**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**December 16, 2019**

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. Those present were Sharon Lally, Don Kessel, Russell Riffle, Virginia Cammeresi, Robert Ernst and Christy Resnik.

**Reading of the Bills and Bank Reconciliation**

Mayor Shelton asked for the reading of the bills and bank reconciliation. Mr. Riffle stated that the bills had been paid and bank statement had been reconciled for the month of November, 2019. Mrs. Resnik made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliation, and seconded by Mr. Riffle. All members present voted Aye

**Reading of the Minutes**

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2019 Regular Council meeting. Ms. Lally made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mrs. Resnik. All members present voted Aye. The November minutes were approved.

**Communications** – Email to Jeff Bronson from Nancy Robson. Officer McLearen went out of his way to help her after hitting a deer on Columbia Parkway. Letter to Officer Bingham thanking him for doing his job processing a traffic citation.

**Committee Reports –** Civic association delivered 24 holiday baskets.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$9,182.42 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
November, 2019. The mayor asked for a motion to approve the Mayor’s Monthly Reports. Ms. Lally made a motion to accept the Mayor’s Monthly Reports, seconded by Mrs. Cammeresi. All present voted Aye. The monthly report has been approved.

**Administrator’s Report**

**2019 Road Resurfacing**: We have received invoices #1 and #2 from Adleta Construction for the 2019 streets project and they have been reviewed by Tim King, Joe Huskey and myself. Payment will be processed this week, leaving about a $25,000 contingency to pay. We have a few questions on the total number of manholes repairs or completely replaced. The hope is to have that resolved so we can confirm final payment of the contingency, but there is a possibility that the contingency will be carried over into 2020 to pay in January depending on schedules. Tim King is out for knee surgery this week and the holidays may affect when Adleta personnel is available for any questions.

The **Murray Road** sign will be installed by the end of January. Atlantic Signs provided an update that the sign placard should be complete by the second week in January. David Estep from Atlantic sign indicated that he will have a better idea of actual install dates early in the month.

Joy Pierson from Hamilton County Development Dept will get back to us with information regarding home improvement program as well as a future meeting with the Village. She did inform me that the existing Home Improvement Program (HIP) that offers reduced rate loans to Fairfax residents for home improvements just had an application from a resident in 3800 block of Carlton that will be doing a complete kitchen remodel. When residents go to a local bank, they are informed that we are one of the communities on the list for reduced interest rate projects. I have this on the list for a future Forum article to remind residents that they can apply for this type of loan if they are interested in doing home improvements and need to borrow money to do project.

The **2019 Light up** Fairfax event was Sunday December 8, 2019. Thank you again to the Village Maintenance Dept for all of the outdoor and indoor lights and decorations and to the Civic Association for the luminaries along the carriage route. We have already reserved Liberty Carriage for next year - we are looking at Sunday December 6, 2019 – since the longer trailer holding more people worked very well this year. We will look into putting up additional no parking signs along the carriage route.

**Police Chief Report –** Thanks to everyone who helped with the toy drive. Another street light was hit on Wooster near Frisch’s. Columbia Parkway is being patrolled hard, but these accidents continue to happen. Training is moving forward on the new software, PAMET was down all weekend.

**New Business:**

**Ordinance 48-2019**

Repealing Sections 130.29 and 130.30 of the Village of Fairfax Criminal Code and Declaring an Emergency.

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Ms. Lally made a motion to suspend the three readings, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye. The motion was passed.

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Lally made a

motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Ernst. All present voted Aye. Motion was adopted.

**Ordinance 49-2019**

To Provide for the Current Expenditures and Other Expenses of The Village of Fairfax, Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2019 with a Transfer of Funds from Computer Fund – Mayors Court, Unappropriated to Computer Fund – Mayors Court, Operating Supplies and Materials and from General Fund, Unappropriated to General Fund, Other – Personal Services and Declaring an Emergency.

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Ms. Lally made a motion to suspend the three readings, seconded by Mr. Ernst. All present voted Aye. The motion was passed.

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Lally made a

motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye. Motion was adopted.

**Ordinance 50-2019**

2020 Appropriations.

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Mrs. Resnik made a

motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Lally. All present voted Aye. Motion was adopted.

**Resolution R15-2019**

A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement for Retail Electricity with a Competitive Retail Electric Service Provider Through the Center for Local Government Electricity Consortium

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Ms. Lally made a

motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Mr. Riffle. All present voted Aye. Motion was adopted.

**Resolution R16-2019**

Authorizing the Drawing of Warrants in Payment of Amounts Due Upon Contracts or Orders for Three Thousand Dollars or More Pursuant to a “Then and Now” Certificate, in Conformance with Revised Code Section 5705.41 (D)(1)

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the resolution. Mr. Kessel made a

motion to adopt the resolution, seconded by Ms. Lally. All present voted Aye. Motion was adopted.

**Old Business:**

**Ordinance 45-2019**

2019 Amending Ordinance NO. 32-2015, as Amended, The Village of Fairfax Tax Ordinance, In Conformance with Ohio House Bills 49 (2017) and 166 (2019) by Adopting Provisions Applicable to the Collection of Tax as of January 1, 2020.

3rd reading

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the ordinance. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye. Motion was adopted.

**Swearing in of Elected Officials**

Sharon Lally, council, Robert Ernst, council, Carson Shelton, mayor, were sworn in.

**Five minutes for audience questions/comments:**

None.

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Shelton requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Riffle

Motion was seconded: Ms. Lally

The meeting was adjourned.

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Carson Shelton, Mayor Barb Blankemeyer, Clerk-Treasurer