**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**January 19, 2021**

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order. The January Council Meeting was held via Zoom. Those present were Sharon Lally, Don Kessel, Russell Riffle, Virginia Cammeresi, and Christy Resnik. Absent was Robert Ernst.

**Election of Vice Mayor**

Mayor Shelton asked for nominations for Vice-Mayor. Ms. Lally and Mr. Riffle were nominated. Mayor Shelton asked for a roll call and vote. The result was 3 votes for Ms. Lally and 2 votes for Mr. Riffle. Ms. Lally was elected Vice-Mayor for 2021.

**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 December 2020. Ms. Cammeresi made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliation, and seconded by Ms. Resnik. All members present voted Aye

**Reading of the Minutes**

Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the December 21, 2020 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Riffle made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Cammeresi. All members present voted Aye. The December minutes were approved.

**Communications** – Patrolman Nathan Staggs submitted a letter to Chief Bronson commending Maintenance Department employees Mike Hall and Timothy Bronson. They assisted a driver with a flat tire on Columbia Parkway and stayed until the motorist was safely on his way.

**Committee Reports –** None.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$2,569.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
December 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. Riffle. All present voted Aye. The monthly report has been approved.

**Administrator’s Report**

**New Business**: Ordinance 1-2021, if approved by Council will authorize a Third Amendment to the Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) real estate tax abatement previously approved for FCA Realty/Chrysler corporation for the former Swallen’s site on Red Bank Road. Mr. Abes has reviewed and approved the language and the amendment simply extends the deadlines originally established in the agreement due to logistics in FCA closing on/acquiring the property.

Ordinance 2-2021 is for the approval of architectural services with Childress & Cunningham for both the stage/pavilion design, plans, specifications and bid documents in Ziegler Park as well as the interior modifications for the municipal building security improvements. Mr. Abes had reviewed the original documents and recommended changes that were accepted by C&C. The exhibits attached to Ordinance No. 2-2021 are the approved documents.

**Police Chief Report**

Chief Bronson was a guest speaker at the Kiwanis Club on 1/19/2021 and he provided the Club members an update on the Village of Fairfax.

A question was raised in the monthly ECC meeting regarding suspicious activity or person on Hawthorne Ave., that was posted on social media. Chief Bronson researched the incident and there was nothing reported to the Police Department about any suspicious activity or person.

Fairfax will have a new Prosecutor for Mayor’s Court in 2021.

The newly purchased body cameras for the Police Department are not currently compatible with the platform being used by the Department. Watchguard and Mike Manford are currently addressing the issue. Until the problem is resolved, the Department has stopped retro-fitting the remaining vehicles

There have been several car break-ins in surrounding neighborhoods. Chief Bronson reminded everyone to lock their car doors and hide or remove anything of value in your car.

**New Business:**

**Ordinance 1-2021**

Ordinance No. 1-2021 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Execute a Third Amended and Restated Community Reinvestment Area Agreement with FCA Realty, LLC for a Real Property Tax Exemption Pursuant to the Community Reinvestment Area Previously Established by the Village 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. Riffle. 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 2-2021**

Ordinance No. 2-2021 2021 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into Architectural Services Agreements with Childress & Cunningham, Inc., 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. 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:**

None

**Council Discussion**

Ms. Cammeresi asked Chief Bronson if there was any need for concern about Inauguration Day activities. Chief Bronson stated he had no concerns that there would be issues during Inauguration Day.

**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