**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**June 15, 2020**

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order. All stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag. 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 May 2020. Ms. Cammeresi made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliation, and seconded by Ms. Lally. All members present voted Aye

**Reading of the Minutes**

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the May 18, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Riffle made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Cammeresi. All members present voted Aye. The May minutes were approved.

**Communications** – None.

**Committee Reports –** None.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$4,620.18 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
May 2020. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Mayor’s Monthly Report. Ms. Lally made a motion to accept the Mayor’s Monthly Report, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye. The monthly report has been approved.

**Guest – Aftab Pureval, Hamilton County Clerk of Courts**

Aftab Pureval, Hamilton County Clerk of Courts provided Council with an update on the Court House during the pandemic. The Court House has not closed during the entire pandemic starting in March. Access by the public is limited. If you have business or court date at the Court House, everyone entering Court House will have temperature taken as you go through security. Everyone must wear a mask. Only 2 family members can be with you if you have a court date. All filings for the Clerk of Courts will be taken at the Justice Center. County budget is strained due to decrease in sales tax revenue. All county offices are being asked to cut their budgets by 20%. Good news is that Sales tax revenues appear to be rebounding. One issue with County is Eviction Court. Eviction Court is no longer at the Court House, it is at the Justice Center. Clerk of Courts office has created a help center to assist both Landlords and Tenants. They can get legal advice or apply for emergency rental assistance. The County has committed $5M to go to emergency rental assistance. Process can be reviewed at Cincyhelpcenter.com. Court is still working on how to handle Jury Trials during pandemic. No solution yet, but it is being worked on.

**Administrator’s Report**

 **2020 Residential Streets**: As a follow up to the discussion regarding the 2020 street project which should start shortly after July 4, 2020, the residents on the streets where work is occurring should have received a letter dropped off by Maintenance on Friday June 12th, letting them know that work was coming and that cars will need to be removed from the street during construction. Jenny still has not received a detailed schedule from JK Meurer Company on exactly what street they will begin work, but she will share this with council once it is received.

The lights around the Murray Avenue gateway sign need a final inspection by IBI before work is approved. Caution tape will remain around the sign until IBI completes inspection. Some of the lights appear to need some adjusting so that there is not a glare right in the face for oncoming traffic.

The July Forum should have been delivered to all residents by now along with the new Village handbook. We will get all of the extras back from Julie Curran who is the part time rec person who coordinated the distribution of the books with the Forum delivery kids. We will provide a stack of them to the Civic Association for Welcome baskets and we will keep some on hand at the municipal building as well. Jenny will also put a copy in each council members’ mailbox.

**Police Chief Report**

No Report.

**New Business:** - None

**Old Business:** - None

**Council Discussion**

Mayor Shelton and Alan Abes discussed on-going negotiations within the Little Miami Joint Fire & Rescue District. The negotiations/discussions regarding the Districts future have been going on for 2-3 months. As a result of these discussions, Golf Manor will be resigning from the District, which will take effect January 2022. This will give Golf Manor time to determine the next best step for their district. This decision was a mutual decision among the 3 communities, the arrangement just did not work out with the proximity of the 2 stations as it is too difficult to run 2 stations that are so far apart. Jim Puthoff will no longer be Chief, but will stay on as Assistant Chief for next 6 months to help Golf Manor get set-up, for once they are out of the District. Terry Timmers will be taking over as Acting Chief and a search for a permanent Chief will be conducted next year. Council members asked about the loan repayment from the District to the Village. Mr. Abes said the loan will be paid off by the District and that Golf Manor will have to pay for a portion of that loan, which is to be determined. The remaining fire district will be Fairfax and Columbia Township, with no foreseeable impact to the taxpayers/residents.

**Five minutes for audience questions/comments**

Fairfax resident Kerry Marshall, Germania Ave., attended the June Council meeting to discuss issues of parked cars and junk cars around his residence. Council said they are looking into parking issues in the Village and the Police will monitor and work the situation. Mr. Marshall also mentioned that there are cars parked too close to crosswalks and fire plugs that need to be addressed. Mayor Shelton will speak to Police Chief Bronson to address the issue.

**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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