**Minutes of the Regular Council Meeting**

**April 15, 2024**

Mayor Sharon Lally called the meeting to order. The April Council Meeting was held in the Fairfax Municipal Building – Council Chambers. Those present were Hunter Boschert, Robert Ernst, Donald Kessel, Tracy Naticchioni, Jeanne Perkins and Christine Resnik.

**Reading of the Bills and Bank Reconciliation**

Mayor Lally asked for the reading of the bills and bank reconciliation. Mr. Kessel stated that the bills had been paid and bank statement had been reconciled for the month of March 2024. Ms. Resnik made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliation, and seconded by Mr. Ernst. All members present voted Aye.

**Reading of the Minutes**

Mayor Lally asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the March 18, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Ernst made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Perkins. All members present voted Aye. The March minutes were approved.

**Communications**

Milford resident Rebekah Hardison emailed Lieutenant Naticchioni to thank Patrol Officer Nathan Staggs for helping her when she locked her keys in her car on what was a cold and rainy afternoon. His kindness and help were much appreciated.

**Committee Reports**

The Planning Committee will be meeting with Robert Gerwin and Maranda Homes to discuss changes to the design of proposed townhomes on Wooster Pike. The meeting will be held on 4/17 at 7:00pm. The committee is also meeting with Hamilton County on Wednesday, May 1 to continue revising and updating the Village’s zoning code. The Parks Committee met the week of April 8th. Still waiting on information regarding the stage. The shelter should be done this week (4/15). Bike racks and signs have been ordered. Ms. Kaminer is getting pricing on play equipment that will go on the east shelter.

**Mayor’s Monthly Report**

$3,133.00 was received in Mayors Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of
March 2024. Mayor Lally 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 Mr. Ernst. All present voted Aye. The Mayor’s monthly report has been approved.

**Administrator’s Report**

**Virginia Avenue**: Rack & Ballauer started today, 4/15/24, to begin the curb replacement portion of the Virginia Avenue project.  They will remove the curbs and aprons on the east side of the road and anticipate this work lasting a week.  With weather permitting they will begin to pour them back 4/22/24 and that work will take another week.  They will then return to finish restoration and begin removal on the other side, the week of April 29th.  Aprons will be plated during the removal process and will be replated where necessary during the concrete cure period. All curb and apron work for the entire street should be completed around May 13. Then asphalt repaving of the road can begin. That work should only take a few days.

**US 50 Bridge Work and Repaving**: The Eagle Bridge Company has dropped off equipment in the ODOT greenspace area along Wooster. They are gearing up to begin work on the bridge soon. Traffic will be maintained on Wooster, however, there will be times, as that project progresses, that traffic many be down to one lane. The Village will be invited to participate in project progress meetings so that we are up to date on any information that we may need to communicate. ODOT will be putting out press releases on the project and we will also provide local updates in our newsletter, website and social media.

**Park Shelter:** Work is not quite complete. The project was originally slated to be done by today, 4/15/2024, but the heavy rains in the past few weeks has put some of the concrete work behind. It is hoped that with several days of good weather this week that the project will be finalized.

 **Police Chief Report**

Chief Bronson stated the Department met with representatives from GBS Filebound to discuss further uses of the software that are available to the Village. Chief Bronson will be going to the Communication Center this week for Dispatcher Appreciation week. Chief Bronson and Lieutenant Naticchioni will be attending a professional development seminar on Friday, 4/26 which will provide an update on current laws. The Department is working on how to dispose of an old vehicle that remains at a house on Meadowlark. The house was recently sold.

**Fire Chief Report**

There were 63 calls for service in the district for March, 31 of those calls were in the Village of Fairfax. Fairly quiet month.

**New Business:**

**None**

**Old Business:**

Mr. Abes addressed next steps on the proposed dispensary on Fair Lane that was discussed at the April ECC meeting. He stated that the Village of Fairfax currently has an ordinance on the books prohibiting the sale of medical marijuana. The ballot issue that passed in November 2023 allows for adult/recreational use, it also allows for municipalities to prohibit these sales, if they so choose. If Council takes no action the sale of adult/recreational marijuana would be allowed. The choice is, does Council want to take action to prohibit the dispensary within the Village or not do anything and allow it to continue and reconsider the medical marijuana as well. Mr. Abes felt that Council should get public input on the issue before deciding to allow such sales. Mr. Abes recommended making a decision sooner than later since someone is purchasing a building in the Village and has also made a presentation to Council. With a quicker decision, the purchaser will not be left in limbo. He suggested either a public hearing to get the opinion of the residents or put an ordinance prohibiting the dispensary on the agenda and this would be an occasion for Council to discuss the issue. Council all agreed to have a public hearing at the next ECC meeting on Monday, May 13th. The meeting would be posted on social media, put in the Forum and a sign would be placed in front of the municipal building advertising the public hearing.

**Council Discussion:** **None**

**Five minutes for audience questions/comments:**

Resident Connie Allgeyer voiced her concern regarding a fallen tree in the creek near her property. Her understanding was that Duke would take care of the tree, but it is still in the creek. Ms. Allgeyer said that Duke has cut up some of the tree, but the main trunk remains. Ms. Kaminer will follow-up with Duke on trunk of the tree that remains in the creek. Ms. Allgeyer also inquired about getting speed bumps on Murray or can Council come up with another solution to slow down vehicles on Murray. Chief Bronson will have an officer on Murray and set up the speed radar device.

**ADJOURN:**

Mayor Lally requested a motion to adjourn.

Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Naticchioni

Motion was seconded: Ms. Perkins

All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned.

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Sharon Lally, Mayor Robert Doppes, Fiscal Officer