**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**July 20, 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 June 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 June 15, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Riffle made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Ernst. All members present voted Aye. The June minutes were approved.

**Communications** – The Village of Mariemont Police Chief, Richard Hines sent a thank you letter to Police Chief Bronson thanking him for his support at a BLM protest march in Mariemont. He stated the event was peaceful with no incidents and he was relieved to know that if there were any issues they would be able to handle the situation in a professional manner with the assistance of Chief Bronson and his Officers. Other Village of Fairfax Officers that provided assistance at the march were Lt. Rodney Naticchioni, Sgt. Lee Day, Ptl. Aaron McLearen and Ptl. Jon Adamson.

**Committee Reports –** None.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$3,152.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
June 2020. The Mayor asked for a motion to approve the Mayor’s Monthly Report. Mr. Kessel made a motion to accept the Mayor’s Monthly Report, seconded by Ms. Lally. All present voted Aye. The monthly report has been approved.

**Administrator’s Report**

 **2020 Residential Streets**: The 2020 Residential Street Project has been delayed by the work ODOT is doing on Wooster Pike. Tim King has informed the contractor JK Meurer of this work, and we did not want to contribute to the traffic delays that have been occurring. The August edition of the Fairfax Forum will notify residents that the project should be starting in early August.

**New Business:** There is a resolution under New Business regarding the approval of an ODOT project in relation to one of the Eastern Corridor transportation improvement recommendations. ODOT will design and fund the upgrading the control boxes for the traffic signals along Wooster Pike at Meadowlark and Watterson. The signals will be programmed to be coordinated with each other to allow for better flow of traffic. The same thing will occur through Mariemont and Newtown and each respective community is being asked to approve consent legislation for this work as well. Work would not occur until later 2021 or early 2022.

**Police Chief Report**

Chief Bronson spoke with Watch Guard about the purchase of the Police Department Body Cameras. There will be a 10 week wait on the cameras. The department will be working on establishing policies and procedures for the cameras prior to use.

**New Business:**

**Ordinance No. 18-2020**

To Provide for the Current Expenditures and Other Expenses of the Village of Fairfax, Ohio During the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2020 with a Transfer of Funds from General Fund, Unappropriated to General Fund, Other-Other {JED Zone} and from General Fund, Unappropriated to General Fund, Operating Supplies and Materials{PD Body Cameras} 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 Ms. Cammeresi. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Cammeresi. All present voted Aye.

**Went into Public Hearing**

**Ordinance No. 19-2020**

Authorizing the Adoption of the Village of Fairfax 2021 Budget.

The 2021 Budget was provided to all present. The Budget was reviewed previously in the Council’s ECC meeting and the only change from that meeting was to remove the expense for Police Department Body Cameras. 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. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to go out of the Public Hearing. Mr. Riffle made a motion to go out of the Public Hearing, seconded by Ms. Lally. All Present voted Aye.

**Went out of Public Hearing**

**Resolution 5-2020**

Resolution R5-2020 Providing Preliminary Consent for the Approval of Ohio Department of Transportation Project PID No. 112171-Ham Eastern Corridor. 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.

 **Resolution 6-2020**

Resolution R6-2020 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. Ms. Lally made a motion to adopt the Resolution, seconded by Mr. Riffle. All present voted Aye.

**Old Business:**

None

**Council Discussion**

Mr. Kessel asked for an update / information regarding Golf Manor and the Fire District. An emergency meeting was scheduled but was subsequently cancelled. The emergency meeting was needed in case Columbia Township had decided to leave the District. Columbia Township is not leaving, so no emergency meeting was needed.

Mayor Shelton mentioned that the new carpet in the Municipal Building will be completely replaced due to many issues with the installation.

Ms. Resnik mentioned that resident Deanna White has posted on Facebook that she continues to have issues with her neighbors regarding lack of street parking.

**Five minutes for audience questions/comments**

None

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Shelton requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Lally

Motion was seconded: Mr. Riffle

The meeting was adjourned.

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Carson Shelton, Mayor Robert Doppes, Fiscal Officer