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Council meeting minutes
October 8th, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 7PM by Mayor Dale Baumgartner at the Ohio Valley University conference room. Present: Dale Baumgartner, Don Stemple, Cheney English and Fred Newberry. Absent: Regina Smith, Angela Cole, and Chris Nahley. MOVRC members Fred Rader and Ryan Osborne were in attendance to give guidance on requirements for submitting an application for the “Great American Outdoor Act” state grant to help with expenditures of upgrading swimming pool and the playground equipment to (ADA compliant) facilities.

Minutes

A motion to approve the September 24th minutes was made by Cheney English, seconded by Dale Baumgartner, approved by council.

Safety

Discussed social distancing for the fishing derby. Decision made to move the two middle picnic tables and benches to outside of the shelter which will give the 6ft. distancing under shelter. Also decided to serve hot dogs, chips, and (pre-made packaged cookies). Also, will be serving bottled water, lemon aide, and punch. The servings will be handed out by servers wearing a face mask and gloves. We ask and anticipate everyone to practice social distancing guidelines set by the State.

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Recorders report

Shared account balances

Working with MOVRC members Ryan Osbourne and Fred Rader on an application for the “Great American Outdoor Act” grant to be distributed by the state. This involves getting bids and data needed to fill out the application. The playground equipment packet is done and working on the pool upgrade. Both projects are required to be ADA compliant and submitted to the MOVRC as soon as possible. These projects need to be submitted to the state by the end of December 2020. We will meet with Phoenix associates Thursday, October 15th to discuss pool upgrade.

The town has a dog that has roamed at large many times which caused anxiety with residents of other dogs and children. The dog is aggressive and after repeated calls and talks with no corrective action taken, it was decided to levy a \$ 50.00 fine as stated in the Town ordinances. The ordinance Article 2- Miscellaneous Offenses Section 9-5 states: “Any person owning, keeping or maintaining any dog or cat which roams at large within the town of North Hills shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Any person who violates this section shall be fined not more than \$ 50.00. Each day such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense, and a separate penalty may be imposed for each separate offense”. Fine has been paid and a fence has been ordered.

We have 10 residents who have not paid their street user fees and will have liens placed on their property next week. Have tried various means to get in touch, but to no avail.

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Met with Garden club to discuss their thoughts on what types of shrubbery/trees/flowers to plant and where.

In return for its agreement to pay the residents at 117 North Hills drive the total sum of \$2,000, the Town requested that the residents at 117 North Hills drive execute and deliver Release of Claims. The release operates as a disclaimer of any additional liability of the Town resulting from what was eventually determined to be a damaged sewer pipe on the residents' property. The pipe has been repaired.

Halloween – Motion made by Cheney English to observe Halloween on October 31st from 5:30 – 7:30, seconded by Don Stemple, approved by council.

Christmas festivities – will be held on December 12th from 1:00 – 4:00 at the picnic shelter with hot chocolate, cookies, music, pictures and Santa will be there.

Public Forum

Discussed the issue that Union Williams has with (Hydrogen Sulfide levels) that is causing them problems and the request that they made to upgrade our sewer piping. Dale is working with Engineering on this issue.

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Pool acquisition team

Our regular scheduled council meeting on November 12th will be held at Don Warner KIA showroom located at 501 7th street, Parkersburg, at 7PM. We will have a presentation/discussion on the town options for the pool as well as a live Facebook info sharing for those who cannot attend. Regina Smith is coordinating the Facebook participation.

A motion was made by Cheney English to adjourn at 9:30, seconded by Fred Newberry, approved by council. The next regular scheduled meeting will be on October 22nd, at the Ohio Valley University conference room at 7PM.

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