Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **November 10, 2021**

Regular Council Meeting

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

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

The minutes from the previous meeting (10/20/21) were reviewed by council. Ms. Hartman made a motion to approve them as read, which was seconded by Ms. Bates; all were in favor.

Members of the BPA (except D Wensink, absent) were in attendance until 7:34pm.

They noted that the Christmas decorations will be put up soon. They had nothing additional to report.

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 10/14/21-11/10/21, which included:

 Regular check #’s 14053-14058, totaling $943.58

 Payroll check #’s 14037-14052, totaling $2,052.31

 7 EFT payments, totaling $15,860.97

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

* Council then reviewed the October 2021 financial reports. Mrs. Vanscoder made a motion for approval, seconded by Mr. J Dauster; all were in favor.
* The 2022 Appropriations Budget will be up for approval at the next meeting.

Committee Business

* **Parks & Rec**-
	+ The previously discussed lilac tree near Louy Park has not yet been pruned. We will have to wait until the spring to do this, since it would be best to prune after it flowers.
	+ Sarah will check in again later this month on the status of our outstanding park order.
* **Streets/Sidewalks**-
	+ We should be getting a bill soon from Milton Township ($300). They came out and patched the hole for us on Custar Road.
	+ It was suggested that we get a truckload of good stone to fill in the right-of-way by the post office and some of the alleys, instead of using the leftover shavings we still have from Custar Road. The Mayor will talk to Roger about doing this.
* **Safety**-
	+ A notice will need to be sent to the Thompsons for junk in the alley.
	+ It was noted that 8931 France just sold. We had recently sent a letter in relation to the broken windows. Council was hopeful that the property would be cleaned up by the new owners.
* **Recycling**- The Fiscal Officer recently attended a Recycling Grant webinar put on by the EPA. She will share the information on possible funding opportunities with Ms. Hartman.
* **Water/Sewer**- The Mayor received an estimate from Jim Palmer Excavating for the catch basin repairs. Their total for both was $12,643.80. He has been unable to get any other companies to respond, and the NWWSD is too busy to take on the project. We only have half of the ARPA funding available right now (around $9,600), but will receive the other half next August. Therefore, council decided to have them complete one of the areas now (the one in the worst shape) and get the other on the schedule for next year after the money is set to come in.

Other Business

* The Mayor was contacted by the parent of a 16-year old resident whose son needed to do some community service hours. He figured we could come up with plenty for him to do (sweeping Custar Road, etc). Council had no problem with this. He will have the parent sign a liability waiver, and either he or Roger will work alongside him to supervise.
* Roger was able to complete the repairs on the town entrance sign. It looks good.
* The Mayor was asked to call Habitat for Humanity to see if they would be interested in the Boyer property that did not sell at the Sheriff’s auction.
* Council would like to do another Christmas Lighting/Decor Contest this year. It was decided that 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners will be picked by council and the BPA members. No entry will be required; all in town with decorations will be considered. They’ll need to have their lights ready by December 18th, and the prizes will be delivered on December 23rd. Dee will make up some fliers to put around town, and it will be advertised on our Facebook page.

No further business was brought before council.

At 8:10pm, Ms. Hartman made a motion to adjourn, and Mr. C Dauster seconded; all were in favor.

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