

**REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP
DECEMBER 13, 2023**

THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP COUNCIL WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 5:30 P.M. BY MAYOR JAN REEB. COUNCIL PERSONS PRESENT: DEAN RISTER, KENNY REINHART, BRYCE STEINER, JASON FRANKS, STEVE JORDAN, AND BRYAN SMITH.

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE: ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN DAVIS, POLICE CHIEF GEORGE CLEMENS, AND FISCAL OFFICER KEVIN HORNISH. VISITORS: GAYLE RISTER, KIM RIGGENBACH, MAGGIE TRABEL, BRITTLYNN SITTON, JAMES SHERWOOD II, JAMES SHERWOOD III, BILL BOYLAN, JAXON JONES AND TEEGHUN MARLIN.

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD NOVEMBER 8, 2023, WERE REVIEWED. COUNCIL MEMBER STEINER ADDED A CORRECTION FOR A TYPO.

- MOTION MADE BY REINHART, SECONDED BY FRANKS, TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 8 2023, AS CORRECTED. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

THE NOVEMBER FINANCE STATEMENTS AND THE R.IT.A. REPORT WERE REVIEWED.

- MOTION MADE BY RISTER, SECONDED BY REINHART, TO ACCEPT THE NOVEMBER FINANCE REPORTS & BANK RECONCILIATION REPORT. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

VISITORS

NO ONE HAD REQUESTED TO BE ADDED TO THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING AND ALL VISITORS WERE ONLY ATTENDING AS GUESTS

POLICE REPORT

POLICE CHIEF CLEMENS PROVIDED A WRITTEN REPORT SHOWING 67 CALLS FOR SERVICE, 3 TOTAL OFFENSES AND 3 TICKETED OFFENSES FOR MAYOR'S COURT DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER.

STEINER ASKED ABOUT THE COST OF TRAINING NEW OFFICERS. CLEMENS EXPLAINED THAT THE VILLAGE DOES NOT PAY FOR CLASS CERTIFICATION AND IT WOULD BE HARD TO CALCULATE EXPENSES ASSOCIATED WITH TIME SPENT TRAINING OFFICERS DUE TO NEW OFFICERS LEARNING AND COMPREHENDING AT DIFFERENT SPEEDS.

EMS REPORT

EMS COORDINATOR-CLERK ASHLEY MCDUGALL PROVIDED A WRITTEN REPORT FOR COUNCIL TO REVIEW.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2023-16: A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR'S REHABILITATION STANDARDS FOR DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS.

- MOTION MADE BY REINHART, SECONDED BY JORDAN, TO SUSPEND THE RULES REGARDING RESOLUTION 2023-16. 5 YEAS, 1 NAY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

STEINER ASKED IF THIS AFFECTED ALL DOWNTOWN BUILDINGS. ADMIN DAVIS EXPLAINED THAT THIS RESOLUTION WAS SOLELY FOR THE BUILDINGS THAT HAD APPLIED FOR THE GRANT.

- MOTION MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY FRANKS, TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2023-16. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS, MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2023-17: A RESOLUTION SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

- MOTION MADE BY RISTER, SECONDED BY SMITH, TO SUSPEND THE RULES REGARDING RESOLUTION 2023-17. 6 YEAS, 0 NAY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

F.O. HORNISH EXPLAINED TO COUNCIL THAT THE RESOLUTION WOULD ESTABLISH TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS TO ALLOW THE VILLAGE TO PAY NORMAL OPERATING EXPENSES UNTIL MARCH 31ST 2024 OR UNTIL PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS COULD BE ESTABLISHED. RISTER EXPLAINED THAT THIS RESOLUTION WOULD MAKE IT SO THE SPECIAL YEAR END COUNCIL MEETING TO ESTABLISH PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS WOULD NO LONGER BE NECESSARY.

