VILLAGE OF MOSCOW REGULAR SESSION OF COUNCIL

December 5, 2022

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

English - Present 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 – Joe DaGiau, Dennis Cooper, Tracey Suter, Ron Hiles

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

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

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

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

**GUEST SPEAKER:**

Washington Twp. Trustee Dennis Cooper reported that the township will hold its Christmas event on December 17 at 6pm; also asked about the dissolution petitions. Mayor Suter confirmed that the issue of dissolution will be on the ballot in May 2023.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:**  Alan Ausman reports:

* **Maintenance:** Finished up mowing for the year; Christmas decorations have been set up; daily sewer readings; building rentals are filling up; cleaning the building; equipment maintenance will be performed during the winter
* **Administrative:** Working with Civil Solutions on engineering the river wall project; will be attending the tax incentive review council meeting on December 12

Alan Ausman also distributed a letter that explains why the village cannot have the Christmas lights on the utility poles this year and asked for council approval to distribute the letter to the residents; also noted that Beth Nevel has asked for late fees to be waived on her house that was sold on a land contract if she pays the past due utility fees.

\*Motion to approve the Christmas light letter for distribution by English, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to hold a town hall meeting on January 26, 2023 at 7pm by English, seconded by Nichols

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

\*Motion to waive utility late fees on Nevel property by Turner, seconded by Roark

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth - yea Caudill - yea MC

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

Reported attending UAN year end training today to fulfill annual training requirement; finance committee is recommending the adoption of the 2023 temporary appropriations ordinance. After discussion it was decided to cancel the December finance committee meeting due to the holidays.

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

Nothing to report

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

Reported that Tracey Suter has purchased candy for the Christmas Eve event; Jim Hiles has graciously agreed to play Santa; event will be on December 24 at 6:30pm; stray dogs are becoming a problem, if necessary call the sheriff to address; traffic in the park has been spotted at odd hours while the park is closed, if necessary call the sheriff’s office.

The Zimmer plant has had one turbine removed; more work is scheduled in the spring; only two employees currently on site while the lagoons are being cleaned out.

The 2023 council meeting schedule was reviewed; months with holiday conflicts were moved; there will be legislation in January to set the schedule.

Dennis Cooper was asked if Washington Township could take the lead in contracting for fireworks in 2023 due to the village’s current limitations; answer was no and that the township is also being forced to make cutbacks in functions.

**READING OF ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS:**

ORDINANCE 2022-24 – AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDTURES OF THE VILLAGE OF MOSCOW, CLERMONT COUNTY, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023

\*Motion to waive the readings of Ordinance 2022-24 by English, seconded by Caudill

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-24 by Caudill, seconded by Gorth

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

ORDINANCE 2022-25 – 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 2022-25 by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-25 by Nichols, seconded by Caudill

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

\*Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-25 as an emergency by Gorth, seconded by Caudill

English – yea Nichols – yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill – yea MC

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Cindy Gorth reported receiving donations to help pay for the Christmas light home decorating contest to be held on December 22 at 7pm.

Phil Turner asked about Roberts Paving not satisfactorily seeding and strawing. Emily Supinger noted that the village will contact the county and ask if the village can be reimbursed if the work is done by the village.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC INPUT:** None

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\*Motion to adjourn at 6:51pm made by Gorth, seconded by English

English – yea Nichols -yea Roark - yea

Turner - yea Gorth – yea Caudill - yea MC

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

TIM SUTER, MAYOR

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

BILL GILPIN, FISCAL OFFICER