Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **January 19, 2022**

Regular Council Meeting

The meeting was moved from its regularly scheduled date (January 12th) to this evening, due to lack of a quorum being able to attend. Notice of this change was published in the local newspaper.

Mayor Robert Cavin called the meeting to order at 7:30pm.

Council members Renee Hartman, Dee Bates, Dawn Berry, and Cheryl Vanscoder were all present.

Dee Bates and Cheryl Vanscoder were sworn in to their new terms (through 12/31/25) by the Mayor.

Ms. Hartman was nominated to continue as President Pro-Tempore for the 2022 calendar year. No one opposed the nomination, and all were in favor.

The minutes from the previous meeting (12/8/21) were reviewed by council. Mrs. Vanscoder made a motion to approve them as read, which was seconded by Ms. Berry; all were in favor.

Visitors:

* **John Wagner**, who had previously requested council’s approval for the combination of multiple parcels into one, came to the meeting to make sure nothing additional was needed. He was informed that we have completed the letter and it will be dropped off to his attorney this week.
* Resident **Brian Cron** expressed interest in one of the open council seats (term ending 12/31/25). Ms. Hartman made a motion to appoint Mr. Cron, which was seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder; all were in favor. He was then sworn in by the Mayor.

Resident **Peggy Deuel** was not in attendance, although her comments in relation to noisy neighbors were passed along to council. We do not currently have a noise ordinance in place to address this.

Maintenance employee **Jim Beaupre** stopped in to the meeting briefly. Council discussed the need for surveillance where the dumping has been happening on High Street. The asked Jim to look for a motion-detecting deer camera in the range of $100.

The BPA was not in attendance, as they met at their regularly scheduled time last week.

It was noted that there was a light out in the alley off of Defiance Pike on the east side. Additionally, there is apparent damage to a pole near the school (different location than the recent accident). Mrs. Vanscoder will pass these items along to Mr. Clink.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 12/9/21-1/19/22, which included:

Regular check #’s 14081, and 14097-14104, totaling $5,399.28

Payroll check #’s 14082-14096, totaling $1,797.43

12 EFT payments, totaling $25,611.66

It was noted that the payment to BG Municipal Utilities was offset by an insurance receipt for the same amount ($1,399.34).

Ms. Bates made a motion for approval, and Mrs. Vanscoder seconded; all were in favor.

* Council then reviewed the December 2021 financial reports. Mrs. Vanscoder made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Ms. Bates; all were in favor.
* Resolution 2022-1R, the work agreement with Wood County (for the purchase of any signage from the County Garage during the coming year), was read. Ms. Hartman made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder. All were in favor; passed.
* Ordinance 2022-2, to prohibit the placement/use of storage containers within the Village limits (for a period longer than 90 days), received the first reading.
* Ordinance 2022-3, to regulate traffic in excess of 6 tons on Custar Road, received the first reading.
* We received an amendment to the recently approved EMS contract with the Village of Weston. There was an error found with the due dates of the annual contract fee, which they corrected. Mrs. Hartman made a motion to approve the contract correction, Mrs. Bates seconded; all were in favor.
* Sarah recently attended a webinar on the Interim Final Rule related to our ARPA funding. From how it sounds, they are amending the “revenue loss” provisions so that each municipality can count up to $10 million as “revenue loss” without using the specified formula. Funds will be able to be used

for “general government” items, which would include roads, parks, payroll, etc. She will obtain further clarification, but this stands to remove previous limitations and allow us to complete other projects.

Committee Business

New committees for the year were not yet established. The Fiscal Officer will send out the committee interest forms before the next meeting, and the Mayor will make assignments from there. In the meantime, Brian will fill in on the committees in which Jeff Dauster previously served.

* **Parks & Rec**-We were recently notified that we were awarded the Wood Co Park District grant for the full amount requested ($7,620 for musical play equipment items).
* **Recycling**-
  + Ms. Hartman suggested that we obtain a large rock to put in the problem spot by the recycling center drive. Council was good with this. Additionally, Ms. Hartman requested permission from the Mayor to move the rocks for Community Park (from his neighbor) with Roger and Cheryl when the weather improves.
  + Ms. Hartman reviewed the EPA grant information obtained by the Fiscal Officer. Most of what they offer is not applicable to a village of our size.
* **Streets/Sidewalks**- Ms. Hartman talked about the problem area on Custar Road, and had a map showing a water line near this spot (which could be contributory to the damage). The Mayor will contact Simon at the NWWSD about this.
* **Safety**-
  + The new owner of the Boyer property was told that he cannot burn garbage.
  + A flipped over trampoline on the Speakman property was noted as an item of concern, as the wind could easily send it flying (into power lines, etc). Since the house is not currently inhabited, the Mayor will request permission from the property owner to flip it and secure it. If necessary, we could obtain a police escort before going on the property.
  + Ms. Bates believes that the garbage at the abandoned Cook property on High St (where the surveillance is needed, as previously discussed) is coming from the house across the alley. She will ask them to clean it up, and see what happens.

Other Business

* Ms. Hartman asked that we obtain an alternate insurance quote this year from PEP, as the Fiscal Officer no longer has any conflict of interest (her family sold their personal insurance business last year). She liked the fact that they had offered the $1,000 annual Safety Reimbursement Grant program to their members (which can be used for mulch, signage, etc). Sarah will contact the company and request a proposal.
* Ms. Bates asked about what to do with brush throughout the year, as we no longer have the pile at Louy Park. Ms. Hartman and Ms. Berry did not want to start the pile up again, as the area looks nice and clean without it. It was decided that the brush could go over in the corner by the railroad tracks, which is much less visible.
* Hourly rates were reviewed for Park and Road Maintenance. Currently, park work is paid at $12/hour, and road work is $15/hour. Ms. Berry made a motion to leave these the same for the 2022 calendar year. Mrs. Vanscoder seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:17pm, Ms. Hartman made a motion to adjourn, and Mrs. Vanscoder seconded; all were in favor.

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