

## MINUTES

**OHIOVILLE BOROUGH**

**COUNCIL MEMBERS**

**REGULAR MEETING**

**February 6, 2024**

The Ohioville Borough Council met in regular session on February 6, 2024, at the Ohioville Borough Building Annex. The meeting was called to order by the President, Nick Girting at 7:30 P.M.

### ATTENDANCE:

#### COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mrs. Ball  
Mrs. Janicki  
Mr. Knallay  
Mr. Kovacic  
Mr. Girting  
Mr. Chaffee

#### BOROUGH PERSONNEL:

Natalie Ollis, Borough Secretary/Treasurer  
Paul A. Steff, Borough Solicitor

Absent: Mrs. Zibaila

### ACTION ON MINUTES:

On a motion by Mrs. Janicki and seconded by Mr. Knallay it was moved to approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024, meeting. All answered yes to a roll call vote except Mr. Kenny abstained. The motion was carried.

BIDS: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS AGENDA ITEMS: None

### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

#### PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE:

Mr. Girting

- Emptied trash at Lock 57
- Checked roads, removed branches and brush
- Patched holes on Fredericktown
- Greased loader and trucks
- Washed trucks and equipment
- Welded transmission yoke and replaced drive shaft on 2005 International
- Screened anti-skid
- Ordered 150 tons of salt
- Changed oil and rotated tires on police cars 221 and 222
- Plowed, salted and ashed the roads
- Replaced DEF injector on 2016 International and took truck to Mark Anderson to diagnose and repair electrical problem
- Moved multiple small rock slides on Tusca Ext
- Cut and removed downed tree on Westwood
- Patched potholes

- Cleaned fluorescent light fixtures and replaced bulbs in Borough office and meeting room
- Moved dumpster off roadway on Tusca Ext
- Replaced signposts and street name signs at Farm and Fairview, Brookview and Windover
- Removed EGR cooler and turbos on the 2016 International
- Someone is cutting standing trees on Tusca Ext., and we moved logs from side of the road and ditch

On a motion by Mr. Kovacic and seconded by Mr. Girting it was moved to purchase an EGR Cooler from Bostech in the amount of \$1,595.00 with a refundable core charge of \$300.00 for the 2011 International. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

On a motion by Mr. Kovacic and seconded by Mrs. Ball it was moved to authorize an emergency repair fund for the Road Department with a \$3,000.00 cap for emergency repairs from November 1 to March 31 of each year. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

**FINANCE / OFFICE COMMITTEE:**

On a motion by Mr. Girting and seconded by Mr. Kovacic it was moved to purchase the SonicWall TZ 270 Essential Edition for one year from Mg-soft in the amount of \$750.00. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

**LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE:**

Mrs. Janicki reported that COG would like to propose the hiring of a grant writer for the Boroughs.

**PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMITTEE:** No Report

**PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE:**

On a motion by Mr. Knallay and seconded by Mr. Kovacic it was moved to purchase eight tires from Crawford Tire Service Co. in the amount of \$1,589.84 for Police Cruisers 220 and 221. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

Mr. Chaffee reported 239 total calls last year for the Fire Department, with 111 medical and 128 fire.

Mrs. Janicki reported she would like to apply for a Police Grant from PCCD Funding for the future purchase of Tasers for the Department.

**An executive session was called at 7:54pm for personnel. The meeting reconvened at 8:02pm.**

**RECREATION COMMITTEE:** No Report

**REPORTS OF OFFICERS:**

Mayor Chaffee - No Report

Secretary - No Report

Treasurer - No report

Planning Commission - Planning meeting will be held on Wednesday February 7, 2024.

Emergency Coordinator - No Report

Borough Solicitor - No Report

Borough Engineer - No Report

Sewage Enforcement Officer - No Report

Tax Collector - No Report

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

**ACTION ON BILLS:**

Bill List #3 submitted for approval.

**MOTION TO APPROVE SUBMITTED BILL LIST #3:**

On a motion by Mrs. Janicki and seconded by Mr. Kenny it was moved to approve Bill List #3. All answered yes to a roll call vote. The motion was carried.

**ORDINANCES OR RESOLUTIONS:** None

**APPROVAL OF PLANS:** None

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

Mr. Girting reported a call went out from Seven Oaks Country Club regarding an informational meeting about a petition circulating for a referendum on the ballot.

Mr. Chaffee and Mrs. Ball reported on the potential of a memorial marker at the borough or the parks.

**ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS:** None

**AWARDING OF BIDS:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Hubert Kovalesky of 247 Wildwood Road asked if the foreman makes the decision on emergency purchases for the Road Department and asked if the Borough only pays the retainer for COG to write the grant and asked if that was Gologram's fee on the bill list.

Mary Fedorchak of 163 Wildwood Road asked how much we paid for HRG to write a grant.

Bob Modany of 300 B Willowbrook Drive asked if Whitehead Road is a Borough right-of- away.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**ACTION TO ADJOURN THE MEETING:**

There being no other business, on a motion by Mr. Girting and seconded by Mrs. Janicki it was moved to adjourn at 8:25 pm, and will meet on February 20, 2024, for the regular meeting at the Ohioville Borough Building Annex. All answered aye in favor - the motion was carried unanimously. There were 15 individuals in attendance.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Natalie Ollis  
Secretary/Treasurer