

## COUNCIL MEETING

March 20, 2024

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

Ms. Van Dike 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.

The Council Meeting was held in Council Chambers. The meeting was open to the public and was live-streamed on Facebook.

Roll Call: Council Members Present: Mr. McDowall, Ms. Van Dike, Mr. Raddish, and Mr. Tonsic were present. Mr. Yoho, Mr. Bauer, and Ms. Miller were excused.

Others Present: Mayor Rick, Council Clerk Rachel Osborne, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Varney, Law Director Jason Dodson, and Village Engineer Matt Glass.

Motion by Mr. Raddish second by Ms. Van Dike for the approval of the agenda as presented. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Raddish second by Mr. McDowall adopt the minutes from the March 6, 2024, Council meeting. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON PENDING LEGISLATION – No Comments.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS –

UTILITIES – Mr. Bauer was not present.

SAFETY – Mr. Yoho was not present.

PARKS –Mr. McDowall reported there will be a Parks Board meeting next Monday at 7 PM here in the council chambers.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Ms. Miller was not present.

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

STREETS – Mr. Tonsic has no report.

Council President Mr. Raddish announced the March Work Session will be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. with all committees reporting. Mr. Yoho stated he would not be at the work session because he would be out of town.

OLD BUSINESS – None.

### NEW BUSINESS – FIRST READING

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2024-~~22~~ sponsored by Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

COMMENTS from the Public: Carl Housley, 67 First Avenue, asked for clarification regarding the total number of times the previous ladder truck was used on calls for the fire department. Housley stated in his opinion the Village could not get a grant for the previous ladder truck in the past because it was not utilized enough. Housley also expressed his concern regarding the costs to the Village when hiring new full-time firefighters. Housley stated that since the full-time firefighter program started, the Village has had to hire five more new full-time firefighters to replace ones who have left the fire department.

Mayor Rick stated that the new ladder truck is being donated to the Village and will be free. Mayor Rick stated he would speak with Chief Cain to see if the total number of times the previous ladder truck was used was available.

Clerk-Treasurer Varney addressed Housley's concern regarding the costs of hiring full-time firefighters. Varney stated that almost all the newly hired full-time firefighters were already employed as part-time firefighters with the Village and that the hiring costs at this point have been almost nothing.

Housley then stated that he felt that the recent modifications to the TIF Agreement regarding the Testa development, which was passed at the last council meeting under emergency legislation, should have been publicized more before it was passed.

Jon Mencer, 242 S Cleveland Avenue, asked what the Village's policy is regarding soliciting. Mencer expressed concern about his recent encounter with an individual stating he was from Spectrum who came to his home. Mencer asked the individual if he had a solicitors permit from the Village, and the individual stated he did not need one and left.

Mayor Rick stated that the Village does require all individuals going door-to-door soliciting to obtain a solicitor permit. Mayor Rick told Mr. Mencer that anyone having a question about an unlicensed solicitor should call the non-emergency dispatch number to report it.

Tracey Wagner, 3773 Prospect Street, voiced her concerns regarding the "Vote Yes for the School Levy" sign that was located on the Village's property downtown during the last primary election. Wagner stated she spoke to Mayor Rick in previous days before the election day about the sign and felt both sides should have been represented not just one. Wagner stated Mayor Rick told her she could not put her sign "Vote No" on the Village's property next to the current sign because it did not have a disclaimer on it. Wagner states the Ohio Campaign Laws allow her to display a political sign with no disclaimer on public property, and she feels the Village should not get involved one way or the other in school levies. Wagner also stated that a year ago she asked the Council to address bullying in the Village and they never addressed it.

Law Director Dodson stated that the Village's policy has always been, and the Mayor continues to follow, whether you are for or against, you must have a valid committee organized through state law to place a sign on the Village property. Dodson stated that individuals can put signs in their own front yard but the Mayor's policy does not allow signs on Village property who are not sponsored by a valid committee.

COMMENTS from Council: No Comments.

COMMENTS from the Law Director: No Comments.

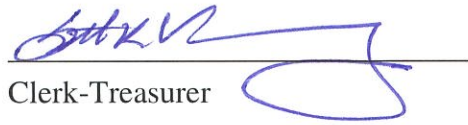
COMMENTS from the Village Engineer: No Comments.

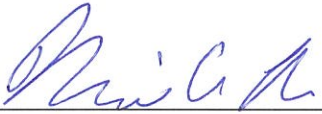
COMMENTS from the Clerk-Treasurer: No Comments.

COMMENTS from the Mayor: No Comments.

Meeting adjourned at 5:48 p.m.

Attest:

  
Clerk-Treasurer

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Mayor Date