

## Bowerston Village Council

Regular Meeting Tuesday, August 20, 2024

Village Officials Attendance: Karen Donovan, Polly Wolfe, Juliet Bryant, Chase Bryant, Jon Humphrey. Paula Beamer, Janeen Scott, Bart Busby, Jeremiah Warner, Jacquie Humphrey and JJ Ong.

Visitors: Erin Wright – Omega

Jim and Jeanie Turnball – Utility Customer

Call To Order

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call of Council

Public Comments

Mr. Turnball, property owner, explained that he has a tenant moving into his property but found out that he has an outstanding water bill that he is asking Council to waive the penalties for, he will pay the actual bill.

Beamer advised that Council will discuss and she will contact them with the decision.

Turnball said that he would appreciate leniency.

Ong advised Council that they have the ability to waive the penalties but then have set a precedence for anyone else who asks this.

A discussion took place regarding the issue. Paula inquired of each Council member what their opinion is. Jon suggested charging the true bill plus 10% interest, to Trunball and any other property owner in the situation.

A lengthy discussion took place with no resolution, Council agreed to discuss further at a later time.

Erin Wright was present to update Council on the funding status for the various projects that OMEGA is working on for the Village.

1. Resolution 18-2024, Bridge Street Bridge Replacement project with ODOT, allowing Mayor to enter into this agreement.

Pending and/or New Legislation:

1. Ordinance 2024-09, emergency measure, hours for park. Julie moved to suspend the rules, Chase seconded. Karen made motion to approve ordinance, Julie seconded. Both passed by roll call vote.
2. First Reading of Ordinance 2024-10, governing camping on public property.

Loan/Grant Status Reports:

1. Resolution 17-2024, Authorizing Mayor to prepare and submit application to participate in the Governor's Office Of Appalachia (GOA) Program and to execute contracts as required. Polly made motion to approve, Julie seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
2. Paula reported that she spoke to Dan Lorenz of ODOT, Bridge Street replacement project is on schedule, he is applying for an additional grant with a deadline at the end of August

#### Mayor's Report:

1. Paula reported on ODNR required regulation on building permits in flood plane and a recent meeting that she had with them.
2. Paula reported that she approved curb cutting for 215 Gordan Street to allow wheelchair accessibility after meeting with Jeremiah to confirm this would cause no issues.
3. Thanks from Phil Williamson for cleaning of the ditch on Penn Ave.
4. Chase made motion to approve Paula's report, Julie seconded, unanimous.

#### Village Administrator's Report:

1. Report Attached, Karen made motion to approve Bart's report, Chase seconded, unanimous.
2. Bart reported that he has spoken to an ODOT representative who advised that SR151 will be closed, near Conotton, for 60 days, to expect traffic through the village again.
3. Elementary Property, Bart reported that he and Paula have completed this sale. Prior to the sale to the Village a property owner was interested in acquiring the front part of the property. Ong advised Council that this could not be sold to an individual but could be bid out. Bart said they suggested a lease, a discussion took place regarding the matter. No action taken at this time.

#### Utility Clerk's Report:

1. Janeen updated Council on recent billings and receipts, Julie made motion to approve Janeen's report, Polly seconded, unanimous.

#### Income Tax Administrator's Report:

1. Janeen reported that she had completed the list and sent to JJ, Polly made motion to approve Janeen's, Julie seconded, unanimous.

#### Fiscal Officer's Report:

1. Resolution 14-2024, supplemental appropriations. Karen moved, Polly seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
2. Resolution 15-2024, supplemental appropriations, General Fund, Chase moved, Polly seconded unanimous by roll call vote.

3. Resolution 16-2024, supplemental appropriations, General, Water and Sewer Funds, Payroll, Julie moved, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
4. Super Blanket Purchase Orders: 77-2024 \$6,200.00 for insurance and stipends, 78-2024 \$1,800.00 for telephone/WiFi, 79-2024 \$2,000.00 for natural gas, Julie moved, Polly seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
5. Motion to approve July minutes, Polly moved, Julie seconded, unanimous.
6. Motion to approve bills, as presented, Julie moved, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
7. Motion to accept financial reports, as presented, Julie moved, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.

Solicitor's Report:

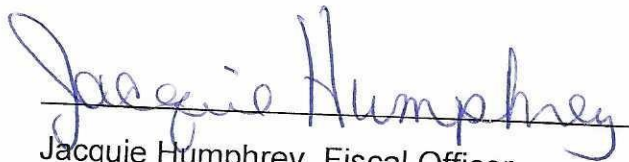
1. Leesville fire hydrant, JJ said the suit has been set up, we should see the moved when it's settled.
2. Easement Update, dates and times have been set up to complete these.
3. Update on income tax letters, these will be issued, JJ asked that Janeen keep him updated as to correspondence she receives.
4. Polly made motion to accept JJ's report, Julie seconded, unanimous.


Old Business:

New Business:

1. Paula inquired if we want to stay with Quicksall for the management of the water distribution project. A discussion took place regarding the matter. Karen made motion to remain with Quicksall, Chase seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
2. Jacquie asked Council if they were interested in purchasing 2 speed minder signs in the amount of \$2864 each, going in with Leesville and Sherrodsville to get a discount. No interest.

Adjournment: Julie made motion to adjourn, 7:11.

  
Jacquie Humphrey, Fiscal Officer

  
Paula Beamer, Mayor