Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **July 14, 2021**

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Robert Cavin called the meeting to order at 7:32pm.

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

The minutes from the previous meeting (6/9/21) were reviewed by council. Ms. Hartman made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder; all were in favor.

All members of the BPA were present until 8:04pm.

Mr. Clink reported on the cleanup and repair done after last Wednesday’s wind storm. A pole was damaged and about 4 houses were out of power. They had to remove the transformer, take down about 18 inches of the pole, and replace it. They called the City of BG for assistance (2 guys & buckets), which we will receive a bill for.

Visitor: Sam Wolfe from AMP Ohio came for his annual visit.

He presented a packet of information that detailed our usage info, and also talked about a potential solar opportunity. He’ll get back in touch with us in September to see if we wish to participate in that. The BPA will consult with John Courtney to see what he thinks we should do.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 6/10/21-7/14/21, which included:

Regular check #’s 13957-13964, totaling $1,287.26

Payroll check #’s 13941-13956, totaling $2,371.57

9 EFT payments, totaling $16,980.00

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

* Council then reviewed the June 2021 financial reports. It was noted that an “Other Adjusting Factor” was included on the reconciliation, due to an error with the AMP auto payment. This was corrected at the beginning of July. Mrs. Vanscoder made a motion for approval, seconded by Ms. Hartman; all were in favor.
* An update was given on the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Act Funding…
  + We are eligible for a total of $19,274.19. Half of this would be received shortly after applying, and the other half in 12 months. We would have until 12/31/24 to encumber these funds. Any unspent monies are to be returned.
  + The Fiscal Officer recently attended a webinar that detailed the application process. We have 60 days to apply through the website portal, which is now open.
  + Monies would come from the OBM, and reporting is done directly to the US Treasury.

Ms. Hartman made a motion to apply for the available funding, and Ms. Berry seconded; all were in favor. The Mayor then signed the two forms that are required to accompany application, which will be submitted by the Fiscal Officer ASAP.

* The Fiscal Officer suggested that we use Fund 2151 (which was previously for CRF funds) for the ARPA monies, instead of creating a new fund. Ms. Bates made a motion to do so, and Mr. C Dauster seconded; all were in favor. Fund 2151 will be renamed “ARPA Relief Fund”.
* Ms. Bates made a motion to amend the 2021 Revenue Budget to reflect this funding, and Ms. Hartman seconded the motion; all were in favor.
* The Fiscal Officer attended a Public Records online training today (7/14/21), as a designee for Ms. Berry and Mr. J Dauster.
* The 2022 Revenue Budget was put before council. Mr. C Dauster made a motion to approve this as presented, seconded by Ms. Bates; all were in favor.

Committee Business

* **Parks & Rec**-
  + Our park equipment order is still delayed. We are waiting for more info.
  + 2021 Grant Application--- Ms. Berry suggested that we look at Home Depot for some of the things we want to apply for (balance beam, picnic tables, etc), as they have commercial grade items that may be cheaper than Miracle Midwest. Ms. Hartman would still like to get a quote for the climbing mushrooms instead of trying again for the chicken coop climber.

The application is due in October.

* Roger will be asked to stain both park signs and pull a large weed out of the native garden.
* **Streets/Sidewalks**-
  + The Mayor has attempted to contact Feller Finch about Phase II of our CDBG project, and is waiting for a call back. The bidding should take place this year, and the project next year.
  + Jim purchased a weed sprayer to pull behind the mower so he could spray some the alleys.
* **Safety**- Needed citation notices were discussed (2 grass & 1 junk will be sent).

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:37pm, Mr. C Dauster made a motion to adjourn, and Ms. Bates seconded; all were in favor.

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