**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**February 22, 2022**

Mayor Shelton called the meeting to order. The February Council Meeting was held in the Municipal Building - Council Chambers. Those present were Robert Ernst, Donald Kessel, Sharon Lally, Jeanne Perkins and Christine Resnik. Russell Riffle was absent.

**Reading of the Bills and Bank Reconciliation**

Mayor Shelton asked for the reading of the bills and bank reconciliation. Ms. Lally stated that the bills had been paid and bank statement had been reconciled for the month of January 2022. Ms. Lally 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 January 18, 2022 Regular Council meeting. Ms. Lally made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All members present voted Aye. The January minutes were approved.

**Communications** – The Fairfax Police Department received a thank you letter from Jack’s Closet for the donations of toys to their Christmas activity. They were able to serve 72 kinship families and 218 children.

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**Committee Reports**

None.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$2,244.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
January 2022. Mayor Shelton 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 Mayor’s monthly report has been approved.

**Tom Fiorini – Cincinnati Sports Club**

Mr. Fiorini provided his annual update on the Sports Club. The agreement between the Sports Club and the Village of Fairfax started in 2012, was updated in 2016 and runs through 2038. The agreement creates a great opportunity for residents to be members of the Club. 266 households are now members of the Sports Club. Regarding the Health Club industry, Mr. Fiorini stated that 2021 was disastrous for the industry. 1 in 4 Health Clubs closed permanently. The Club has discontinued their soccer leagues due to concerns that players may not comply with Covid protocols. They did not want to risk the Health Club community. Expanded pickle ball program with 4 outdoor courts. Re-foresting along Shannon Way continues. The club plants trees every year along Shannon Way and other parts of the Club’s property. Beacon Orthopedic is now on-site at the Sports Club. Mr. Fiorini will be retiring in 2024 and the Sports Club will hire a new CEO. The search for the new CEO will include candidates inside and outside of the organization. Marco Fiorini spoke on 2022. The theme for 2022 is to Reconnect, It’s time to soar. The Club is looking to bring people back into the social component of the health club. The Club recently had a dues increase and the increase has gone towards staffing, wage increases and benefits, such as scholarship programs. They have restarted the happy hours at the Club and are adding outdoor tents to have more offerings year-round. The second half of 2022 a Tri-Health physician will be on-site on a trial basis, but they hope to make this a permanent situation.

**Administrator’s Report**

Landscape Structures is ready to schedule the site work and installation of playground as soon as weather allows to meet their schedule of availability. This may be well before a “Fairfax Day/Concert in the Park” can be scheduled. We can get more detail on the timing soon. We could possibly hold a ribbon-cutting event separately, and do something again when we have more details on the stage. We did receive the topographic survey information from Tim King for the site work at the stage area and that is currently being reviewed.

The resolution under New Business – Then & Now is the payment to JK Meurer for the work they did on Wooster Pike in early January to repair soft spots in the east and west- bound lanes.

**Police Chief Report**

The Hamilton County Police Association meeting will be March 10th hosted by the Village of Fairfax Police Department. Proceeds from the meeting assist in funding the Hamilton County Dive Team, Honor Guard Teams and SWAT teams. Chief Bronson spoke with Parr Public Safety regarding updating the new vehicles and they are ready to do it but it is unknown when the new vehicles will be received. 2 vehicles are budgeted for 2022. Officer Caleb Kaminsky left the Village of Fairfax for a position with the Village of Evendale.

 **New Business:**

**Ordinance 04-2022**

Ordinance 04-2022 Confirming the Appointment of Three Members to the Board of Tax Review for the Village of Fairfax, Ohio 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. Kessel. Mayor Shelton asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Kessel made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Ernst. All present voted Aye.

**Resolution R1-2022**

Resolution R1-2022 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 Ms. Resnik. All present voted Aye.

**Old Business:**

None.

**Council Discussion:**

None.

**Five minutes for audience questions/comments**

Cristina Webb, 6313 Bedford, spoke before Council regarding the new home construction next to her house. She is concerned about the quality of work being done. The construction company is leaving debris everywhere, including the sidewalk. The silt line was placed wrong, the company sprayed the side of her house with concrete. She asked Council to look into the issues that she has brought up. Mr. Joe Huskey was in attendance at the Council meeting and told Ms. Webb that he would schedule a meeting with the construction company to address these issues.

Resident Scott Gregg spoke before Council, on behalf of his mother Connie Allgeyer, regarding the erosion in her yard along the creek. Mr. Gregg described the situation with the creek and wanted to know what the Village will do/can do to assist them with the erosion. He would like to speak with Mr. Huskey and see how a solution can be implemented. Ms. Kaminer will set up a meeting for all parties to discuss the situation.

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Shelton requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Lally

Motion was seconded: Mr. Ernst

All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned.

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