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Minutes of GENOA VILLAGE COUNCIL Meeting

September 6, 2016

Regular meeting

Mayor Ken Harsanje, Sr. called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call:

Council members in attendance included Mr. Bittner, Mr. Diebert, Mr. Huston, Mr. Lewis and Mr. Reed.

Mr. St. Marie was absent.

Mr. Diebert made a motion to excuse Mr. St. Marie; seconded by Mr. Bittner.

Roll call:

Yea: Mr. Diebert, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Huston, Mr. Reed, and Mr. Lewis

Nay: 0

Motion passed

Also in attendance was Village Administrator Kevin Gladden, Rich Hertzfeld from Poggemeyer Design Group, and Village Solicitor Brian Ballenger

The minutes of the regular council meeting from August 15, 2016 were presented.

Mr. Huston made a correction. The finance meeting that was scheduled for August 6, 2016 needed to be corrected to September 6, 2016.

Mr. Diebert made a motion to accept the minutes as amended of the regular meeting on August 15, 2016; seconded by Mr. Bittner.

Roll call:

Yea: Mr. Diebert, Mr. Bittner, Mr. Huston, Mr. Reed and Mr. Lewis

Nay: 0

Motion passed

ENGINEER'S REPORT- No written report

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Mr. Hertzfeld stated he has three items to talk about. The first one is the waste water treatment plant pilot study. He stated the last time he was here there were some issues with the chemical ferric chloride. Some modifications had to be made on how and where to add. There have been positive results. At this point we're back on track, with just one issue that needs to be resolved. Mr. Hertzfeld will keep Council updated in the coming months.

Mr. Hertzfeld stated the 2016 resurfacing contract was awarded to HW Bergman Company. Construction began August 9, 2016, South Main Street is complete, along with resurfacing of Main Street between Sixth Street and Eighth Street and the intersection on Thirteenth and Main Streets. Mr. Hertzfeld stated he was told the drive to the Public Works on Tenth Street would be paved in the next week or so. He stated crack sealing still needed to be done and paving of three patches that had been cut out for water lines repairs. He stated the construction completion date is September 30, 2016, he was told the work would be done before the completion date.

Mr. Hertzfeld state the last item is the 2016 Public Works Commission Funding application. These are due for the Village of Genoa district by September 9, 2016. Mr. Hertzfeld stated Poggemeyer is assisting Mr. Gladden in proofing two application, with the first one being the Washington Street reconstruction, which is a reapplication from last year. This would be a complete reconstruction of Washington Street from Tenth Street towards the Packer Creek Bridge, new pavement, new gutters, new storm sewers, walks and driveways. Estimated cost is \$387,000.00, Village is requesting \$143,800.00 from grant, \$143,800.00 in a loan, and the Village would be contributing \$100,000.00.

Mr. Hertzfeld stated the next project to bid on is Water boosters and pump station upgrades. Plans for these have been done for a while, just have been waiting on funding. This will include a new weather treatment device for pump control, new check valves, serpentine

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valves, and new LD lighting. The cost is estimated at \$103,650.00, the Village is requesting \$51,825.00 in the grant and \$51,825.00 in a loan.

At this time Mr. Hertzfeld stated that was all he had to report and asked if there were any questions. Mr. Bittner stated how nice Main Street looks and he thought Bergmans did a very nice job, Mayor Harsanje Sr. stated at the last car show people were complimenting how nice Main Street looks.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT- No written report.

Mr. Gladden stated that going along with the engineers report the project at the Waste Water Lagoon, Justin Kosmoski with Poggemeyer has applied for a loan from the Ohio EPA on behalf of the Village. This project, because of the modifications required by the EPA and looking down the road we will be having to look at other reductions that will need to be done, upgrade aerators and other issues that may come up in the future, this project could be around \$600,000. This would be a zero percent loan but that does not mean the Village will get that amount. Mr. Gladden would like the Village to get in the Ohio Public Works commision to do an application so the Village's name is out there so in two or three years with some luck the Village may get some funding. Unfortunately the State of Ohio does not have a lot of funding left for major projects.

Mr. Gladden wanted Council and others to know John Krupa's last day working for the Village will be October 3, 2016. Mr. Krupa has decided to move to Florida. This puts the Public Works in a great bind with four seasoned employees and one new employee. There are going to be a lot of situations out on Public Works and Mr. Gladden. Mr. Gladden stated he still has the applications from before and had a line on a thirteen or fourteen year employee with another Village. Mr. Gladden stated he would not hire because he is employed by another Village. Mr. Huston asked why he would not hire someone from another Village. Mr. Gladden stated he

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would not want that done to him and its respect. Mr. Gladden stated Villages and Municipalities around are all having trouble hiring someone to do electric and do the type of jobs Public Works employees do at like 2:00am.

Mr. Gladden stated there was an emergency water leak by Genoa High School and the Village crews hit a medium pressure gas line that was put in a couple of years ago and was not put on the original maps. Mr. Gladden stated in the end it evacuated the High School and Middle School. The following day there was a major water leak in Williston. This leak started in the middle of the night so there was some water loss. Mr. Bittner asked if the gas line was an extension that was put in for the Fire District. Mr. Gladden stated yes it was and no OUPS ticket was called in. The water line repair by the School was done as an emergency and the crew that went out early did not call an OUPS ticket in.

Mr. Gladden stated himself, Mayor Harsanje Sr. and Julie met with Ashley Group which is an Insurance Company to see where the Village can fit in for a better rate and what policy is best. Mr. Gladden stated there will also be a meeting with Sprouse on Friday, September 9, 2016. Mr. Gladden stated the Ashley Group actually does a wide range of different groups, they will taking all the Village's information and some of that information can also be used at Sprouse to see what policies the Village could be in.

