Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **April 12, 2023**

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Robert Cavin called the meeting to order at 7:33pm. Council members Renee Hartman, Cheryl Vanscoder, Dawn Berry, Dee Bates, and Brian Cron were all present.

The minutes from the previous meeting (238/23) were reviewed by council. Mr. Cron made a motion to approve them as read, which was seconded by Ms. Bates; all were in favor.

BPA Business: All members were present until 7:38pm.

Jerry reported on the 4/1/23 power outage that lasted about 18 hours. The generator here at the Legion Hall did not automatically kick on that day, but was able to be fired up manually. It did, however, shut off on its own. We should be fine if we were to need to have the building open during any future outage.

There is one pole very close to a curb that will need to be “held” while the contractors are in town next week starting on Custar Road. Jerry should be able get a truck from the City of Bowling Green to take care of this. He is out of town next week, but will pass along the contractor’s number to his BG contact.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 3/9/23-4/12/23, which included:

Regular check #’s 14402-14411, totaling $4,341.85

Payroll check #’s 14390-14401, totaling $2,560.95

10 EFT payments, totaling $21,050.05

Ms. Berry made a motion for approval, and Ms. Hartman seconded; all were in favor.

* The financial reports for March 2023 were presented to council for review. Ms. Bates made a motion for approval, Mrs. Vanscoder seconded; all were in favor.
* Emergency **Ordinance 2023-7** was read, to adopt the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as the standard for incident management in the Village of Custar. Ms. Hartman made a motion to suspend the second and third readings, which was seconded by Ms. Bates. A roll call vote was taken, with all in favor. Ms. Berry moved for passage, Mrs. Vanscoder seconded the motion, and all were in favor; passed.

Committee Business

* **Parks & Recreation:** 
  + The picnic tables and new trash can have been assembled and put in at Louy Park.
  + For our next WCPD grant application, Ms. Berry had brought in some ideas for play equipment items for older kids, as well as a gazebo. Ms. Hartman had a suggestion for a climber. We do not have the application yet, but we usually get those in the spring.
  + The Mayor put in a call to the City of BG’s arborist (Adrian) and is waiting for a call back.
  + We had previously discussed replacing the tree that was damaged the beginning of the recycling fence project. Ms. Hartman suggested having another red oak tree planted in its place at the front of Community Park, to shade the wooden picnic table on the concrete slab. Mrs. Vanscoder reminded them to consider the size of a mature tree’s roots. Ms. Hartman presented a quote from North Branch Nursery for a 1.75” tree at $169, plus $312 for installation (they come out and plant it for us). Council was fine with moving forward with this. She will go ahead and place the order.
  + The Mayor will again look into getting a drag for the walking path.
  + Co-Man recently sold to ACE Diversified, and it will now cost almost double what we paid previously to have a port-a-pot at Community Park. (Multiple other companies were contacted, all which had the same or higher pricing.) Therefore, council was asked if they still wanted to put one in this year. They decided to do so, but only from Memorial Day to Labor Day, instead of April through Halloween.
* **Streets/Sidewalks:** 
  + The CDBG project is officially scheduled to start on April 17th. Residents will be told not to park on Custar Road until it is completed.
  + The Mayor had the NWWSD out with their snake camera to look at the deteriorating spot on the north end of Custar Road. They didn’t find any collapsed lines or obvious damage. It appeared that it simply was not built up enough to handle the traffic that comes through. The

Mayor will get a repair quote from Geddis when they are in town for the CDBG project. After this is fixed, he hopes to have Legacy re-route their trucks down Park Road.

* + The Mayor will also have Geddis look at the storm drain that we were previously going to have done by Jim Palmer’s. It would be more convenient to have this done at the same time they are tearing up the road.
  + The storm drain at 281/S France is plugged up and completely full of leaves. The Mayor will look into the cost of having it jetted.

Other Business

* The Mayor recently attended the mandatory Wood Co Hazard Mitigation meeting.
* Maintenance employee Jim Beaupre and the Mayor will be attending an upcoming training on ditch maintenance, which is being put on by the Wood Co Water & Soil Conservation District.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:09pm, Mrs. Vanscoder made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Berry seconded; all were in favor.

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