

MINUTES

OHIOVILLE BOROUGH

COUNCIL MEMBERS

REGULAR MEETING

December 19, 2023

The Ohioville Borough Council met in regular session on December 19, 2023, at the Ohioville Borough Building Annex. The meeting was called to order by the President, Nick Girting at 7:30 P.M.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Mr. Girting, followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Ms. Cox
Mrs. Janicki
Mr. Kenny
Mr. Kovacic
Mrs. Zibaila
Mr. Szatkiewicz
Mr. Girting
Mayor Chaffee

BOROUGH PERSONNEL:

Natalie Ollis, Borough Secretary/Treasurer
Paul A. Steff, Borough Solicitor
Clayton A. Whitlatch, EIT HRG Engineering

Absent: None

ACTION ON MINUTES:

On a motion by Mrs. Janicki and seconded by Ms. Cox it was moved to approve the minutes of the December 5, 2023, meeting. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

On a motion by Mr. Girting and seconded by Mrs. Zibaila it was moved to amend the agenda and add the approval of the final 2024 budget. All answered yes to roll call vote. The motion was carried.

BIDS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Girting

- Emptied trash at Lock 57
- Continued roadside mowing
- Removed tree from Eastwood
- Reboot camera system in police car 220
- Pushed dead trees over on Ridgemont, Forest Hill, Westwood and Eastwood to prevent them from falling on roads
- Repaired plow shoes on 2011 International snowplow with used parts
- Patched potholes
- Rebuilt road chippers and replaced broken springs on the 2005 and 2016 International chipper boxes
- Replaced missing Ohioville sign for Whitehead

- Welded roller hydraulic tank
- Picked up garbage and tires dumped on Borough roads
- Removed rust and polished cylinders on snowplows to prevent premature wear on seals
- Modified and welded fork extensions for loader forks

On a motion by Mr. Girting and seconded by Ms. Cox it was moved to purchase a new garage door from J Andrews Doors in the amount of \$4,266.00. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

On a motion by Mr. Girting and seconded by Mr. Kovacic it was moved to have Three Rivers Auto Glass replace the 2005 International windshield in the amount of \$425.00. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

FINANCE / OFFICE COMMITTEE:

An executive session for personnel was called at 7:37pm. The meeting reconvened at 7:53pm.

On a motion by Mrs. Janicki and seconded by Mrs. Zibaila it was approved for a one-time salary enhancement of \$300.00 for the borough secretary and borough clerk. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

On a motion by Ms. Cox and seconded by Mrs. Zibaila it was moved to approve the 2024 final budget. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:

Mr. Szatkiewicz reported that a county wide veteran banner program is being created.

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE: No Report

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No Report

RECREATION COMMITTEE:

Mr. Girting reported he would like to start getting bids in January for repairs to the small pavilion at the ballpark.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS:

Mayor Chaffee - No Report

Secretary - No Report

Treasurer - On a motion by Mr. Szatkiewicz and seconded by Mrs. Zibaila it was moved to accept the Treasurer's Report ending November 30, 2023. All answered yes to a roll call vote except for Mr. Kenny abstained. The motion was carried.

Planning Commission -

Mr. Girting reported a planning meeting will be held Wednesday January 3, 2024 at 7:30pm.

Emergency Coordinator - No Report

Borough Solicitor – No Report

Borough Engineer - No Report

Sewage Enforcement Officer - No Report

Tax Collector -

Mr. Gologram reported total taxes for 2024 were \$779,800.81 and \$729,925.58 have been collected and \$49,875.23 is still owed. Mr. Gologram indicates about \$40,000.00 will go to claims and \$11,921.50 has been collected out of \$12,653.38 for streetlights.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: No Report

ACTION ON BILLS:

Bill List #24 submitted for approval.

MOTION TO APPROVE SUBMITTED BILL LIST #24:

On a motion by Mrs. Zibaila and seconded by Mr. Szatkiewicz, it was moved to approve Bill List #24. All answered yes to a roll call vote except for Mr. Kenny abstained. The motion was carried.

ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS:

On a motion by Mr. Girting and seconded by Mr. Szatkiewicz it was moved to enact Ordinance 209 real estate tax rate of 2.3875 mills for 2024. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

APPROVAL OF PLANS: None

COMMUNICATIONS:

Mr. Girting reported Seven Oaks would like a Private Club Liquor License referendum on the ballot in April.

ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS: None

AWARDING OF BIDS: None

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mary Fedorchak of 163 Wildwood Road asked for clarification on the streetlights.

Hubert Kovalevsky of 247A Wildwood Road stated he would like to advise some of you what was said on election day by a board member who is not present. Hubert campaigned with him in the past against zoning and now the board member would like to institute a zoning package. He was against it because of four people he thought would benefit from it, Mr. Hill, Mr. Ward, Mr. Girting, and Mrs. Zibaila. Others witnessed this statement that the board member wants to campaign to become the new president to reintroduce a new zoning package.

ADJOURNMENT:

ACTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING:

There being no other business, on a motion by Mr. Girting and seconded by Ms. Cox it was moved to adjourn at 8:20 pm, and will meet on January 2, 2024, for reorganization followed by the regular meeting at the Ohioville Borough Building Annex. All answered aye in favor - the motion was carried unanimously. There were individuals in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,
Natalie Ollis
Secretary/Treasurer