Mr. Gladden stated the gas company is putting in new gas mains on the South end of town and has completely closed Main St at times, when this is happening and the gas company had to come up Main Street and cross Fourth Street they had a Police officer there at all times. Mr. Gladden stated the gas company is paying for the Officers time, overtime, and the use of the Officer's car.

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Mr. Huston asked Mr. Gladden if the traffic light on Main Street and State Route 51 has been fixed. Mr. Gladden stated as of 3:30pm the part was on its way, but also he had spent time monitoring the traffic light for two days. Mr. Gladden stated he is not sure what the problem is because it was working properly while he was there.

Mr. Gladden stated speaking of the traffic light, the gas company and the gas leak on Genoa Clay Center Road, he is not happy with Village's business being mentioned on the Talk of Genoa on Facebook. He is not sure if this is a legal option or just a moral issue. Mr. Gladden stated he does not like his name or his crews name on Facebook, and he does not like when questions are answered by employees or elected officials. Mr. Gladden stated no one should be answering anyone on the Talk of Genoa or any Facebook post. Mr. Gladden stated you can if you want to but it makes him angry. Mr. Gladden asked Mr. Ballenger if he would like to add anything. Mr. Gladden stated that in other municipalities and other cities, employees depending in the severity of the information giving, there has been termination procedures. Mr. Gladden stated he does not know the legality of it or if it was a policy. Mr. Gladden asked that the individual who runs the Talk of Genoa gets no information about Genoa or its employees, he feels the information gets "turned" around and causes issues. Mr. Gladden stated the Village has a process, the Village has email and a Website and all information can be either posted on the Website or residents can contact employees with questions through email.

Mr. Ballenger stated with Social Media it isn't so much a legal issue and he cannot tell Council or anyone else to be on Social Media. Mr. Ballenger stated just be careful what is said and how it is said on Social Media, Council speaks for the whole body, one person does not speak for all of Council.

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Mayor Harsanje Sr. reminded everyone of the Redneck Tractor Pulls on September 24, 2016 and hoped they could finish one without rain.

Mayor Harsanje Sr. stated Columbia Gas is doing a very good job and should be done by December 31, 2016.

Mayor Harsanje Sr. stated as most have seen the Teal ribbons along Main Street and a few other streets, to remind us this is Ovarian Cancer month and these ribbons will be hanging until the end of September.

Mayor Harsanje Sr. gave everyone a copy of the flier for the forum that will be held at the Genoa High School Sunday, September 18, 2016. He encouraged anyone who is free that day to attend. There will be many speakers from the county level and two young adults telling their stories of abuse to recovery. Mayor Harsanje Sr. thanked everyone who has helped to get this forum organized.

Mayor Harsanje Sr. stated the Department of Transportation is having an improvement program September 13, 2016.

Mayor Harsanje Sr. reminded Council on September 11, 2016 Gibsonburg and Tiffin are both having a 9-11 program.

Mayor Harsanje Sr. stated a survey from Economic Development will be going out with the September utility bills.

Again Mayor Harsanje Sr. thanked Ms. Dufendock for taking the minutes and filling in at the meeting in Mrs. Van Nest absence.

FISCAL OFFICER-

Ms. Van Nest was on vacation. Mr. Huston gave the report.

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Mr. Huston stated the following 2016 reports were in each Council men's packet, which included the bank reconciliation, month to date fund report, year to date fund report, revenue balancing, and expense balancing. If there are any questions direct them towards Mrs. Van Nest or Mr. Huston.

Mr. Huston stated Mrs. Van Nest gave him invoices totaling \$181,455.00 paid on August 31, 2016 for review. Payroll for September 3, 2016 was \$35,370.00 which included the withholding taxes and the pension payments.

Mr. Huston stated that credit card payments should be in place by October 1, 2016. Mayor Harsanje Sr. stated it will not be in place by then due to the fact the information fliers did not come in time to be sent out with September Utility bills. Ms. Dufendock stated fliers should be here in time for October billing and credit card use should be able to start November 1, 2016.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Economic Development – No report

Mayor Harsanje Sr. again stated about the surveys going in with the Utility bills.

Streets & Sidewalks –

Mr. Reed reported there will be a Tree Committee meeting September 13, 2016 at 7:30pm.

Utilities – No report

Finance/Insurance – No report.

Mr. Huston stated there was a meeting proceeding the Council meeting.

Safety – No report

AD-HOC – No report

Mr. Lewis state there was a copy of last meeting minutes and also wanted Council to know that the

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donations that are given are to organizations that directly affect the residents of Genoa.

Personnel – No report

GUESTS WISHING TO ADDRESS COUNCIL –

Dennis Slotnick of 915 Washington St. addressed council concerning the three trees that had been removed from the Town Hall lawn. Mr. Slotnick passed out a handout to each Council member and this is attached to the minutes. The handout covers all Mr. Slotnick talked about and his concerns.

Mr. Bittner made a motion to hire Benjamin Jacks as a part time patrolman; seconded by Mr. Lewis

Roll call:

Yea: Mr. Bittner, Mr. Lewis, Mr. Huston, and Mr.

Reed

Nay: Mr. Diebert

Motion passed

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS –None

Mr. Ballenger asked since no further business if Council would please adjourn this meeting and go into executive session to discuss 121.22 G1 of the revised code.

Mr. Diebert made a motion to adjourn; seconded by Mr. Huston

Roll call:

Yea: Mr. Diebert, Mr. Huston, Mr. Lewis, Mr.

Reed, and Mr. Bittner

Nay: 0

Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

An audio CD of this meeting is not available.

ATTEST: *Judith Adams*

Fiscal Officer

SIGNED: *Kenneth L. Harvey Sr.*

Mayor

Approved: 9-19-16

Executive Session was adjourned at 7:59pm.