Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **July 13, 2022**

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Robert Cavin called the meeting to order at 7:32pm. Council members Renee Hartman, Cheryl Vanscoder, Dawn Berry, Dee Bates, and Brian Cron were all present.

The minutes from the previous meeting (6/8/22) 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 Business

Members Jerry Clink, Dave Wensink, & Cheryl Nagel, and Clerk Barb Clink were present until 7:53pm.

* Jerry informed council that they have replaced a few cutouts and will be replacing a few more.
* Barb is still working on finalizing the draft of the letter that will outline changes to the electric shutoff policy. She would like to have it out by the beginning of next month and start delinquent shutoffs with the next round of bills in August.
* Ms. Bates and Mr. Cron reported a street light that looks to have been shot out on France Street. There is glass in the alley. Jerry will get it fixed and report it to the Sheriff’s office.

**Dave Kuhn**, from Feller Finch & Associates, was in attendance to discuss details of the upcoming Custar Road project (Phase II, south end). He has the plans pretty much finished, and would like to get them to Dave Steiner next week so they can put it out to bid.

* The initial estimate included about 450 feet of curbs being removed and replaced, which does not include them all. If we’d like to do all of the curbs on the south end, about 250 additional feet would need to be added. Additionally, there is about 400 feet of sidewalk that was included that we will not need to be done, and the funds from this can be used towards the curb work. Council decided to go with all new curbs and just sidewalks from the alley to the post office.
* He noted that asphalt prices have gone up tremendously. The current $30K that was estimated for sidewalks could go up to as much as $50K or more when bid out.
* He expects the project to be done sometime in September or October. The Mayor will make sure to coordinate with Palmers to have our storm drain project done beforehand so that we don’t have to tear up any part of the new road.

Mr. Kuhn also reminded council that before we submit our next CDBG application in 2024, we will need to complete an updated income survey.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 6/9/22-7/13/22, which included:

Regular check #’s 14229-14235, totaling $8,682.19

Payroll check #’s 14215-14228, totaling $1,921.03

8 EFT payments, totaling $15,465.39

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

* Council then reviewed the June 2022 financial reports. Mrs. Vanscoder made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Ms. Berry; all were in favor.
* Ordinance 2022-6, to update the Village’s electric policies received the third reading. Ms. Berry made a motion for passage, and Ms. Hartman seconded; a roll call vote was taken, with all in favor.
* The Estimate of Revenue for 2023 was presented to council. Ms. Bates made a motion for approval, which Mrs. Vanscoder seconded; all were in favor.

Committee Business

* **Streets/Sidewalks:**
  + The Mayor has not received a response from Mark Sunderman yet about Legacy helping to fix the north end of Custar Road.
  + Dee had photos and information on the kind of drain guards we need. We’ll have Roger look at these to see if he can fabricate something to fit.
  + Roger and Shawn are working on cleaning the curbs. The street sweeper is working well. The west side of 281 still needs done, which they will likely take care of next week.
* **Parks & Recreation:**
  + We will likely keep our WCPD grant simple this year and apply for picnic tables and such. The deadline isn’t until late October.
  + Weed spraying will need to be done at the parks under the swings and on the walking path. It was suggested that we get something to drag the path. The Mayor will look into pricing.
* **Zoning:** Mrs. Vanscoder asked about pool restrictions, as there is an un-fenced above-ground pool on Custar Road with a ladder up into it. There is a section of the zoning code that states that the ladder is to be removed when the pool is not in use if the pool is not fenced in. The Fiscal Officer will draft a letter to the property owner for the Zoning Inspector to sign and send.
* **Safety:** The Fiscal Officer was in contact with MCS Property Management about the abandoned Speakman property. Photos were sent showing the trampoline and the high weeds at the back.
* **Finance:** The Mayor recently attended an OBM meeting at which available grants were discussed. We might qualify for one in particular (TAPS) for sidewalks. He will bring the info to the next meeting.
* **Recycling:** The Mayor recently reached out to the new contact (Rachel) at WCSWD about getting an additional bin. We aren’t eligible at this time, but there is a possibility that it could be included in the budget for next year.

Other Business:

Ms. Berry had photos of a few ideas for the T-Mobile Hometown Grant application, including a Gazebo for Louy Park and adult exercise equipment. The Fiscal Officer will contact Poggemeyer to see if we can get the ball rolling on this. Council is also still interested in pursuing this grant for a town hall building if it is within the $50K grant price range.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:26pm, Ms. Hartman made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Cron seconded; all were in favor.

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