

Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Rick presiding.

Mr. M. Raddish asked everyone to join him in a moment of reflection for their own intentions. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

Due to the COVID-19 health crisis and approved emergency measures, council meeting was in session on Facebook Teams format.

Present in council chambers was Mayor Rick, Council President M. Raddish, Council Member B. Van Dike,

Present by remote was Council Members: C. Yoho, R. McDowall, J. Tonsic, M. Kelly, K. Miller, Law Director, M. Pitchford, Clerk-Treasurer, S. Varney and Village Engineer, M. Glass.

Motion by Mr. C. Yoho, second by Mr. M. Raddish for the approval of the agenda as presented. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. M. Raddish, second by Ms. B. Van Dike to adopt the minutes of the March 25, 2020 Council meeting. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS –

Mr. M. Raddish presented Ordinance 2020-26 sponsored by the Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PARTICPATE IN THE SUMMIT COUNTY AND THE GREATER AKRON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SMALL BUSINESS EMERGENCY RELIEF GRANT PROGRAM, ADOPT THE PROGRAM GUIDELINES, EXECUTE A GRANT AGREEMENT WITH IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$25,000, AND ALL OTHER AGREEMENTS AND DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO PARTICIPATE IN SAID PROGRAM UPON TERMS SUBSTANTIALLY SIMILAR TO THOSE SET FORTH IN THESE EXHIBITS AND NOT BEING MATERIALLY ADVERSE TO THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. M. Raddish made a motion to suspend the rule required three readings; Ms. B. Van Dike seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. M. Raddish to adopt Ordinance 2020-26; a second was made by Mr. C. Yoho.

Mayor Rick said that he has talked to each council member regarding this grant but would like to enforce it. This grant was established by the Greater Akron Chamber of Commerce and communities in Summit County. The monies will be for small businesses that are being affected by the crisis, franchises are not included. This is a \$1,000,000 grant will help small businesses in Summit County and Mogadore.

The mayor stated that per Mr. Varney, the budget would take a hit but would help the small businesses in Mogadore. If the funds are not used by village businesses, the funds will come back to us.

Mr. Raddish asked what is the definition of a small business? Per the mayor, a small business has 3 to 25 employees.

Mr. Kelly asked if the monies would stay in Mogadore. The mayor said per the terms of the agreement, the \$25,000 will help businesses in Mogadore. If there would have been a smaller dollar amount allocated, the monies would have been put in a pool and the funds could be allocated to any small business in Summit County and not stay in the village.

Mr. McDowall asked if Portage County had a problem comparable that would help the businesses located in Portage County. The mayor stated that currently Portage County does not have a program but he asked Summit County if the grant covers our Portage County businesses. This grant will cover the businesses on the Portage County side per Summit County.

Mr. Tonsic asked what would the village do if Portage County would offer a grant program? Mayor Rick said he would come back to council to review and vote as they did on the Summit County grant.

Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. M. Raddish presented Resolution 2020-27 sponsored by the Finance Committee as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2020 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Mr. M. Raddish made a motion to suspend the rule requiring three readings; Ms. B. Van Dike seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mr. M. Raddish to adopt Resolution 2020-27; a second was made by Ms. B. Van Dike.

Mayor Rick stated this move is to cover the appropriation for the grant program just passed.

Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS from Council:

Mr. M. Kelly stated that he appreciates the work from the Mayor and the Fire Chief for their work during this crisis. He also appreciates the work of Tess DiFrancesco in setting up the meeting remotely. At this time, the 44260 zip code does not have any confirmed cases.

Mr. C. Yoho said he agrees with Mr. Kelly regarding the mayor's and fire chief's work at this time. Also, he thinks the grant is good for the businesses in Mogadore.

Mr. R. McDowall thanked the police and fire chiefs for their hard work and putting themselves out there to protect us.

Mr. M. Raddish thanked Tess DiFrancesco for her work in setting up the meeting also.

Comments from the Law Director:

Mr. Pitchford reminded council the primary election is by absentee ballot only during this crisis. All ballots are due April 28, 2020. Please mail early so your ballot arrives in time to count.

Comments from the Clerk-Treasurer: None

Comments from the Village Engineer:

Mr. Glass reported Cementech will resume work on Prospect Street on Monday, April 13.

Funding for the Sunrise South and Sunrise West project is in good shape.

Mayor Rick stated the State is asking its departments to cut their budget about 20% due to this crisis and this could affect future street funding.

Comments from the Mayor: Mayor Rick thanked Tess DiFrancesco and Mr. Pitchford for their technology expertise setting up the remote access and following laws so council meetings are in compliance.

The mayor said he will discuss with council the sidewalks on Prospect. There were enough interested property owners to have sidewalks installed. Mr. Varney reported we can assess the sidewalks over 30 years with Summit County if council chooses to do so. The funds will go into the infrastructure fund, not the general fund. A project price for a single lot is \$250.00 to \$300.00.

He thanked council for attending the meeting remotely and the few quirks will be worked out by next meeting.

He also wanted to explain why the Code Red and tornado siren did not go off during last night's storm. Mogadore was not in the tornado's path; the tornado was to the southwest and south of the village.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

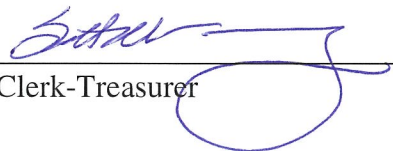


Mayor



Date

Attest:



Clerk-Treasurer