

**SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
January 7, 2020
6:00 PM**

Mayor Clark called the meeting to order at 6:00pm and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Ben Prescott, Dave Sluka, Bob Gaglione, and Scott Weaver.

- ❖ Motion to excuse Paula Tubalkain and Marty Hura by Ben Prescott, 2nd by Bob Gaglione.
All Ayes on vote

Other Village Personnel: Mayor Linda Clark; Clerk- Treasurer, Jenny August; Village Solicitor, Michele Stuck, Rich Iafelice, C.T. Consultants.

Citizens Present: Phil Rath of Compass Packaging, Ellie Stamm of Stamm Contracting, Jennifer Brown of C.T. Consultants, Sue Steinberg and Edie Benner of DMRC, Dave Pifer, Tom Aldrich, Ted Bixler, Dan Tillett, Marty Fergus, Roy Peck, John Clark, Sandy Englehart, and others.

NOMINATION OF COUNCIL PRESIDENT AND COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

Nomination of Council President:

Bob Gaglione nominated himself. There were no other nominations. Nominations were closed. On roll call everyone voted for Bob Gaglione.

Committee Appointments by Council President:

Bob Gaglione appointed the committees as follows:

Finance: Bob Gaglione, Dave Sluka, Ben Prescott. Scott Weaver is alternate.

Service: Bob Gaglione, Scott Weaver, Paula Tubalkain. Marty Hura is alternate.

Safety: Marty Hura, Paula Tubalkain, Ben Prescott. Dave Sluka is alternate.

Committee Appointments by full Council:

Council Representative to the Planning Commission:

Bob Gaglione nominated Dave Sluka, Scott Weaver seconded. All ayes on vote.

Community Reinvestment Area Housing Officer:

Bob Gaglione nominated Ben, Dave Sluka seconded. All ayes on vote.

Council Representative to Portage County Regional Planning Commission:

Bob Gaglione nominates Paula, Ben Prescott seconded. All ayes on vote.

Mayoral Appointments:

Council Representative to MDFD Board: Bob Gaglione, Dave Sluka is alternate.

Planning Commission Citizen Member: John Clark

- ❖ Motion to approve the Mayors appointments by Scott Weaver, seconded by Bob Gaglione.
All ayes on vote.

At 6:12 Ben Prescott asked to be excused due to illness. At this point the formal meeting ended as there was no longer a quorum. Capital Planning was then discussed but no action was taken.

CAPITAL PLANNING:

Rich reviewed a list of potential projects that the village is going to need to address.

He identified several projects from the county's "Needs List" that he thought Council should consider doing as soon as possible, maybe even this year.

Relating to Water, he recommends;

- 1) Restore Well Pump #1 to function automatic mode for \$3,400.
- 2) Meter Upgrade at a cost of about \$225,000
- 3) Clean Well #1 and rebuild/replace pump for \$50,728 (No engineering needed)
- 4) Develop Well Head Protection Program for \$8,116

Relating to Wastewater, he recommends;

- 1) Oxidation Ditch- clean/restore #2 for \$25,364 (No engineering needed)
- 2) Repair/Replace scum pit sump pump for \$4,058 (No engineering needed)
- 3) Clarifiers- repair broken valves between tanks for \$20,291 (No engineering needed)
- 4) Flow Meters- restore integrity/calibration for \$12,175 (No engineering needed)
- 5) Influent Screening- install convert to automatic fine for \$121,746
- 6) Perimeter Fence- Repair & remove debris for \$17,247 (No engineering needed)

Rich introduced Jennifer Brown from C.T. Consultants who is their grant specialist. Jennifer has been working with the Downtown Mantua Revitalization Corporation (DMRC). Jennifer said the small government interest rate is currently .67% for water and wastewater projects. She and the DMRC would like to focus on community growth, job creation, and the community's economic development. To attract private investment, we need to enhance the primary corridor, which is Main street. There should be visual appeal such as trees, a gathering place near the center of town, and pedestrian areas. AMATS (Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study) is two years out on applying for grants.

Edie Benner said an action plan is needed, and invited everyone to attend the DMRC meetings. She also thought the village might consider forming an Economic Development committee. Dave Sluka said the Planning Commission is our Economic Development committee.

Dan Tillett of Restoration 44 said he would like to see some improvements to lighting in the Prospect to High St. section of Main Street. That would give the area some definition.

Dave Sluka said the first impression people see are empty buildings. We need to determine our "brand image". Dan said he is a member of the city of Kent's "Downtown Kent" subcommittee and they have a seamless approach of committees working together with any group for the betterment of downtown. The village needs to put more effort into working together with the DMRC, the Rotary, and other private enterprises.

Sue Steinberg said she would like to see ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) compliance for the east side businesses. She sees elderly people struggle to get up the stairs.

Mayor Clark said she would like Council to identify their priorities. Bob Gaglione said we need to identify the EPA issues and address those first. Mayor Clark asked if we should reapply for W. Prospect St. Phase 2. It is mostly road levy money. Dave Sluka said only if it is not going to prevent us from getting the grants needed to satisfy the EPA. Mayor Clark said meter replacements is a priority. Mayor Clark said tonight at the Service Meeting they will be discussing Phase 3 of Buchert Park Trail. There may be a Phase 4 that interlocks with Headwaters Trail.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm

Mayor Linda Clark

Jenny August, Clerk-Treasurer