7:00 PM

June 10,

2024

<u>Attendees</u>: Mayor :Ken James, Eric Stein, Monte Evans, Mark May, Glen McSparran, Chris Foster, Gretchen Slagle-Fiscal Officer, Solicitor-Andrew Johnston. Others Present- Robert Presley, Dee and Martin Jones, Brent Kress-Wagner Paving, Ken Saunders, Kathy Eblin, Mike Cemino.

**Previous Minutes:** Minutes of the May 13, 2024 meeting were previously reviewed and acknowledged. Mr. McSparran made a motion to approve the minutes, Mr. Stein seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. Evans-Abstain, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster- Yes. The motion passed.

Sheriff's Report: 1. No Report.

Citizens Comments: 1. Speed Bumps/Pike Street. Council discussed the use of speed bumps to slow traffic on Pike Street between St. Rt. 571 and Main Street last month. Mr. James invited residents who live on that section of Pike Street to voice their opinions on ways to slow traffic. Ken Saunders noted that as a representative of the fire department, they have seen numerous incidents over the years involving speed, and as a resident, also noted his approval of trying to slow traffic on this section of Pike Street. Kathy Eblin stated both of her family vehicles were totaled recently, as a result of a car running the stop sign and flipping in front of her house. There are a lot of children that walk to and from the park along Pike Street, she is concerned for their safety. Martin Jones stated there are lots cars coming off of St. Rt. 571 that are not slowing down to the speed limit. He noted it seems to happen a lot at times when people are going to or from work. Mr. Kress of Wagner Paving owns a business on this section of Pike Street, he also sees how fast people drive on Pike Street. He said his company has installed speed bumps, rumble strips and flashing lights for various customers, these would be options for the Village. There are pros and cons to all of these options. He has installed both asphalt and rubber speed bumps and recommends the asphalt ones if Council decides to put in speed bumps. They can be designed in different ways, but the rubber one will not last as long. Rumble strips produce a noise that may bother people, especially at night. Flashing lights may bother people at night. Council discussed.

Mr. May made a motion for a Resolution and to seek quotes to install two speed bumps on Pike Street, including painting the bumps and four signs for them, for the safety of the Village residents. Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster- Yes. The motion passed. We will do three readings for the Resolution.

2. Overgrown Foliage Properties/301 and 305 South Main Street. Mike Cemino of 303 South Main Street asked Council if there could be anything done about the properties on either side of his property, 303 South Main Street, that have overgrown, weeds, grass, etc, that need removed. Ms. Slagle will send a letter to the two property owners asking them to clean up their properties.

Mr. Presley noted the property at 7 Laura Circle also has overgrown grass/weeds. Ms. Slagle will send a letter to this property owner also.

**Solicitors Report:** 1. Davis Voice and Data. Davis Voice & Data has been sold to Lanicom, they are aware of our lack of internet at the water plant.

2. 25 Laura Circle/Rex Property. Drone Pictures were not taken of the property. We will have pictures taken before the next meeting and review.

3 107 Second Street. The Village approved a zoning permit for a barn at this property, but Jim House is living in the structure. We don't know if he applied for needed permits at the county when he was building. Mr. Johnston will contact Miami County and see if he applied for permits.

5. West Milton/ Miami Valley Planning Commission/Sewer Regionalization Study. Mr. James noted he was being contacted regularly about the Village participating in a sewer study. Mr. May attended an initial meeting, letting them know we were not interested in participating, our utility plants were in good condition we are happy as we stand now.

Mr. Johnston noted we don't have an obligation to be part of the study, a response to the group, letting them know we are not interested should be enough. Mr. Stein made a motion to send a letter to the Miami Valley Regionalization Study, letting them know we are not in a position to contribute funds at this time, we would be available to answer any questions the group may have May seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster- Yes. The motion passed.

3. New Tiny House Construction. Grayden Filburn has purchased the property behind the water and sewer plants, and wants to build a tiny home on the property. Our Zoning code states the dwelling has to be at least 1000 square feet. If the Village wants to allow anything smaller, a variance could be requested. The BOPA will be working with Mr. Filburn also for water and sewer connection.

## **BOPA:** Mr. Stein reported:

1. Smith & Associates/Septic Outlet Pipe. A utility pole was replaced at the insurance business. The outlet pipe of the septic tank was hit while drilling the hole for the new pole. The Utility Company make repairs to the line, Mr. Vore saw the repair and was happy with the way it was done.

## Old Business.

- 1. Demo/111 Pike Street. Mr. James spoke with Dan Suerdick from Miami County. Mr. Suerdick suggested we work with the property owner to get the burned house cleaned up. The grant deadline was April 4, and Mr. Suerdick has not heard anything.
- 2. 8 School Street/Vacant Property. We have a quote of \$2790.00 from Wolf Property Services to clean up the property. Ms. Slagle will send the quote to Mrs. Davis, letting her know the property will be cleaned up and mowed twice a month.
- 3. Dumpster. We got a bigger dumpster this year for the community clean up week, it was full when we returned it. Council thought it was worth getting the bigger dumpster.
- 4. Curb Painting. No Report
- 5. Basketball nets. Purchased.
- 6. 6. PEP Cyber Review. Mr. May will look over recommendations and work with Ms. Slagle on this.

<u>New Business.</u> 1. Rumpke/Trees along Bee Street. We have received an email from Rumpke asking us to trim the trees along Bee Street that are overhanging the street. We think the trees are along the field side of the street. Ms. Slagle will check and send a letter to Doug Randolph.

2. Ohio Fire Marshall Grant. The Fire Department has applied for a \$10,000 grant from the Ohio Fire Marshall. This is the same grant offered a few years ago that must go through the Village to be dispersed. Mr. Evans made a motion to approve allowing the Laura Fire Company to help support the fire department in obtaining this grant, Mr. Stein seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes, Mr. Foster- Yes. The motion passed.

**Bills.** Mr. May made a motion to pay the following bills, Mr. Foster seconded the motion. Roll Call Vote: Mr. Stein-Yes, Mr. Evans-Yes, Mr. May - Yes, Mr. McSparran -Yes Mr. Foster - Yes. The motion passed.

PERS	\$852.11	AES	\$1013.23
Gretchen Slagle	431.12	Ken James	108.78
Amy Elmore	90.00	Shipman Dixon	652.50
Twillio	6.39	Wolfe Property Services	840.00
Legal Investigation Services	750.00	Public Entities of Ohio	9325.00

Mr. Evans made a motion to close the meeting, Mr. Stein seconded the motion. All yeas, the motion passed.