Village of Custar, Ohio

Minutes from **December 13, 2023**

Regular Council Meeting

Mayor Rob Cavin called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Council members Renee Hartman, Cheryl Vanscoder, Dawn Berry, Dee Bates, Brian Bush, & Brian Cron were all present. (The Fiscal Officer arrived at 8:00pm.)

The minutes from the 11/8/23 meeting were presented to council for review. Ms. Bates moved to approve them as read, and Ms. Berry seconded; all were in favor.

Committee Business:

* **Parks & Recreation:**
* We received the $6,000 WCPD grant for a new gazebo. Ms. Berry will contact the salesperson (Rose) for more info on the different sizes. We’re able to order it at the beginning of the year, before the grant funds arrive.
* The new tree was planted at Community Park.
* It might be a good time to buy the front loader scoop for the mower. It was suggested that we see if the BPA would want to split the cost so that the Electric Dept could use it as well.
* **Recycling:** We will put a new update of what can go in the bins in our next newsletter.

The Mayor will be leaving the committees the same for 2024. These are as follows:

* Finance/Accounting: Cheryl Vanscoder, Renee Hartman, & Brian Bush
* Safety Committee: Dee Bates, Cheryl Vanscoder, & Dawn Berry
* Streets/Sidewalks: Dawn Berry, Brian Cron, & Dee Bates
* Recycling Committee: Brian Bush, Renee Hartman, Dee Bates
* Parks & Recreation: Renee Hartman, Dawn Berry, & Brian Cron
* Water/Sewer Committee: Brian Cron, Brian Bush, Cheryl Vanscoder

Fiscal Items:

* Council reviewed the payment register for 11/9/23-12/13/23, which included:

Regular check #’s 14600-14606, totaling $4,202.71

Payroll check #’s 14584-14599, totaling $4,222.71

6 EFT payments, totaling $22,952.30

(It was noted that check #14583 was voided.) Ms. Bates moved to approve the payment register, seconded by Mrs. Vanscoder; all were in favor.

* The financial reports for November 2023 were presented to council for review. Ms. Berry made a motion for approval, and Mrs. Vanscoder seconded; all were in favor.
* Emergency Ordinance 2023-17 was read, to establish the annual permanent appropriations for the 2024 calendar year. Ms. Hartman made a motion to suspend the second and third readings, which was seconded by Ms. Berry. A roll call vote was taken, with all in favor. Mrs. Vanscoder moved for passage, Ms. Bates seconded, and all were in favor; passed.
* Resolution 2023-18R was read, to increase the 2023 permanent appropriations in the Electric Fund (#5301). Ms. Bates moved for passage, Ms. Hartman seconded, and all were in favor; passed.
* Resolution 2023-16R, to authorize the $1 purchase of real property from Custar Veteran’s Memorial, Inc, received the third and final reading. A copy of the purchase agreement was reviewed by council, and then Ms. Bates made a motion for approval/passage. Ms. Berry seconded the motion, and all were in favor; passed. Sarah will contact the solicitor to schedule the closing.

Other Business:

* After the last meeting, Ms. Hartman asked our park employee (Shawn Allport) if she would be able to manage the rentals and handle the cleaning of the Legion building after we take ownership. She said that she was indeed willing to do so. Ms. Berry suggested that we leave the rental fee the same ($100). A $100 deposit is also required, which is returned if the building is clean with no damage.
* It was suggested that we see if there are any boy scouts who would be interested in building a structure to hold the old bell once it is re-finished (as an Eagle Scout project).

No further business was brought before council.

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

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