Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **February 9, 2022**

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Robert Cavin called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Council members Renee Hartman, Cheryl Vanscoder, Dee Bates, Dawn Berry, and Brian Cron were all present.

The minutes from the previous meeting (1/19/22) were reviewed by council. Ms. Hartman made a motion to approve them as read, which was seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder; all were in favor.

All members of the BPA (including new member Cheryl Nagel) were in attendance until 7:34pm.

They had no new business to report.

Visitors:

**Garrett Chamberlain** and **Theresa Pollick** came on behalf of the Northwestern Water & Sewer District to go over their most recent Master Plan with council. They also gave a brief overview of the services the District provides and left council with everyone’s contact information.

The problem spot on the north side of Custar Road was mentioned (newly paved area that has quickly deteriorated), as the cause could possibly be related to the water line located underneath the road. Additionally, the crossover that the District had had fixed last year on 281 has settled, and again presents issues, especially with truck traffic. (It was leveled with asphalt instead of being dug out and redone). Garrett will talk to Tom Stalter in relation to both of these items.

Maintenance employee **Jim Beaupre** was in attendance until 8:05pm. Ms. Bates reported a railroad tie in an alley, which Jim will move.

**Rob Fawcett,** from UIS Insurance, was in attendance to present council with the requested quote from PEP (Public Entities Pool of Ohio), which he described as “the oldest and most financially stable pool in the state of Ohio”. With the same coverages, their premium came in at $3,291. The Ohio Plan quoted this year’s coverage at $3,322 (a difference of $31). Mr. Fawcett shared info on their PEP+ Safety Grant program, which would allow us to be reimbursed for up to $1,000 of safety-related items each year (this includes park mulch, road signage, and anything that can be justified as “safety-related”). Council agreed that it would be hard to let an extra $1,000 a year just pass us by. Ms. Hartman made a motion to switch to PEP, and Ms. Bates seconded. A roll call vote was taken, with all in favor. The coverage will be effective 3/8/22 and we will receive an invoice before the next meeting.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 1/20/22-2/9/22, which included:

Regular check #’s 14118-14124, totaling $11,926.68

Payroll check #’s 14105-14117, totaling $1,438.40

6 EFT payments, totaling $20,058.90

It was noted that this included payment for the park order (tables, grill, & trash can) and that the payment to BG Municipal Utilities was offset by an insurance claim payment.

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

* Council then reviewed the January 2022 financial reports. Ms. Berry made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Ms. Hartman; all were in favor.
* Ordinance 2022-2, to prohibit the placement/use of storage containers within the Village limits (for a period longer than 90 days), received the second reading.
* Ordinance 2022-3, to regulate traffic in excess of 6 tons Custar Road, received the second reading. Ms. Hartman brought up concerns about enforcing the ordinance, and said she also felt that this should include side streets and alleys (which would still leave 281 for access to the elevator). Council agreed. We can have the solicitor update the ordinance before it receives the final reading.
* The Fiscal Officer confirmed that the ARPA “revenue loss” funding guidelines were indeed updated, and entities are able to count up to $10M each as “lost revenue” instead of completing the calculation of actual revenues lost. Since we received well under this amount, we are allowed to count our full allocation as “lost revenue” and can therefore spend it on anything that can be considered a “general government” function (payroll, roads, parks, etc). Council still intends to repair the other storm drain

as planned (using the ARPA funding), and noted that we should try to coordinate this project with the CDBG project to make sure it is done before Custar Road is paved.

Committee Business

Council members submitted their committee interest sheets for the Mayor’s consideration. Committees will be assigned at the next meeting.

* **Parks & Rec**-
  + Roger will work on installing the grill, trash can, and tables when it gets warm.
  + Ms. Hartman asked Rob to set up a meeting with Craig Everett to come out and discuss the trees we should put in at Louy Park.
* **Fire Board**- At the last meeting, they were discussing the sale of one of the old trucks.
* **Recycling**- The Mayor will contact Hannah at WCSWD to see if the recycling bins can be moved back onto the pavement; they’ve ended up in the grass area, creating a muddy mess.
* **Safety**- A possible grant to tear down dilapidated properties was mentioned by Ms. Hartman. Owners of the property on High Street (Cooks) are not interested in demolition, but Ms. Bates will talk to the owner of the old Boyer property.

No further business was brought before council.

At 9:08pm, Ms. Bates made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Cron seconded; all were in favor.

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