- MOTION MADE BY RISTER, SECONDED BY SMITH, TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2023-17. 6 YEAS, 0 NAY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2023-18: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO OBTAIN A REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT TO SECURE FINANCING FOR THE NEW WATER PLANT PROJECT.

- MOTION MADE BY RISTER, SECONDED BY JORDAN, TO SUSPEND THE RULES REGARDING RESOLUTION 2023-18. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

F.O. HORNISH EXPLAINED TO COUNCIL THE NEED FOR THE OPERATING LINE OF CREDIT AND HOW THE FUNDS FROM THE LOAN WOULD BE USED IF NEEDED.

- MOTION MADE BY FRANKS, SECONDED BY REINHART, TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2023-18. 6 YEAS 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

EMERGENCY READING OF RESOLUTION 2023-19: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR 2023.

- MOTION MADE BY STEINER, SECONDED BY RISTER, TO SUSPEND THE RULES REGARDING RESOLUTION 2023-19. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED
- MOTION MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY REINHART, TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2023-19. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCY 2023-19: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH COMPENSATION FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

- RISTER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY FRANKS, TO SUSPEND THE RULES REGARDING ORDINANCE 2023-19. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED

STEINER POINTED OUT A TYPO FOR POLICE FULL TIME COMPENSATION THAT NEEDED TO BE CORRECTED PRIOR TO VOTING ON THE ORDINANCE. HORNISH WILL MAKE THE CORRECTION.

- STEINER MADE A MOTION, SECONDED BY JORDAN, TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 2023-19 AS CORRECTED. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-20: AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH THE TIME AND PLACE OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024.

- MOTION MADE BY FRANKS, SECONDED BY JORDAN, TO SUSPEND THE RULES REGARDING ORDINANCE 2023-20. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.
- MOTION MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY STEINER, TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 2023-20. 6 YEAS 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE 2023-21: AN ORDINANCE TO RETAIN THE SERVICES OF CAM R. STANLEY AS SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP.

- MOTION MADE BY JORDAN, SECONDED BY RISTER, TO SUSPEND THE RULES REGARDING ORDINANCE 2023-21. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED

F.O. HORNISH EXPLAINED THAT SOLICITOR LEE HAD DECIDED TO RESIGN EFFECTIVE 12/12/2023 AND HAD WORKED WITH MAYOR REEB TO FIND MR. STANLEY AS HIS REPLACEMENT. MR. STANLEY HAD PLANNED TO ATTEND THE MEETING BUT WAS ILL WITH THE FLU AND UNABLE TO ATTEND.

- MOTION MADE BY RISTER, SECONDED BY FRANKS, TO ACCEPT ORDINANCE 2023-21 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED

F.O. HORNISH PRESENTED THE COUNCIL WITH INFORMATION HE HAD RECEIVED FROM APRIL DMITRUK AT REGIONAL INCOME TAX AGENCY ABOUT THE LEGAL PROGRAM FOR ASSISTANCE FROM R.I.T.A. TO PURSUE PAST DUE VILLAGE INCOME TAX ACCOUNTS THAT ARE NO LONGER STICKING TO THEIR PAYMENT PLANS. COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE PROPOSAL. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION,

- MOTION MADE BY RISTER, SECONDED BY JORDAN, TO HAVE FISCAL OFFICER HORNISH MOVE FORWARD WITH THE LEGAL PROGRAM AND PURSUE COLLECTION OF THE PAST DUE INCOME TAX ACCOUNTS. 5 YEAS, 1 NAY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

F.O. HORNISH PRESENTED COUNCIL WITH THE 2024 PAULDING COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, INC. ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP INVESTMENT PROGRAM. HORNISH INFORMED COUNCIL THAT IN 2023 COUNCIL MADE AN INVESTMENT OF \$1500 AS A GOLD MEMBER. COUNCIL

DISCUSSED INCREASING THE AMOUNT OR STAYING AT THE CURRENT CONTRIBUTION RATE. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION,

