Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **March 10, 2021**

Regular Council Meeting

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

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

The 2/17/21 minutes were not yet completed. They will be ready for approval at the next meeting.

All members of the BPA were present. No new items were discussed, and they left the meeting at 7:33pm.

Employee **Jim Beaupre** was in attendance. He talked about recent mower repairs, a few minor purchases recently made, and stated that he went ahead and took the plow off of the truck.

Fiscal Items:

* The liability/property renewal information was presented to council. There was a slight cost increase due to the addition of the new radar speed signs. The Mayor asked if there were any safety grants available through the Ohio Plan, but this funding is only available through the PEP insurer (previously quoted in 2019). Ms. Bates made a motion to continue with our existing carrier (for the renewal period of 3/8/21-3/8/22), which was seconded by Ms. Hartman; all were in favor.
* Council reviewed the payment register for 2/18/21-3/10/21, which included:

Regular check #’s 13841-13846, totaling $6,296.93

Payroll check #’s 13826-13840, totaling $2,319.71

4 EFT payments, totaling $19,681.98

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

* Council reviewed the January & February 2021 financial reports. Ms. Hartman made a motion for approval of the January reports, which Ms. Bates seconded; all were in favor. Mr. C Dauster moved to approve the reports for February, seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder; all were in favor.

Committee Business

* **Parks & Rec**-
  + The order was placed for the Community Park grant items (tables, trash can, & grill). Roger will be asked to be there for the delivery and to assemble/install the items.
  + Shawn & Renee are going to start cleaning out the native garden, so we’ll soon know how much survived over the winter. Roger will be asked if he would want to do planting and weeding as well. Council was fine with purchasing additional plants if needed (flowers, butterfly weeds, etc). Ms. Hartman will be donating 4 or 5 sedums to use by the shelter house.
  + Shawn will start sanitizing/disinfecting the playground equipment again every Friday.
  + Ms. Hartman reported on the ZOOM park meeting that she recently attended. Since we are wanting to add some trees at Louy Park, Craig from the WCPD would like to come out and meet with the Mayor and Park Committee to discuss the project and see the area.
  + Ms. Berry will print some additional social distancing signs for the park for Rob to laminate.
* **Streets/Sidewalks**-
  + Roger had informed the Mayor that there is a functional curb sweeper down at the park building. It only takes 1 person to operate, and Roger is willing to do curb cleaning by himself if Shawn is not available to help.
  + Ms. Vanscoder expressed concern on the condition of the sidewalks during the last snow. Some walks were untouched and kids were walking home from the bus stop in the street. We had previously discussed the purchase of a snow blower to clear the walks on the main roads, which council felt would be best to do in the off-season in order to get the best price.
  + The NWWSD will be out on Tuesday, March 16th to jet the storm drains.
  + Precision Paving has us on their schedule to start High Street the second week of April.
* **Safety**-
  + Ms. Bates reported a raccoon problem at the Cook property (inside). She was instructed to place a call to the Health Department.
  + The Fiscal Officer was asked to send junk notices to 3 specific residents.
* Council discussed the procedure in the event of non-compliance with a junk notice.
* A question arose about a specific resident with junk near an alley. Ms. Hartman got out the parcel map to point out the location of the property line. Additionally, it was clarified that residents do not own into the middle of the roadway; this is only in the townships.
  + It was brought to council’s attention (for the sake of future notices/mowing/citations) that the abandoned Boyer property is now in foreclosure.
  + The Fiscal Officer will contact the Health Department for an update on the Troutt property.
* **Recycling**-
  + The annual recycling report has been completed and submitted to the WCSWD.
  + Glass around the containers was reported today. Jim will get this cleaned up.
  + Mrs. Vanscoder did not call a meeting yet to discuss the camera(s) with the other communities, as she knew we still needed to figure out a few details before presenting the idea (electrical & internet hookups, associated costs, etc). Rob will contact Hannah Smith to see how these work for other entities.

Other Business

* Council talked briefly about bagworms, and it was suggested that we ask Jerry about use of the bucket truck to remove the ones in residents’ trees that cannot be otherwise reached. The Fiscal Officer voiced concern in relation to having Village equipment on private property, and whether this type of thing would be an allowed expense. She will contact the auditor’s office for clarification.
* The Community Garage Sales were set for May 14th & 15th.
* Council decided to do a trash drop-off day again this year. The Mayor will call Behrman Roll-offs to reserve 3 dumpsters (no additional) for the first weekend of May. Rob, Jim, and Dee were willing to check residents’ proof of address at the dump site and make sure that individuals do not dump prohibited items.
* A spring newsletter will go out sometime after the next meeting.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:35pm, Mr. C Dauster made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Berry; all were in favor.

Fiscal Officer \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Mayor\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_