Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **October 20, 2021**

Regular Council Meeting

The October 13, 2021 council meeting was rescheduled to October 20, 2021 (due to lack of a quorum on the 13th). Notice of the change was published in the local newspaper.

Mayor Robert Cavin called the meeting to order at 7:35pm.

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

The minutes from the previous meeting (9/8/21) were reviewed by council. Ms. Hartman made a motion to approve them as read, which was seconded by Ms. Bates; all were in favor.

The BPA met last week at their regularly scheduled time.

The Mayor was told by Mr. Clink that they had to replace an electric box on 281 (near the Maas property) after it was struck by a car. The City of BG came out to help replace it, and will be sending a bill. We have a copy of the police report and will submit this to the driver’s insurance company.

Additionally, there was an incident with a squirrel causing an outage on France Street recently when Jerry was out of town and could not be reached. The City of BG came out then as well, which we should also receive a bill for soon.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 9/9/21-10/13/21, which included:

 Regular check #’s 14013 & 14030-14036, totaling $1,449.21

 Payroll check #’s 14014-14029, totaling $2,048.25

 10 EFT payments, totaling $17,236.42

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

* Council then reviewed the September 2021 financial reports. Ms. Bates made a motion for approval, seconded by Mr. J Dauster; all were in favor.
* During our most recent audit, it was recommended that council set maximum limits on quarterly blanket certificates. Ms. Hartman made a motion to approve the following maximum limits, seconded by Ms. Berry; all were in favor.

**Operating Supplies**:

 -Parks & Recreation $ 1,000.00

 -Road Department $ 1,000.00

 -Electric Department $ 3,000.00

**Legal Fees**:

 -General $ 2,500.00

 -Electric Department $ 500.00

**Dues/Fees**:

 -General $ 500.00

 -Electric Department $ 250.00

**Office Supplies**:

 -General $ 250.00

 -Electric Department $ 250.00

**Postage**:

 -General $ 100.00

 -Electric Department $ 400.00

**Misc/Other**:

 General $ 500.00

Note: If expenses arise that are in excess of the above amounts, a PO Regular or PO Then/Now is to be used (with the proper approval).

Committee Business

* **Parks & Rec**-
	+ The WCPD grant application is due by the end of the week. Ms. Hartman reviewed a copy of the first draft. This will be finalized and Sarah will drop it off in person on Friday.
	+ The park equipment company most recently informed us that our order (tables, grill, & trash can) should be in production the first or second week of November.
	+ Ms. Hartman and Roger were able to plant the flowers and take care of some park cleanup.
* **Fire Board**: Last month’s meeting was cancelled, and the next meeting is tomorrow evening.
* **Streets/Sidewalks**-
	+ The new stop sign is up in the alley across from the post office.
	+ Jim should be using some of the grindings from Custar Road to fill in the alleys and the right-of-way by the post office.
	+ The solicitor is still working to draft a load limit ordinance for Custar Road. He had noted that this may be difficult to enforce, as we do not have scales to weigh the vehicles.
	+ Jim is getting the truck ready to plow snow.
	+ The damaged section of Custar Road is continuing to get worse. The Mayor plans to speak with Mr. Sunderman at Legacy about this, as their trucks are the cause of the issue. It was suggested that we get a steel plate to cover it, as it is not safe for cars to drive over.
	+ Walnuts in the street are again a problem on Custar Road. Notices will be sent to a couple of the property owners to clean these up.
	+ Speeding on 281 is again becoming a problem. The speed signs worked to slow traffic for a little while, but there are several vehicles that seem to be ignoring them now. It was suggested that we see if the Highway Patrol would come and sit on 281, since they had done this on 25 for the Village of Portage. The Mayor will give them a call tomorrow.
* **Zoning**- The solicitor is also still working on the shipping container ordinance.
* **Recycling**- The Recycling Center looks good; nothing to report.
* **Safety**- A letter will be sent to the owner of 8931 France in relation to the broken windows. Although we don’t have an ordinance relating to this, it is a violation of the Health Department’s Housing code.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:05pm, Ms. Bates made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. C Dauster seconded; all were in favor.

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