



VILLAGE OF GIBSONBURG

Village Council Meeting – MINUTES

June 18, 2020

7:00 pm

MEETING ROOM – 526 N. WEBSTER ST.

Call to order: Mayor Fought 7:00 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Meeting via Facebook Live also.

Roll call: Bowling-here, Cantrell-here, Gerwin-here, Herman-here, Johnson-here, Kirwen-here.

Recognition of Visitors/Special Reports for council meeting. None

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting:

A motion was made by Herman to approve June 4, 2020 Regular Council Minutes as written, seconded by Cantrell.

Roll Call: Bowling-yes, Cantrell-yes, Gerwin-yes, Herman-yes, Johnson-yes, Kirwen-yes.

Motion Passed.

Correspondence: None

Motion to approve payment of invoices reviewed tonight for the Fiscal Officer to pay.

A motion was made to approve payment of invoices by Gerwin, seconded by Herman.

Roll Call: Bowling-yes, Cantrell-yes, Gerwin-yes, Herman-yes, Johnson-yes, Kirwen-yes.

Motion Passed.

Old Business: None

New Business:

1. RESOLUTION #2 – 2020

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT NON- BUDGETED COVID 19 EXPENSES TO THE SANDUSKY COUNTY CORONAVIRUS RELIEF DISTRIBUTION FUND.

(EMERGENCY)

A motion was made to suspend the rules, waive the 3 readings and pass as an emergency Resolution #2-2020 by Kirwen, seconded by Bowling.

Roll Call: Bowling-yes, Cantrell-yes, Gerwin-yes, Herman-yes, Johnson-yes, Kirwen-yes.

Motion Passed.

A motion to adopt Resolution #2-2020 by Bowling, seconded by Herman.

Roll Call: Bowling-yes, Cantrell-yes, Gerwin-yes, Herman-yes, Johnson-yes, Kirwen-yes.

Motion Passed.

2. ORDINANCE 12-2020

AN ORDINANCE RETROACTIVELY APPROVING AND DIRECTING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO OPEN A SEPARATE FUND, NUMBER 5701, TO BE TITLED AS THE ENTERPRISE IMPROVEMENT FUND. **(EMERGENCY)**

A motion was made to suspend the rules, waive the 3 readings and pass as an emergency Ordinance #12-2020 by Herman, seconded by Johnson.

Roll Call: Bowling-yes, Cantrell-yes, Gerwin-yes, Herman-yes, Johnson-yes, Kirwen-yes.

Motion Passed.

A motion to adopt Ordinance #12-2020 by Johnson, seconded by Herman.

Roll Call: Bowling-yes, Cantrell-yes, Gerwin-yes, Herman-yes, Johnson-yes, Kirwen-yes.

Motion Passed.

Mayor's Report:

Congressman Jim Jordan was here Friday 6/12/20 to Review how village was handling all issues.

Administrator's Report:

