**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**November 15, 2021**

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order. The November Council Meeting was held in the Municipal Building - Council Chambers. Those present were Robert Ernst, Sharon Lally, Don Kessel, Christy Resnik and Russell Riffle. Absent was Virginia Cammeresi

**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 October 2021. Ms. Lally 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 October 18, 2021 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Riffle made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms Resnik. All members present voted Aye. The October minutes were approved.

**Communications** – None.

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**Committee Reports –**

Mr. Kessel mentioned that Ord. 30-2021 was a new ordinance based on the Planning Commission’s proposal to change the zoning districts for the area south of Wooster Pike. A public hearing will also be held at the December Council meeting regarding the new zoning map.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$7,119.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
October 2021. Mayor Shelton 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 Mayor’s monthly report has been approved.

**Administrator’s Report**

Ordinance Under New Business: Ord. 29-2021 is for the authorization to purchase playground surfacing for the new playground equipment. Any purchase in excess of $50,000 must be approved by council. As Ms. Kaminer reported at the committee meeting, this purchase will be made through a cooperative called the HGAC. It is similar to the State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing plan and allows governments to purchase items that are already vetted to be the lowest/best bid. We do not have to pay to advertise for bids or spend the time it takes to do the advertising, receive the bid, then subsequently award the bid at a future council meeting.

Ms. Kaminer has been asked by Captain Rob Young of the Little Miami Fire District to announce they will be holding a Breakfast with Santa event on Saturday Dec. 11, 2021 at the fire house between 8AM-11AM. The cost is $5 for those over age 12. Council should have received an email with this information and flyer. Please share with anyone you thinks may be interested in attending. It has been put on our FB page, it will be in the December Forum and will be up on our website this week.

**Police Chief Report**

A Mariemont resident requested that the Council consider changing the parking on Belmont Street to No Parking or limit it to 2 Hour Parking. Council objected to this request. The Block Watch will be held in Municipal Building on Thursday, November 18th. The Officer on duty will attend. The Christmas Toy Drive coordinated by the Fairfax Police Association will be held on Sunday, December 12th outside of Wal-Mart.

Chief Bronson, along with Mr. Abes, is researching how to handle the administrative fee associated with the Diversion Program in Mayor’s Court. How should this cost be covered? / Who should be responsible for these administrative costs?

**New Business:**

**Ordinance 29-2021**

Ordinance 29-2021 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Issue a Purchase Order in Excess of Fifty Thousand Dollars for the Purchase and Installation of Playground Surfacing, and Declaring An Emergency. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Mr. Riffle made a motion to suspend the three readings, seconded by Mr. Kessel. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Riffle made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Ms. Resnik. All present voted Aye.

**Ordinance 30-2021**

Ordinance No. 30-2021 Amending the Zoning Code of The Village of Fairfax by Adopting a Revised Zoning Map. *First Reading.*

**Old Business:**

Mayor Shelton stated that on Monday, November 8th, Golf Manor voted to pull out of the Fire District. They have a new contract in place with Deer Park/Silverton to cover the Golf Manor area. The contract was approved on Tuesday, November 9th by the Deer Park/Silverton Fire District. The LMJFRD Fire Board will vote on the departure of Golf Manor on Wednesday, November 17th. Once approved, it will take effect on March 1, 2022. The LMJFRD will then consist of Fairfax and Columbia Township and will be run out of the station on Wooster Pike. All assets will be allocated between the Fire Districts. Once the LMJFRD passes the agreement, it will be submitted to the County Auditor for approval.

Mayor Shelton also stated that the Fire District will be swearing in a new Fire Chief on Wednesday, November 17th. The new Chief is Mike Siefke from Whitewater Township Fire Department. His first day will be Monday, November 22nd.

**Council Discussion:**

Ms. Resnik mentioned that the Civic Association is selling luminary kits. The cost is $5.00 for 6 candles and bags. Mayor Shelton congratulated the Council Members who won elections in November.

**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

All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Carson Shelton, Mayor Robert Doppes, Fiscal Officer