

The Council of the Village of Millersburg met in regular session via ZOOM on November 23, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was streamed on YouTube for public viewing (Covid-19). Mayor Huebner called the meeting to order. Clerk-Treasurer Karen Shaffer gave roll call, and the following members were in attendance: Devone Polen, Brent Hofstetter, Kelly Hoffee, Tom Vaughn, Robert Shoemaker, and Brad Conn. Solicitor Robert Hines was also in attendance.

MINUTES: Motion made by Hoffee to suspend the reading of the minutes of Council held 11/09/20. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hoffee, Polen, Conn, Shoemaker, Vaughn, and Hofstetter voting aye. Shaffer corrected the minutes to reflect the section of "Reports of Officers" should read Chief Shaner, not Chief Vaughn. Motion made by Shoemaker to accept the minutes as corrected. Seconded by Hoffee. Upon roll call, motion carried with Shoemaker, Hoffee, Hofstetter, Polen, Vaughn, and Conn voting aye.

BILLS: Motion made by Hofstetter to pay bill resolution 2020-31 bills \$205,308.42; payroll \$49,113.14; total \$254,421.56. Seconded by Conn. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hofstetter, Conn, Vaughn, Hoffee, Shoemaker, and Polen voting aye.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS

Chief Shaner: Informed Council he still has not received any new applications for the open position of a patrolman. He has posted the position on Facebook. He has also inquired with other departments our size (Sugar creek and Loudonville), and one pays their officers more and one pays less. With the police academy not running, it is difficult to find new officers. He was open to suggestions. Shoemaker suggested advertising in a national publication. Shaffer suggested contacting the Ohio Municipal League for publishing a classified ad with them. Hoffee asked if any Auxiliary members would be interested in at least a part-time position. Shaner said most have full-time jobs and some do private security on the side where they make more money than the Village officers.

Administrator Troyer: Informed Council Mid-Ohio Concrete is continuing work on sidewalks.

Informed Council a Victorian Street Light pole (in front of Start Light Antiques) had to be removed. The pole was deteriorating and the bolts in the center section were snapping off. The pole actually came apart and was leaning. Troyer has contacted Millersburg Electric to inspect all the poles and to work on getting a replacement for the one removed. The damage may be caused by the weight of the flower baskets and the swaying of them. Updates will be provided when available.

Informed Council departments are back on a split shift work schedule due to increase in Covid-19 issues and asked residents to be patient.

Clerk-Treasurer Shaffer:

Informed Council a line-item transfer is requested to enable Chief Shaner to purchase a new police cruiser this year. The 2014 cruiser is having major engine and transmission issues that will be very costly. If approved, the cruiser that was to be appropriated for 2021 would be removed. The amount requested is \$48,000 from line item 1000-620-500 to 1000-110-550. Motion made by Shoemaker to approve the line-item transfer. Seconded by Hoffee. Upon roll call, motion carried with Shoemaker, Hoffee, Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, and Conn voting aye.

Informed Council the contract of Solicitor Robert Hines has expired. If Council approved renewing contract, the rate would be \$160 per hr. for a one-year period. Motion made by Conn to renew the contract. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Conn, Polen, Hoffee, Shoemaker, Hofstetter, and Vaughn voting aye.

Informed Council Patrick Horn has requested the Village buy back 3 lots that he no longer desires to own. The cost to the Village is \$900 (the endowment fees are non-refundable). Motion made by Hofstetter to purchase the 3 lots from Patrick Horn for \$900. Seconded by Hoffee. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hofstetter, Hoffee, Shoemaker, Polen, Conn, and Vaughn voting aye.

LEGISLATION: Mayor Huebner read Resolution 2020-32 "A Resolution Setting Wages and Salaries for Elected Officials, Salaried and Hourly Employees of the Village of Millersburg, and to Define Vacations, Sick Leave and Holidays" for the first time by title only.

Mayor Huebner read Resolution 2020-33 "A Resolution Authorizing the Purchase of Real Estate" for the first time by title only.

Mayor Huebner read Resolution 2020-34 "A Resolution Authorizing the Transfer of Sums from the General Fund to the Street Maintenance & Repair Fund; To the Cemetery Operating Fund; To the Police Pension Fund; To the Accumulated Leave Fund; And to the Sidewalk Replacement Fund" for the first time by title only.

Mayor Huebner read Ordinance 2020-103 "An Ordinance to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of Millersburg, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2021" for the first time by title only.

NEW BUSINESS: Shoemaker brought up for discussion the reciprocity of income tax. Hoffee noted Ryan Hershberger had emailed Council members regarding the issue. The amount of Village tax revenue that would be reduced with reciprocity would not fully be known unless each tax return were to be reviewed to determine where the individual works. Shaffer noted she does not have the time or manpower to accomplish that. Hoffee said she feels the day is coming where the state will step in and take over individual municipal tax filings as has been done with business returns. Shoemaker suggested we talk with other municipalities about splitting the percentages equally.

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Motion made by Polen to adjourn into executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, Conn, Hoffee and Shoemaker voting aye.

EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION: Motion made by Hoffee to approve up to a maximum of an additional 80 hrs. of sick time for COVID-19 leave as deemed necessary by the Health Department and/or the Chief of Police and/or the Village Administrator. Seconded by Shoemaker. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hoffee, Shoemaker, Hofstetter, Polen, Conn, and Vaughn voting aye.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion made by Polen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hofstetter, Conn, Hoffee, Shoemaker, and Vaughn voting aye.

Approved Date _____

Karen Shaffer, Clerk-Treasurer

Jeff Huebner, Mayor