**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**May 18, 2020**

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order. The meeting was held on-line and streamed on the Village of Fairfax Facebook page. Those present were Robert Ernst, Sharon Lally, Don Kessel, Russell Riffle, Virginia Cammeresi, 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 April 2020. Mr. Ernst 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 April 20, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Riffle made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Cammeresi. All members present voted Aye. The April minutes were approved.

**Communications** – Council received email correspondence from residents Deanna White and Robyn Ryan regarding issues with a neighbor on Watterson. Mayor Shelton will hold a meeting with the Infrastructure Committee to discuss any and all avenues on how to address these issues. Mr. Abes mentioned that there are currently noise ordinances, nuisance ordinances, criminal codes, the general code, etc. that may apply to these situations, but there are limitations of what can be done. Mr. Abes will review current codes/ordinances to determine what applies and identify any gaps that may exist and see how the Village may be able to lawfully fill any gaps in the current laws. The emails from the residents are in the Council minutes book.

**Committee Reports –** No Committee Reports.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$520.77 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
April 2020. The mayor asked for a motion to approve the Mayor’s Monthly Reports. Mr. Riffle made a motion to accept the Mayor’s Monthly Reports, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye. The monthly report has been approved.

**Administrator’s Report**

 **2020 Residential Streets**: Ordinance 17-2020 under New Business is for the award of the 2020 residential street project. The bid opening was at Noon, 05/18/20, and Tim King reviewed all of the bids this afternoon to ensure that all bids added up correctly and all items were included on the bid that we have spec’d. The work included on the bid was for the dead end of High Street, Eleanor Street, the intersection of Red Bank Road and Wooster Pike and a both a concrete and asphalt option for Arrow Point Way.

There was a total of five bids received. The low bid was received by J.K. Meurer Construction in the amount of $329,012.50. That is the base bid which included concrete replacement for Arrow Point Way. The asphalt option would lower the base bid by $43,075.

Mr. King is recommending that the award is made to J. K. Meurer for the base bid option that includes concrete on Arrow Point. The total bid came in about $81,000 lower than his engineer’s estimate, so we are well within our budget. We would have approximately $155-165,000 left to cover any unknown change orders as well as work that may be needed on Virginia Avenue as reported by Mr. Huskey at our last meeting. The concrete on Arrow Point Way is preferred since it will hold up better with the weight of the fuel tankers that enter and exit Speedway. We did have some concern about the buckling and movement of asphalt in hot weather with such heavy vehicles on them.

BID TABULATION:

JK Meurer Construction **$329,012.50** base bid. $285,937.50 total bid asphalt option.

Rack & Ballauer **$331,122.50** base bid. $307,452.50 total bid asphalt option

R. A. Miller Construction **$336,197.50** base bid. $300,037.50 total bid asphalt option

Adleta Construction **$342,701.25** base bid. $306,540.25 total bid asphalt option

Prus Construction **$355,610.00** base bid. $333,390.00 total bid asphalt option

There was a $26,597.50 spread between the lowest and highest base bid. That is considered average with the number of bids we received.

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**Medical Insurance Renewal:**  As mentioned at our last meeting, the overall increase is 9.9% this year. This represents an increased cost in 2020 of $10,703 for the Village, since the renewal would only affect the last 5 months of this year. The plan has had an average increase over the past 4 years of 5.35%, but if we look at the last 5 years, the average increase is only 4.28% because there was a 0% increase in 2016. Both of those averages are well below the industry.

Jenny has received information from our broker and the Center for Local Government on communities in Hamilton County and what they charge employees for contributions to health insurance. For those communities with Health Savings Accounts – usually a higher deductible plan, the average contribution rate is 15%, the same as what Village council established some years back. There are a few communities that have a percentage of 18 or 20%, but several of those are on family plans only. The employee only or employee spouse plans have a lower percentage contribution than 15%. Several communities are also lower across the board than 15% contribution.

There are some plan options within United Healthcare also available, but they are much higher deductible/out of pocket plans. We currently have a $2000/$4000 plan and the HSA plan has a $5000/$10,000 deductible. The information is very detailed, so if council is wanting to look at another plan, Jenny suggested a separate finance committee meeting to do so. If any plan changes are made this year with United Healthcare, Jenny would need to get those in to the broker by May 26, 2020. The Finance Committee agreed to meet on Wednesday, May 20th to discuss any changes.

**Police Chief Report**

No Report.

**New Business:**

**Ordinance 17-2020**

Awarding a Contract for the 2020 Street Resurfacing Project in The Village of Fairfax and Declaring an Emergency. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Mr. Kessel made a motion to suspend the three readings, seconded by Mr. Riffle. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Riffle made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Cammeresi. All present voted Aye.

**Old Business:**

**Ordinance 11-2020**

Approving the Village of Fairfax, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District Program Plan – Residential Plan; Authorizing and Approving the Execution, Delivery, and Performance of a Village Residential Pace Cooperative Agreement with Respect to Property Assessed Clean Energy Transactions in Cooperation with the Village of Fairfax, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District and the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority; Authorizing the Toledo-Lucas County Port Authority to Approve Petitions and Plans for Public Improvements or Public Services Submitted by the Owners of Real Property within the Village Requesting That Their Property be Added to the Territory of the Village of Fairfax, Ohio Energy Special Improvement District and Assessed for the Costs of Such Plans on Behalf of the Council of the Village. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Ernst made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye.

**Ordinance 12-2020**

 Providing for the Employment of Legal Counsel. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Riffle made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Lally. All present voted Aye.

**Ordinance 13-2020**

Amending Section 70.37 of the Traffic Code of The Village of Fairfax, Prohibiting and Providing Penalties for Driving Under Suspension. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Cammeresi made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Lally. All present voted Aye*.*

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**Council Discussion :** None

**Five minutes for audience questions/comments:**  None

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Shelton requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Mr. Riffle

Motion was seconded: Mr. Ernst

The meeting was adjourned.

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