

COUNCIL MEETING

November 17, 2021

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

Ms. K. Miller asked everyone to join her in a moment of reflection for their own intentions. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

Council Meeting was held in Council Chambers. The meeting was open to the public and face masks were required by all.

Present in Council Chambers was Mayor Rick, Assistant Clerk-Treasurer Rachel Osborne, Council Members: Mr. M. Raddish, Ms. B. Van Dike, Ms. K. Miller, Mr. J. Tonsic, Mr. R. McDowall, Mr. R. Schrock, Mr. C. Yoho, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Varney, Village Engineer Matt Glass, and Law Director Marshal Pitchford.

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

Oath of Officers: Mayor Rick swore in Police Officer Kevin Love as full-time from part-time and new Police Officer Nick Gall was sworn in as part-time followed by short recess.

Motion by Mr. M. Raddish, second Mr. R. Schrock to adopt the minutes for the November 3, 2021, Council meeting. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON PENDING LEGISLATION – No comments.

COMMITTEE REPORTS –

UTILITIES – Mr. Tonsic had no report.

SAFETY – Mr. R. Schrock had no report.

PARKS – Mr. McDowall had no report.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Ms. Miller had no report.

FINANCE/AUDIT – Ms. Van Dike reported she has one piece of legislation to read.

STREETS – Mr. Yoho had no report.

Council President Mr. M. Raddish announced the next Work Session will be held on Monday, November 22, 2021, at 5:30 p.m. with all committees reporting.

OLD BUSINESS- None.

NEW BUSINESS-

Ms. B. Van Dike presented Ordinance 2021-60 sponsored by 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, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. B. Van Dike made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings; Mr. R. McDowall seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. B. Van Dike to adopt Ordinance 2021-60, a second was made by Mr. R. McDowall. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS from the Public: Joe Henico, 3773 Argonne Street, stated there was an article in the Akron Beacon Journal a few months back regarding the American Recovery Act that showed the Village will get \$750,000, and asked how the Village plans to spend the money received?

Mayor Rick stated the Village will receive \$440,000 to go towards infrastructures. The Village has already used some of the money towards storm sewers. Clerk-Treasurer Scott Varney is looking into what the money can be used towards, but it is very limited on how it can be spent.

Noris Hale, 204 S Cleveland Avenue, urged Council to read the TIF agreement as three readings to hear all public input rather than rush through as an emergency. Hale stated the Village can do better than Testa, there are other options, and the Village needs to break up with Testa and find a new partnership. She suggested a grocery store, shopping plaza, or rec center would be better than building more houses.

Ray Davis, 3800 Mogadore Road, wants to speak up about the Testa deal. Davis suggested a rec center would be nice to have and a better deal than putting in two hundred homes.

Jon Mencer, 242 South Cleveland Avenue, said the evening news, and Akron Beacon Journal announced natural gas prices are going to jump twenty to forty percent and asked what the Village is locked in at?

Mayor Rick stated the Village has an aggregation agreement with Constellation with a locked-in rate at \$2.84/Mcf until March 2024.

Jacqueline Tycast, 3767 Prospect Street, stated her concerns about the Testa deal. Tycast would like to see something more useful for the kids for their sports that would be more beneficial than putting in more houses. Tycast suggests getting the Community's input on what they would like and suggests sending out a monthly newsletter to the residents so there is better communication. Tycast said she would like to see Orchard Street opened at Lions Park, so the traffic would not all go down Prospect and Hale.

Michele Housley, 67 First Avenue, expressed concern about mutual aid calls by the Fire Department. Housley does not want the part-time firemen to be stretched thin to the detriment of our residents.

COMMENTS from Council: Ms. Miller thanked everyone for coming out and voicing their opinions.

Mr. Schrock thanked everyone for coming out and sharing their opinions. He also wanted to clarify that whether the TIF agreement passes or not, the land still belongs to Testa and he will still be able to build houses if he chooses.

Mr. Yoho commented on building a rec center. The Tallmadge Rec Center cost over \$20 million and they are losing hundreds of thousands of dollars every year. Yoho said the Village does not have the money to build a rec center.

Mr. McDowall thanked everyone for coming out to voice their opinions.

Mr. Raddish thanked everyone for coming and voicing their concerns.

COMMENTS from the Law Director: No comments.

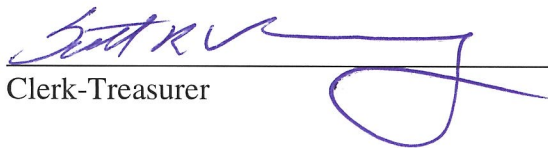
COMMENTS from the Village Engineer: Matt Glass stated the TIF is structured so the schools and Village keep all their money. The TIF agreement would include no apartments, the Village would receive money for infrastructure improvements, and receive a five and a half-acre parcel.

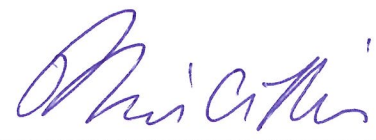
COMMENTS from the Clerk-Treasurer: No comments.

COMMENTS from the Mayor: Mayor Rick stated the TIF legislation will be read three times.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer

 12-1-21

Mayor Date