- MOTION MADE BY FRANKS, SECONDED BY REINHART, TO INCREASE THE PCED CONTRIBUTION TO \$2000.00 FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024 AND BECOME A PLATINUM MEMBER. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

F.O. HORNISH INFORMED COUNCIL THAT THE ENTERPRISE DEPOSIT FUND BALANCE ACCORDING TO THE FINANCE REPORT WAS SHOWING A BALANCE OF \$8226.30 AND HE HAD SPOKEN WITH THE BILLING CLERK TO FIND OUT WHAT BALANCE SHE WAS SHOWING WHICH WAS \$8050.00. HORNISH HAD RESEARCHED BACK TO JANUARY OF 2023 AND THE BALANCE WAS INCORRECT AS OF 1/1/2023. HORNISH SPOKE WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES (LGS), A DIVISION OF THE OHIO AUDITOR OF STATE OFFICE ON HOW TO CORRECT THE ERROR. LGS SUGGESTED LOOKING AT DEPOSITS RETURNED DURING 2023 TO ESTABLISH A PERCENTAGE AS TO WHAT AMOUNT WENT TO EACH UTILITY FUND AND ASK COUNCIL TO APPROVE THE PERCENTAGES FOR REVENUE TO RECONCILE THE DEPOSIT FUND BALANCE. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION,

- MOTION MADE BY REINHART, SECONDED BY RISTER, TO RECONCILE THE ENTERPRISE DEPOSIT FUND BALANCE AS RECOMMENDED BY LOCAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED

MAYOR REEB SWORE IN ELECTED COUNCIL MEMBERS BOYLAN AND SMITH FOR THEIR TERMS THAT START EFFECTIVE 01/01/2024.

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE SMITH SWORE IN ELECTED MAYOR JAN REEB FOR HER TERM THAT STARTS 01/01/2024.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

COUNCIL HAD RECEIVED A COPY OF THE MINUTES FROM THE NOVEMBER FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES IN THEIR COUNCIL PACKETS AND HAD NO QUESTIONS FOR THE COMMITTEE.

NEW BUSINESS

STEINER ASKED IF THERE WAS A PLAN TO REPLACE WATER MAIN LINES WITH THE CURRENT PLAN TO REFURBISH THE WATER TOWER DUE TO THE LARGE NUMBER OF WATER MAIN BREAKS HAPPENING IN THE VILLAGE. ADMIN DAVIS EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD GIVEN COUNCIL A PROPOSAL EARLIER IN THE YEAR OUTLINING A PLAN SHOWING TEN AREAS IN THE VILLAGE WHERE HE PLANS TO REPLACE LINES OVER TIME. HE IS CURRENTLY WORKING TO GET ENGINEERING PLANS ON THE CANAL/WENTWORTH AREA FOR WATER AND STORM LINE REPLACEMENT. ONCE ENGINEERING IS COMPLETE, HE WILL BE ABLE TO START APPLYING FOR GRANTS FOR THE PROJECT. HE ALSO EXPLAINED THAT DUE TO BUDGET LIMITATIONS AND TIME CONSTRAINTS ONLY SO MUCH CAN BE DONE CURRENTLY. THE UTILITY WORKERS WILL MAKE REPAIRS AS NECESSARY.

OLD BUSINESS

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR REEB GAVE THE MAYOR'S REPORT, MAYOR'S COURT BROUGHT IN A TOTAL OF \$1980 IN THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER WITH \$1434 GOING TO THE VILLAGE, \$525.00 GOING TO THE STATE, AND \$21.00 GOING TO THE COUNTY INDIGENT DRIVER'S FUND.

MAYOR REEB ALSO THANKED KENNY REINHART FOR HIS YEARS OF SERVICE ON VILLAGE COUNCIL.

- MOTION MADE BY STEINER, SECONDED BY JORDAN, TO ADJOURN THE MEETING. 6YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:15 P.M.

MAYOR_____

FISCAL OFFICER_____

DATE_____