Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **May 11, 2022**

Regular Council Meeting

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

The minutes from the previous meeting (4/13/22) were reviewed by council. Ms. Hartman made a motion to approve them as read, which was seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder; all were in favor.

BPA members Jerry Clink, Dave Wensink, & Cheryl Nagel were present until 7:39pm.

* Jerry has been working with Stanley (Milton Twp) on plans for fencing the recycling center. For an area of about 12-14’ x 24’ with an 8’ foot vinyl fence on 3 sides, it would be about $4,000.
* Ordinance 2022-6, to update the electric policies (specifically revising those related to shutoffs), received the first reading. A few minor changes are still needed, all of which were noted. These will be made by the solicitor before the final reading.

Visitors:

**Josh Auman** from Feller Finch was in attendance to discuss our CDBG FY22 grant application. Council had wished to apply for sidewalk improvements along the north side of Custar Road. However, Mr. Auman informed council that we no longer have a valid income survey on file (ours is expired); thus, we would need new data before submitting this type of project. At the advice of Dave Kuhn, he suggested we submit an application for our sidewalk curb ramps, as these would be ADA compliant and the project would not require income survey info. Council was in favor of doing this, as it would be a good start on the sidewalk repairs, and better than submitting no application at all. This would be a low-cost project (somewhere around $1,000/each for the 15-16 ramps), so council agreed that no local share match was necessary. Ms. Hartman made a motion to move forward with the application, Ms. Berry seconded; all were in favor. Council plans to re-do the income survey process before the next grant round in FY2024, and apply for sidewalks then.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 4/14/22-5/11/22, which included:

Regular check #’s 14185-14191, totaling $3,044.93

Payroll check #’s 14169-14184, totaling $2,265.78

6 EFT payments, totaling $19,203.16

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

* Council then reviewed the April 2022 financial reports. Ms. Hartman made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Ms. Berry; all were in favor..
* The Fiscal Officer informed council of a grant opportunity through T-Mobile. Their Hometown Grant Program is specifically for projects that help “build, rebuild, or refresh community spaces that help foster local connections” in smaller communities (with a population of less than 50,000). This could include park improvements, town buildings, etc. Applicants can request up to $50,000 with no match required. Funding will be awarded to 100 applicants a year for the next five years. Applications will be accepted quarterly for the duration of the program. It was suggested that we could do the exercise stations at Louy Park or install a gazebo. Ultimately, council seemed to agree on the possibility of applying for the construction of a Village Hall building. The Mayor will put together a committee.

Committee Business

**Parks & Rec**-

* The Fiscal Officer will attend the WCPD grant meeting on 5/17/22 to obtain an application.
* The installation of the new grill and trash can is complete, and the Fiscal Officer recently submitted the final project report to the WCPD.
* Employee Roger Vanscoder, who was in attendance until 8:07pm, checked out the mulch and didn’t feel we needed more at this time. When discussing PEP+ dollars, it was decided that we could use these on pads for under the swings, and the remainder on the mulch that will be needed after the new equipment arrives and the timber area is extended. The current expected delivery of the playground items is mid-June.
* The Mayor got ahold of Simon Gundy at the NWWSD about putting in a hydrant meter for us again this year so that our park employees can obtain water for our flowers and trees. The District wouldn’t charge us for the water itself, but we would need to pay a $1,000 deposit that would be refunded when the meter is removed at the end of the season (pending no damage). Ms. Bates made a motion to go ahead with this, Ms. Hartman seconded; all were in favor.

**Streets/Sidewalks**-

* The Mayor spoke with Dave Kuhn recently, and was informed that our Custar Road project (south end) is getting ready to go out for bid.
* The “No Thru Trucks” signs, that were discussed at the previous meeting, have been installed.
* Ms. Bates will send- Sarah the web address for where we can order the sewer covers.

**Zoning**- The Mayor has not yet set the annual zoning meeting. He will contact Luke Hartman.

**Safety**- Citation notices will be sent to 2 specific properties with high grass. No junk notices will be sent until after the town-wide trash day.

Other Business

After the last meeting, a general email was received from John & Karen Spencer, expressing an interest in the High Street property after hearing that council may be putting it up for sale. The Fiscal Officer informed them that council had recently decided not to sell the property, but said that we will let them know if anything changes.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:16pm, Ms. Vanscoder made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Hartman seconded; all were in favor.

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