Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **September 14, 2022**

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Robert Cavin called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Council members Renee Hartman, Cheryl Vanscoder, Dawn Berry, Dee Bates, and Brian Cron were all present.

The minutes from the previous meeting (8/10/22) were reviewed by council. Ms. Hartman made a motion to approve them as read, which was seconded by Ms. Berry; all were in favor.

The BPA was not in attendance, as they held their meeting last week.

Council was made aware that Mr. Clink will be on leave from the end of Sept through mid-November. Kevin will take care of what is needed, and BG can be called for mutual aid if necessary.

Employee **Shawn Allport** was in attendance from 7:32-7:34pm.

Ms. Hartman asked her to pull the weeds that have popped up in the playground mulch; however, Roger sprayed these very recently so it should not be necessary. When asked about weeding the native garden, she stated that she is not comfortable doing so, as she cannot always distinguish what is a weed and what is not. Instead, Shawn asked resident Peggy Deuel if she would be willing to help clean it up when she has the time.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 8/11/22-9/14/22, which included:

Regular check #’s 14272-14278, totaling $2,415.18

Payroll check #’s 14257-14271, totaling $2,687.12

7 EFT payments, totaling $15,695.26

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

* Council reviewed the August 2022 financial reports. Mrs. Vanscoder made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Ms. Hartman; all were in favor.
* It was noted that we still have about $228 left to spend of the $1,000 PEP+ reimbursement grant. Council agreed to use the remainder for playground mulch at Louy Park.
* **Resolution 2022-9R** was read, to approve the contract with the Wood County EMA to provide emergency services for 2022 and 2023 (and establishing the annual per capita rates. Mrs. Vanscoder moved for passage, and Ms. Hartman seconded the motion; all were in favor.
* **Resolution 2022-10R** was read, to accept the levy amounts and rates as determined by the Wood County Budget Commission. Ms. Berry made a motion for adoption of the resolution, and Mrs. Vanscoder seconded; all were in favor.
* It was reported that the Records Commission met this evening and approved the RC-2 retention schedule. It can now be submitted to the Ohio History Connection, who will forward it on to the Auditor of State’s Records Officer for final approval. Once this is officially in place, we will be able to discard documents no longer needed, in accordance with the time frames listed on the schedule.

Committee Business

* **Parks & Recreation:** 
  + The new musical play equipment has been installed, and the final grant report submitted.
  + For this year’s WCPD grant application, it was decided that we would focus on Louy Park. The committee agreed to apply for 2 square green picnic tables (1 regular, 1 handicap accessible) to put on the concrete slab, as well as a trash can, a tetherball pole, and a balance beam. The balance beam should fit within the existing timber area.
  + We are finished with the watering hydrant at Community Park for the season. The Mayor will call the NWWSD to have the meter removed ASAP so we can get our $1K deposit back.
* **Streets/Sidewalks:**
  + An updated engineering estimate for Phase II of Custar Road was received from Feller Finch. We are just waiting for the project to be put out to bid.
  + The cause of the sinkhole on the north end of Custar Road is still unknown. It is starting to deteriorate on the opposite side of the street as well. When the contractor is chosen for the CDBG project, the Mayor will see if they are willing to look at this for us while they’re in town.
* **Recycling:** The fencing project is coming along well. The area has been stoned, and they are just waiting on additional materials.
* **Water/Sewer:** We recently received a letter and information from two candidates (C Latta, J Wasson) to fill one vacancy on the NWWSD board. Council seemed to favor Mr. Latta, who has previously served. A nomination resolution will be prepared for the next meeting.
* **Safety:**
  + Ms. Bates reported semis in the alleys (due to the 235 detour), as well as school buses (on a regular basis). Mr. Cavin will call the BG bus garage.
  + A citation notice will need sent for the Cook property on High Street. \

Other Business:

A draft of the fall newsletter was reviewed…

It was noted that there will not be a Fall Harvest Party this year.

Trick-or-Treat was scheduled for Sunday, October 30th from 6-7:30pm.

This will go out at the beginning of next week.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:13pm, Ms. Bates made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. Cron seconded; all were in favor.

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