- **CARES Act Funding-** We have spoken at past meetings about the CARES Act and funding availabilities for “non budgeted COVID 19 expenditures.” The State finalized the process and the allocations available to each county and each municipality at the end of last week. One of the requirements to utilize any of the funds designated for Gibsonburg is the passage of a resolution that ensures that the Village agrees to the format of the process. With the passage of the resolution, we are able to draw on funds for non budgeted expenditures. Sandusky County has \$2,117,639.31 allocated for all municipalities and of that amount \$69,589.82 is directly earmarked for the Village of Gibsonburg. We are working on an itemized list of non budgeted expenses related to COVID 19 that will be submitted for reimbursement.
- **Storm Event June 10th-** There was no major damage from last weeks storm that came through. Quite a bit of downed limbs throughout the town and once tree in Williams Park that ended up having to be removed completely due to damage. Once again, the staff responded quickly and worked all day Thursday and Friday on cleaning up the town. Huge thanks to Kemp, Paul, Rob and Matt for all of their efforts.
- **Rail Crossings-** Last week we received notice from the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio that they have directed the Northern Ohio & Western Railroad (NOWR) to upgrade all warning devices at the six grade crossings in the Village of Gibsonburg. These include: SR 300/S Main St, W. Stevenson St, SR 600/W Madison St, W. Yeasting St, W. Kemmerling St and W. Stone St. Upgrades include minor roadway work if necessary. In total, this is a \$1,164,687.00 investment into the Gibsonburg community with the cost being shared by the Sandusky County-Seneca County-City of Tiffin Port Authority, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio and the Ohio Rail Development Commission. We sincerely thank all three groups for their willingness to have discussions with us to understand the issues that exist with the crossings in the Village of Gibsonburg and their investment in our community. The project has a December 3, 2021 completion date.
- **Alley Work-** Contrary to social media reports, we have been working on alleys. Storm clean up last week interrupted the process, but we are working on them, including rolling them after grading and adding any needed material to them. We will continue until they are done, but please keep in mind that when issues arise such as storms or water breaks, we have no choice but to stop working on alleys and pay attention to those issues. We did end up starting on the west end instead of the east and apologize for any confusion.
- **Ohio EPA Water Shut Off Order-** The EPA has revoked/terminated the order put out March 31, 2020 that prevented any water shut offs for non-payment from occurring. This will take effect on July 10, 2020.
- **Playgrounds-** All playgrounds and basketball courts are open to the public.
- **Public Nuisance Code-** We have spoken with the property owners at 408 W Stone and 613 E Madison and are working to resolve the issues. No response has been received as of yet for 500 E Yeasting, 628 W Madison. We will revisit all of the properties cited on Monday.
- **Linden Avenue Paving Project-** The project has been 100% completed.

Fiscal Officer's

State Auditors: An exit meeting with the State Auditors to review the final results of the Bi-annual audit for the 2018 and 2019 fiscal years is available if you want to meet with them. Otherwise a report will be sent to each of you before the report is finalized.

Motion to approve Budget as presented at Budget Hearing, to be submitted to the County Budget Commission made by Kirwen, seconded by Cantrell.

Roll Call: Bowling-yes, Cantrell-yes, Gerwin-yes, Herman-yes, Johnson-yes, Kirwen-yes.

Motion Passed.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development-Kirwen- Nothing

Finance- Cantrell -Met on 6/8/20 to review budget for 2021

Joint Cemetery Board-Cantrell- Damage at Cemetery – nothing major, setting aside area for cremations 7/1/20 next meeting

Planning Commission- Bowling- Next Meeting 7/2/20 at 6 pm

Public Service Parks- Herman - nothing

Public Utilities- Gerwin- nothing

Tree Committee-Johnson- Thank you for tree planting from donations.

Individual Council Member Report:

Bowling- Nothing

Cantrell- Thanks to Marc and staff for storm removal issues.

Gerwin- Nothing

Herman- update on the current status of "village radio repeater system weather damage". Thank you to Marc and staff.

Johnson- Providing hand sanitizers at the park.

Kirwen- Glad Jim Jordan takes the time to visit from Washing DC. It is an honor for him to be here.

Report of Officials:

Police – Chief Collins-

1. Complaints on Social Media is not a complaint line call the police department by phone, The Elementary School parking lot between Ludwig and Yeasting. Village ORD 331.41 (Shortcutting) would require the Village to post “No Through Traffic” signs at all the entrance points into the parking lot to comply with Village ORD to enforce the traffic cutting through the parking lot.
2. Would like council to consider Webster Street from Madison to Stevenson Street to be one way and the Alleys off of W. Madison Street be one way. Safety of drivers and people walking downtown on sidewalks.

3. Thank you from Community. They support the Police Dept.

Solicitor– Ruck- not requested

Residence- Open Forum/Comment: None

A motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm was made by Bowling, seconded by Kirwen.

Roll Call: Bowling-yes, Cantrell-yes, Gerwin-yes, Herman-yes, Johnson-yes, Kirwen-yes.

Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Holcomb
Fiscal Officer Village of Gibsonburg

Steve Fought
Mayor Village of Gibsonburg

