

Town of North Hills

Council Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2018

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Dale Baumgartner in the conference room of Ohio Valley University. Present were council members Debra Seeley, Chris Johnson, Chris Nahley, Don Stemple, Spencer Seeley and Recorder Regina Smith. Also present was resident Cheney English.

### **Minutes**

A motion was made by Debra Seeley to approve the September 27 minutes, as amended, seconded by Chris Johnson; approved by council.

### **Recorder's Report**

Recorder Regina Smith informed council that there are still outstanding street user fees and letters have been sent, with liens to be filed in October. She gave council a list of those outstanding and several council members agreed to call a few of them, as they aren't the usual nonpayers. She also informed council that several of the outstanding are newer residents (within the last year) who have claimed not to have received the invoice. She has obtained new copies and sent them to those residents.

### **Building Permits**

Resident Roger Longfellow of 25 North Hills sent building plans with resident Cheney English to the meeting to be reviewed. A motion was made by Chris Johnson to approve this building permit, seconded by Chris Nahley; approved by council.

The certified letter that was sent to 47 Lake Dr. has been returned due to wrong name listed. Mayor Baumgartner is going to attempt to talk to this resident.

### **Safety Report**

Don Stemple presented a safety report on proper procedures for turning left on red. He provided a handout to each council member. There are several states that do not allow this. Always check the flow of traffic of the lane you are planning to turn into before attempting the turn.

### **Committee Updates**

**Welcome-** Mayor Baumgartner passed along mugs and chocolate to Debra Seeley to be used in the welcoming committee. Debra plans to provide directories, a letter written by Spencer Seeley, and a loaf of banana bread to each resident.

**Shelter-** Chris Johnson spoke with Steve Balderson, giving him the dimensions that we are looking for. Steve will get a quote and get back with Chris.

**Pond-** Mayor Baumgartner is going to get another quote on this. The pond will need to be drained and dug. Also, the aerator will need to come out soon, before the first freeze.

**Fall Festival-** The signs are up. The menu will be chicken, pork, hot dogs, beans and vegetables. There will also be hot chocolate and smores.

Spencer Seeley looked into the purchase of a canopy for council use. He showed printouts to council. Several council members stated that they, and others, own canopies and are always willing to donate them so we should hold off on this purchase for the time being.

**Christmas-** A team has been formed and discussions have started. More information will come.

### **Town Business**

**Road Patching and Paving Bid-** Mayor Baumgartner rode along with Robbie Evans, who gave an estimate of \$5,850.00 for the current work that is needed. A motion was made by Don Stemple to approve this expense, seconded by Chris Johnson; approved by council.

**4 North Hills Drive-** There has been no annexation record noted. Bowles Rice has no record of this. Councilman Chris Johnson recommended contacting Bob High, who was the recorder during this time period. Councilman Chris Nahley will also look into this and report back.

**Brentwood Extension Brush Clearing-** Mayor Baumgartner and his son did some clearing. Resident Chris Campbell offered his extra lots to the town. Council was asked to think about this proposal.

**Speed Enforcement-** Debra and Spencer Seeley have noticed a lack of speed limit signs on much of North Hills Drive. Installing new ones may be helpful in cutting down on the speeding. We need more information if we are going to hire an off duty police officer, such as cost and availability. Doing so may help with the petty theft that has been occurring. Mayor Baumgartner is going to look into the cost of speed limit signs. Chris Johnson has spoken to a state trooper, who is planning to call him back with information. A new proposal was made by Spencer Seeley that the already approved \$2000 for speed enforcement come from charitable donations, seconded by Chris Johnson; approved by council.

### **New Business**

Debra Seeley stated that there would be a post on the website asking residents to clean their drains when heavy rain and storms come.

There has been no action with the sewer board recently. A few residents were asked if they would like to participate but there has been no interest. The Current sewer board will be asked to attend a meeting and give council an update.

With no further business, Don Stemple made a motion to adjourn at 9:10 pm, seconded by Chris Nahley; approved by council. The next meeting will be held on October 25, 2018 at 7:00pm at Ohio Valley University.