Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **August 11, 2021**

Regular Council Meeting

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

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

The minutes from the previous meeting (7/14/21) were reviewed by council. Ms. Hartman made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Ms. Berry; all were in favor.

The BPA was present until 7:34pm (all except Mr. Clink).

Ms. Hartman asked if any more consideration had been given to the solar projects that were brought up by the AMP representative at the last meeting (since he mentioned a September deadline). Barb will see if Jerry has discussed this with John Courtney.

Shawn Allport was in attendance from 7:35-8:05pm to discuss the upcoming town Harvest Party.

* Her committee met for the first time on Sunday. She asked if we would be willing to cover the cost of the tent and port-a-pot again this year. She suggested getting a bigger tent, since we are expecting the party to grow, and voiced the need for a handicapped toilet unit. She also stated that her volunteers cover a lot of the costs out of their own pockets, and said they could use help with start-up cash and postage for the fliers. Council voted unanimously to cover the cost of a handicapped port-a-pot unit, and a maximum of $250 (same as last year) for the tent. Several were willing to personally donate items needed, but were not willing to approve more funding from the town budget.
* The party will run from 1:00-11:00pm, with events throughout the day. There will be a tractor show, vendor booths, hay ride, potluck, music, etc. We will put out a fall newsletter beforehand so that the info can be included.
* Mr. C Dauster asked what our plans will be if COVID mandates are put back in place. We will just have to play this by ear.
* Ms. Allport asked about the eventual possibility of serving alcohol at this event in the future (not this year). Council was concerned about the liability associated with this and felt it would take away from the party’s focus on children/family fun.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 7/15/21-8/11/21, which included:

Regular check #’s 13982-13988, totaling $855.64

Payroll check #’s 13965-13981, totaling $2,812.74

8 EFT payments, totaling $15,529.17

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

* Council then reviewed the July 2021 financial reports. Ms. Berry made a motion for approval, seconded by Mr. J Dauster; all were in favor.
* Resolution 2021-4R was read, to apply for 2021 Wood County Park District grant funding. Ms. Bates made a motion for passage, seconded by Ms. Hartman; all were in favor.
* An update was given on the ARPA Fiscal Recovery Act Funding… Sarah submitted our application at the end of July and it was immediately approved. The first half of the money ($9,637.10) was direct deposited into our bank account just this morning. Ms. Hartman asked about broader uses of these funds, as she has heard of a wide range of projects being discussed by other communities. It was noted that the original restrictions still apply. The Mayor will be getting estimates for the storm sewer repairs that we are hoping to use the money on. He also asked if we could see about using any left-over funding to help the Methodist Church, since they lost so much during the pandemic. The Fiscal Officer stated that if we were to do so, money would need to be made available to all businesses and churches in an equal fashion; she will look into the applicable guidelines.

Committee Business

* **Parks & Rec**-
  + WCPD Grant: The committee decided that they would like to apply for a couple of freestanding musical pieces for Community Park. We will submit a single application this year, which Sarah will complete by the October 22nd deadline. We already have timbers in storage to extend the mulched area. It was suggested that Roger and Jerry could handle the installation, but we will get a quote on how much it would be to have the company take care of it.
  + It was suggested that we apply for the next round of NatureWorks funding for trees at Louy Park. Ms. Hartman would eventually like to set up a meeting with Craig Evrett (from WCPD) to decide which trees would be best for this area.
  + Tim Behrman (local farmer) is willing to donate the needed rocks for the park.
  + Planting: It is too hot to do this right now; the subject will be revisited in September.
  + The lilac tree at Louy Park is overgrown; the branches leaning into the yard should be cut off.
* **Streets/Sidewalks**-
  + The big trucks and farm vehicles from Legacy are tearing up the previously fixed section of Custar Road and causing it to crumble again. Jim will get more berm stone for this for the time being. Load limits will be discussed at the next meeting.
  + The Mayor spoke with Mr. Kuhn and Mr. Steiner in relation to our 2022 Custar Road Project. Everything is currently running several months behind; they’ll call when they know more.
* **Zoning**-
  + The Wagners recently bought the field south of 281 (on the east end) and requested Village approval for them to combine the three parcels into one. It was noted that this would not reduce any taxes received by the Village, and council was fine with allowing it. Documents have been given to the solicitor to review; he will be asked to prepare a resolution to be put before council.
  + The Mayor will speak with members of the committee to get an official list of items they would like to have included in a proposed ordinance to regulate large storage containers.
* **Safety**-
  + A notice will be sent to 8931 France Street for junk and grass.
  + The 23008 Defiance Pike property will be mowed (time since notice is up).
* **Recycling**- The spot needing fixed at the recycling center (where people drive into the dirt and have made a hole) was again discussed. We would like to have Milton Twp cover this from the recycling funds. Ms. Vanscoder will get a repair estimate, and then call a meeting of the representatives from each community to talk about it.

Other Business

Roger will be asked to paint the book boxes (red) and fix the one with the broken door.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:45pm, Ms. Bates made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. J Dauster seconded; all were in favor.

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