

**REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP
AUGUST 14, 2024**

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, BILL BOYLAN, BRYCE STEINER, JASON FRANKS, STEVE JORDAN, AND BRYAN SMITH.

ALSO ATTENDING: ADMINISTRATOR BRIAN DAVIS, FISCAL OFFICER KEVIN HORNISH AND POLICE CHIEF GEORGE CLEMENS

MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING HELD JULY 24, 2024, WERE REVIEWED.

- MOTION MADE BY STEINER, SECONDED BY JORDAN, TO ACCEPT THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES FROM THE JULY 24, 2024, MEETING AS CORRECTED. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

THE JULY FINANCE STATEMENTS AND THE R.I.T.A. REPORT WERE REVIEWED.

- MOTION MADE BY SMITH, SECONDED BY FRANKS, TO ACCEPT THE JULY FINANCE REPORT. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

VISITORS

MICHELLE WALKER, CONI GAISFORD, BARRY HOOK, SUE FOWLER, GAYLE RISTER, SANDY ZUBER, CAROLYN LAUKHUF, JERRY STANFORD, STEPHANIE McCULLOUGH AND DAVID McCULLOUGH. VISITORS ON THE AGENDA WERE GIVEN THE FLOOR.

THE FLOOR WAS GIVEN TO SUE FOWLER FIRST. SUE ATTENDED TO SHOW SUPPORT OF THE LOCAL LIBRARY AND TO ASK ABOUT GETTING THE EXTERIOR OF THE LIBRARY POWER WASHED AND CLEANED. SUE INFORMED COUNCIL THAT IF THE VILLAGE DOES NOT HAVE A POWER WASHER THAT SHE HAD VOLUNTEERS WHO WERE WILLING TO PERFORM THE WORK BUT WANTED TO MAKE SURE THAT THE VILLAGE LIABILITY INSURANCE WOULD COVER/ALLOW THIS VOLUNTEER WORK TO BE PERFORMED. SHE ALSO ASKED IF THE VILLAGE COULD PAY FOR A PROFESSIONAL TO CLEAN THE BUILDING IF THE INSURANCE WOULD NOT ALLOW THE VOLUNTEER WORK TO BE DONE.

THE FLOOR WAS THEN GIVEN TO STEPHANIE McCULLOUGH. STEPHANIE WANTED TO REITERATE THE CONCERN FOR THE CLEANING OF THE EXTERIOR OF THE BUILDING BUT ALSO WANTED TO MAKE THE VILLAGE AWARE OF AN ISSUE ON THE NORTH END PEAK OF THE BUILDING THAT NEEDS TO BE LOOKED AT AND REPAIRED. STEPHANIE EXPLAINED THAT SHE HAD REPORTED THE ISSUE TO VILLAGE EMPLOYEES BILL FISH AND CHRIS WALTERS IN THE PAST BUT WAS UNSURE WETHER ADMIN DAVIS WAS EVER INFORMED. SHE ALSO ASKED ABOUT SNOW REMOVAL IN THE WINTER AND INFORMED COUNCIL THAT ACCORDING TO THE CONTRACT THAT SNOW WAS TO BE REMOVED FROM THE PARKING LOT AND SIDEWALKS. SHE HAS HAD ISSUES IN THE PAST WITH SNOW NOT BEING REMOVED AND WANTED TO ADDRESS THIS ISSUE BEFORE WINTER ARRIVED.

MICHELLE WALKER WAS GIVEN THE FLOOR. MICHELLE VOICED HER CONCERN IN REGARD TO THE WAY COUNCIL MANAGES GUESTS BEING ADDED TO THE AGENDA AND GIVEN TIME TO SPEAK. SHE ALSO SPOKE BRIEFLY ON HER CONCERN FOR POSSIBLE ACTION BEING TAKEN ON ORDINANCE 2024-05 WHICH DEALS WITH TITLE TRANSFER OF MOBILE HOMES WITHIN VILLAGE LIMITS. WALKER ALSO ASKED ABOUT THE CONCERN WITH COUNCIL MEMBERS BEING WORRIED ABOUT MAKING A QUORUM DURING COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WHY THIS IS AN ISSUE. MAYOR REEB AND COUCILMAN SMITH EXPLAINED THE ISSUE AND HOW THE CURRENT AND PREVIOUS SOLICITOR'S HAVE ADVISED COUNCIL TO MANAGE THE COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND WHAT ESTABLISHES A QUORUM. FINALLY, WALKER WANTED TO VOICE HER OPINION ABOUT HOW POSSIBLE FUTURE REVENUES COLLECTED BY THE VILLAGE IN REGARD TO THE NEW MARIJUANA DISTRIBUTION FACILITY SHOULD BE USED.

