scheduled for May; retaining wall project to begin in May; Zimmer Plant closing and Vistra meetings; Ohio River Sweep is May 14; met with Adam Bird and County Commissioner Bonnie Batchler regarding funding issues; alumni gathering scheduled for May 21; no longer on Anthem or Dental Care Plus insurance coverage; filed the County Park District grant application

Duke Energy will be sending out the contract for the street light replacement project; state representative Adam Bird has suggested contacting the Ohio Municipal League to see if any funding for lost power plant revenue can be included with other legislation.

The paving bid came in $10k higher than the original estimate; the consensus was to proceed with the project.

The new Rumpke monthly rate will be $19.67 per household increasing to $21.04 next year; the portable restroom in the park will be supplied at no charge from now on.

\*Motion to proceed with the county road paving program estimated at $45,112.11 by Turner, seconded by Gorth

English – absent Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

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

Reported receiving the annual letter regarding the 1st Stop liquor license renewal, no action taken. Ordinance 2022-08 is to amend the appropriations with the only change being adding the ARPA monies; will be attending the 2022 LGOC conference training virtually on April 13 & 14; the 2020-21 financial audit has begun, council should see questionnaires soon.

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

Nothing to report

**FINANCE COMMITTEE:** Phil Turner reports:

Items have already been covered previously in the meeting.

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

Mayor Suter reported that the school district has asked the village to assist with legal fees to appraise the Zimmer Station; they are requesting 2.5% of the total cost.

Also reported hearing rumors that petitions to dissolve the village may be being circulated in the village.

\*Motion to contribute 2.5% of legal fees to NR Schools not to exceed $2,500 by Turner, seconded by Gorth

English – absent Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

ORDINANCE 2022-08 – 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 2022-08 by Gorth, seconded by Nichols

English – absent Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-08 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – absent Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

RESOLUTION 2022-09 – A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIRING OF STEVE ROARK AS PART-TIME MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN

\*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2022-09 by Caudill, seconded by Gorth

English – absent Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-09 by Gorth, seconded by Nichols

English – absent Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

RESOLUTION 2022-10 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH RUMPKE OF OHIO FOR SOLID WASTE COLLECTION

\*Motion to waive the readings of Resolution 2022-10 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – absent Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-10 by Caudill, seconded by Nichols

English – absent Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Cindy Gorth asked about the water fountain. Alan Ausman reported the quote came in at $5,200 for the one in the gym and much higher to install one in the hallway near the fitness center.

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

None

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

None

\*Motion to adjourn at 7:04pm made by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – absent Nichols -yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

APPROVED BY:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

TIM SUTER, MAYOR

ATTESTED BY:\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

BILL GILPIN, FISCAL OFFICER