

Town of North Hills  
Council Meeting Minutes  
March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Dale Baumgartner in the conference room of Ohio Valley University. Present: Dale Baumgartner, Chris Nahley, Cheney English, Don Stemple and Fred Newberry. Absent: Regina Smith

### **Minutes**

A motion to approve the February 27<sup>th</sup> minutes was made by Cheney English, seconded by Dale Baumgartner, approved by council.

### **Safety Report**

Don Stemple gave a report on importance of checking smoke alarms and carbon monoxide detectors. The National Fire Protection Association notes that you are more than twice as likely to survive a fire in a home with working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms should be in every bedroom and on every level of your home. Smoke alarms that are more than 10 years old, and carbon monoxide detectors more than 5 years old, should be replaced. These devices use electronic parts to detect smoke, heat and other dangerous gases. These parts can degrade over time and using the “test” button won't always tell you if they have gone bad. When you take down your detectors to check their age, replace batteries. Even in homes with hard-wired detectors, it's important to have fresh batteries. In the event of an electrical fire, or other power loss, a working battery could be your last line of defense.

## **Recorders Report**

The town has 14 delinquent street user fees. 5 of the 14 are repeat offenders and the other 9 were either called and left messages or hand delivered the invoice due to mail delivery issues. After calls and hand deliveries some responded and have sent the street user fee. Will continue to make further attempts to remind them of the late charges and other penalties for not paying dues.

Shared account balances.

Paid Blackwell \$ 3,000 for drainage work done on 201 North Hills drive in the month of December 2019.

Paid \$ 2,000 to Pro Construction as down payment for work on picnic shelter.

Informed council of the laying of the levy on April 21<sup>st</sup> at the pond at 7:00 PM.

Council voted on proposed recognition of Vietnam War vets sign to be made for the Viet Nam war vet day celebrated on the 29<sup>th</sup> of March. Council approved. Sign ordered.

The Mayor shared proposed 2020 – 2021 budget for the town. A Class I Levy Rate increase to 10.57/\$100 was proposed. Council voted and approved. The budget will be posted in the newspaper once a week for 2 weeks.

## **Committee updates**

Picnic shelter – Pro construction to start work this weekend depending on weather. There was also a discussion about replacing grass across from pond but going to try seeding on top of existing straw to see how it does.

Pond dredging - waiting on quote to also clean trench around shelter and removal of cattails.

Fishing in the Hills – Don Stemple and Bill Summers working the final details. Chris Nahley will furnish tables. Don Stemple to call Regina about arranging for cookies, etc. Don Stemple to call Scouts about camping out the evening of the pond stock. May ask scouts to clean up around pond.

Playground – Chris Nahley waiting on price quote. More to come.

Road repair/paving – Dale to get ahold of Evans construction for input on repairs.

Council vacancy – have some that showed some interest. Will ask to attend one of our meetings.

**New business**

Mr. Fred Rader who is the MOV Executive Director will attend our next meeting.

A motion was made by Fred Newberry to adjourn at 9:10, seconded by Cheney English, approved by council. The next meeting will be March 26<sup>th</sup> at the Ohio Valley University conference room at 7PM