POLICE REPORT

POLICE CHIEF CLEMENS PROVIDED A WRITTEN REPORT SHOWING 57 CALLS FOR SERVICE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY. CLEMENS ALSO DISCUSSED A SAMPLE ORDINANCE HE HAD FOUND RELATING TO CONVERTING SINGLE FAMILY RESIDENCES INTO MULTI-FAMILY. COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE ORDINANCE AND ASKED CLEMENS QUESTIONS. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION

- MOTION MADE BY JORDAN, SECONDED BY STEINER, TO HAVE SOLICITOR STANLEY REVIEW THE PROPOSED ORDINANCE AND PROCEED WITH DRAFTING A SIMILAR ORDINANCE FOR COUNCIL FOR THE 1ST READING AT NEXT MONTH'S COUNCIL MEETING. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

CHIEF CLEMENS ASKED ABOUT ORDINANCE 2024-05 AND IF IT WAS ON THE AGENDA. F.O. HORNISH EXPLAINED THAT NO COUNCIL MEMBER HAD SUBMITTED ANY REVISIONS TO ADMIN DAVIS FOR HIM TO FORWARD TO SOLICITOR STANLEY FOR CORRECTION ON THE ORDINANCE THEREFORE NO ACTION WILL TAKE PLACE UNTIL REVISIONS ARE MADE. CLEMENS BREIFLY DISCUSSED THE ORDINANCE WITH COUNCIL AND INFORMED THEM ABOUT A CONCERN FROM GENTLEMAN WHO OWNS MOBILE HOMES THAT MAY BE AFFECTED BY THE ORDINANCE, AND HIS ABILITY TO LEAVE THE PROPERTIES TO HIS HEIRS UPON HIS DEATH.

EMS REPORT

EMS COORDINATOR ASHLEY MCDUGAL PROVIDED A WRITTEN EMS REPORT SHOWING 28 TOTAL RUNS DURING THE MONTH OF JULY WITH 19 BEING BILLABLE RUNS.

FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-06: AN ORDINANCE RESTRICTING THE AREA THAT MEDICAL MARIJUANA AND RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA FACILITIES MAY BE PLACED WITHIN THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY .

- MOTION MADE BY BOYLAN, SECONDED BY STEINER, TO SUSPEND THE RULES IN REGARD TO O-2024-06. 5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

QUESTIONS AND DISCUSSION TOOK PLACE ON ORDINANCE 2024-06. FOLLOWING DISCUSSION,

- MOTION MADE BY STEINER, SECONDED BY FRANKS, TO ADOPT O-2024-06. 4 YEAS, 1 NAY, 1 ABSTAIN. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

EMERGENCY READING OF ORDINANCE 2024-08: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF ANTWERP TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR THE SUPPLY OF ELECTRICITY TO VILLAGE OWNED BUILDINGS, STREETLIGHTS, AND WELLS WITH DYNERGY ENERGY SERVICES, LLC FOR A TERM OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS COMMENCING ON NOVEMBER 1, 2024; AND DECLARING THE SAME AN EMERGENCY

- MOTION MADE BY RISTER, SECONDED BY JORDAN, TO SUSPEND THE RULES REGARDING O-2024-08. 5 YEAS, 1 NAY. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

ADMIN DAVIS EXPLAINED THE ORDINANCE AND THE REASON FOR THE NEED OF THE EMERGENCY ORDINANCE DUE TO TIMING RESTRICTIONS WITH THE RATES PROVIDED AND THE DEADLINE TO ACCEPT THE RATES.

- MOTION MADE BY STEINER, SECONDED BY RISTER, TO ADOPT O-2024-08. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

BRYAN SMITH GAVE COUNCIL AN UPDATE ON THE STATUS OF THE PERSONNEL MEETING. THE MEETING AGAIN WAS CANCELED AT THE ADVICE OF VILLAGE SOLICITOR DUE TO A QUORUM OF COUNCIL MEMBERS BEING PRESENT. COUNCILMAN SMITH IS TRYING TO RESCHEDULE THE PERSONNEL MEETING.

