Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **September 8, 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 (8/11/21) were reviewed by council. Ms. Bates made a motion to approve them as read, which was seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder; all were in favor.

The BPA was not in attendance (their meeting was rescheduled).

The Mayor passed along that there will be no fall brush pick-up this year, as there was only 1 person who put any out the last time they did it.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 8/12/21-9/8/21, which included:

Regular check #’s 14005-14012, totaling $5,086.85

Payroll check #’s 13989-14004, totaling $2,181.79

7 EFT payments, totaling $17,552.41

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

* Council then reviewed the August 2021 financial reports. Ms. Bates made a motion for approval, seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder; all were in favor.
* The **Resolution (2021-5R)** to accept the amounts/rates as determined by the Budget Commission for the active tax levies and certify them to the County Auditor, was read. Mrs. Vanscoder made a motion for approval, Ms. Berry seconded; all were in favor.
* **Resolution 2021-6R** was read, to affirm candidate Mark Sheffer for re-appointment to the NWWSD board. Mr. J Dauster moved for passage, and Ms. Hartman seconded; all were in favor.
* **Resolution 2021-7R**, to accept the material terms of the National Opioid Settlement, was read as an emergency. Ms. Hartman moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder. A roll call vote was taken with all in favor. Mr. J Dauster made a motion for passage, Ms. Berry seconded; all were in favor.

When presented with a draft of the upcoming newsletter, council decided to set Trick-or-Treat for Sunday, October 31st from 6-7:30pm.

Visitor/Employee **Shawn Allport** was in attendance to discuss the upcoming town Harvest Party.

She informed council of the items that had already been donated as well as those that were still needed. She also stated that she has created a new brush pile (with town brush only) that they will save to burn at the Harvest Party; however, she wondered what to do with any brush afterward until Jerry can chip it. We don’t want it to accumulate into a large pile, as residents previously treated this as a dump site. She was given permission to go ahead and burn it.

While she was there, Ms. Hartman asked her to get the two trees coming up by the shelter house out by the roots, and take out the brown-eyed susans.

It also was noted that Shawn is picking up a lot of garbage around the shelter house. Since the park order has been delayed, we don’t have the new trash can for this area yet. In the meantime, we will order a long-armed trash grabber tool so that she can pick-up these items without having to get off the mower.

Committee Business

* **Parks & Rec**-
  + The PES estimate for the musical playground items came to $11,314, which included $3,500 for installation and $194.30 shipping. It was decided to apply for the items and install them ourselves (Jerry and Roger). We will apply for $7,620 (equipment only), and then commit to covering the cost of shipping, labor, concrete, mulch, etc. Additionally, we will use the timbers we already have in storage for the extension of the play area.
  + Last we heard, our park order (grill, tables, trash can) was supposed to be in production as of 8/11/21; however, we haven’t heard anything since. It was suggested that we cancel the order and get the items from Home Depot; however, everywhere is behind right now and we couldn’t likely get it any faster from them either.
* **Recycling**- We are going to use some of the limestone left from the walking path to fill in the hole by the drive. There isn’t enough space to expand the drive itself. To prevent future damage, we will place neon flag sticks or a big rock near this spot.
* **Fire Board**: Meetings have been moved to 7:30pm. Rob will make Milton Fire aware of the Harvest Party bonfire. He also noted that they should be available on Trick-or-Treat night.
* **Streets/Sidewalks**- Council discussed the need to put load limits in place for Custar Road, since heavy equipment coming in to the agronomy center is already tearing up the newly repaved roadway. Jim has scraped and filled the damaged spot with berm stone, but we will have to continue doing this if we don’t come up with a long-term solution. There was a load limit ordinance passed in 1992 for alleys only, and discussion was in the minutes in 1974, but nothing was officially passed. Council asked Sarah to get with the solicitor to have a 5-ton load limit ordinance written up for the full length of Custar Road (within the Village limits).
* **Zoning**- Ms. Hartman was able to obtain a list from the committee as to what should be included in the proposed ordinance to prohibit shipping containers (and PODS). They should be allowed for no longer than 60-90 days, with no utilities hooked up to the unit. Sarah will get with the solicitor to have this drafted.
* **Safety**- Shawn will be asked to mow 8931 France Street, as enough time has passed since the notice was sent. The yard will need to be cleaned up before we can get our mower in there.
* **Water/Sewer**-
  + The Mayor informed council that the NWWSD isn’t going to be able to take care of our storm drainage repairs, as they just don’t have the time for additional projects right now. Instead, he will go about getting estimates from 3 other companies. Ms. Hartman reminded him that we don’t have to encumber the ARPA funds until 2024; however, the Mayor believes they are badly in need of repair ASAP.
  + The NWWSD will be pulling the meter (for the season) from the hydrant by Community Park, so we should be getting a bill for this soon.

Other Business

Ms. Hartman talked about the Broadband Expansion grant ($250,000 total for Ohio), and thought it could possibly benefit the Village since residents get such poor service. Sarah will research this further and attend the free OML webinar on Sept 15th.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:34pm, Ms. Hartman made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. J Dauster seconded; all were in favor.

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