OLD BUSINESS:

JASON FRANKS ASKED FOR UPDATES/STATUS REPORTS ON VARIOUS PROJECTS WITHIN THE VILLAGE. ADMIN DAVIS UPDATED COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF EACH PROJECT AND EXPECTED TIMELINES AS WELL AS ISSUES THAT MAY BE HOLDING THE PROJECTS UP.

BRYAN SMITH UPDATED COUNCIL ON THE PROGRESS OF THE SPLASHPAD.

NEW BUSINESS:

STEINER ASKED TO DISCUSS THE EMAIL THAT COUNCIL RECEIVED FROM SOLICITOR STANLEY. SOLICITOR STANLEY WAS NOT IN ATTENDANCE TO DISCUSS THE EMAIL. STEINER VOICED HIS CONCERN WITH THE INFORMATION STANLEY PROVIDED. STEINER DID ADDITIONAL RESEARCH ON HIS OWN THAT MAY CONTRADICT THE INFORMATION WHICH STANLEY PROVIDED. CHIEF CLEMENS INTERJECTED THAT ALTHOUGH WHAT STEINER IS SAYING MAY BE CORRECT, COUNCIL MEMBERS AND VILLAGE EMPLOYEES NEED TO ACT WITHIN THE SCOPE OF WHAT THE VILLAGE SOLICITOR IS TELLING THEM TO BE PROTECTED BY THE VILLAGE INSURANCE. COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE ISSUE WITH ESTABLISHING A QUORUM AND TRANSPARENCY IN GOVERNMENT AND CONCERNS WITH FOLLOWING THE LEGAL ADVICE OF THE VILLAGE SOLICITOR. COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY THAT COMMITTEES MAY NEED TO BE DISBANDED IF THE ISSUE OF ESTABLISHING A QUORUM AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS CONTINUES.

JORDAN ASKED FOR DISCUSSION ON THE ISSUES WITH THE LIBRARY BUILDING THAT NEED TO BE ADDRESSED. COUNCIL DISCUSSED THE ISSUES WITH BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND SNOW REMOVAL. ADMIN DAVIS HAS SPOKEN WITH THE PAULDING COUNTY LIBRARY DIRECTOR AND WILL TAKE THE ISSUES UNDER ADVISEMENT. DAVIS ASKED THAT FUTURE COMMUNICATION FROM LIBRARY PERSONNEL BE DIRECTED TO THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR SO HE CAN MAKE DECISIONS ON WHAT NEEDS COMPLETED BASED ON THE VILLAGE CONTRACT WITH THE PAULDING COUNTY LIBRARY.

MAYOR'S REPORT

MAYOR REEB GAVE THE MAYOR'S REPORT. MAYOR'S COURT DID NOT COLLECT ANY FINES DURING THE PRIOR MONTH.

CHIEF CLEMENS ASKED COUNIL TO ENTAIN A MOTION TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL UNDER (G) (1) OF SECTION 121.22 OF THE REVISED CODE.

- MOTION MADE BY FRANKS, SECONDED BY STEINER, TO MOVE TO EXECUTIVE SESSION TO CONSIDER EMPLOYMENT OF PERSONNEL. 6 YEAS 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED.

COUNCIL MOVED TO EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:23

COUNCIL RETURNED FROM EXECUTIVE SESSION AT 6:44 WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

STEINER ASKED TO GO BACK TO OLD BUSINESS TO ASK ABOUT THE PROGRESS OF HIRING A BUILDING INSPECTOR THAT WAS DISCUSSED APPROX. 2 YEARS AGO. ADMIN. DAVIS MADE NOTE THAT THERE IS A POSSIBILITY OF HIRING AN INDIVIDUAL WHO CAN OVERSEE THE ZONING PERMITS AND INSPECTIONS. COUNCIL BRIEFLY DISCUSSED THE PROCESS OF FOLLOW UP ON PERMITS ISSUED AND INSPECTIONS TO MAKE SURE THE WORK COMPLETED WAS WITHIN THE SCOPE OF THE PERMIT. BOYLAN MENTIONED THAT HE WAS UNDER THE IMPRESSION THAT THE PERSONNEL COMMITTEE HAD BEEN TRYING TO MEET TO DECIDE IF AN INSPECTOR/COMPLIANCE OFFICER WAS NEEDED TO ENFORCE VILLAGE ORDINANCES.

- MOTION MADE BY STEINER, SECONDED BY JORDAN, TO ADJORN THE MEETING. 6 YEAS, 0 NAYS. MOTION CARRIED AND APPROVED. MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:49P.M.

MAYOR 

FISCAL OFFICER 

DATE 9/11/2024