

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 25, 2022 – 7:00 P.M.
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bell, Berger, Canton, Cavanagh, Galicki, Porter

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Romanowski, Fiscal Auditor Lechman, Police Chief Rizzo, Solicitor Matheney

VISITORS: Dennis Harmon, Rapid Transit Authority (RTA) Police; Patrick Holtz, Garden Park Dr.

The Mayor called the meeting to order and led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Fiscal Officer read the roll. **Porter made a motion to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2022, Regular Council meeting, seconded by Cavanagh. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

VISITORS: The Mayor introduced Dennis Harmon, whom he would like to appoint as a South Russell Police Department officer. Chief Rizzo indicated that Harmon was coming to the Village from the RTA Police and is a certified K-9 handler. Berger made a motion to recommend the appointment of Harmon as a part-time patrolman with the South Russell Police Department, seconded by Cavanagh. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried. The Mayor administered an oath to Harmon.

MAYOR’S REPORT: The Mayor addressed the proposed Chagrin Valley Fire Department (CVFD) donation. He stated that CVFD wanted to raise \$1.6 million. To date, they had raised \$660,000 and had \$140,000 pledged. \$400,000 was pledged from Cuyahoga County once all six communities signed the non-binding resolution. The six communities were asked to contribute \$300,000 each and South Russell was asked to contribute almost \$70,000. CVFD would like this money by the end of June. The Mayor met with CVFD to obtain clarification. He asked Council if there were questions or concerns about the donation or process. Galicki stated that the Finance Committee still would like to meet with the CVFD. The meeting the Mayor arranged was scheduled in a vacuum and neither member of the Finance Committee was available to attend. The Committee has many questions about the details of the agreement and wanted to have representatives of the CVFD appear before Council so that all Council members might have the opportunity to question them.

The Mayor asked if Council wanted the CVFD representatives to attend the next Council meeting on May 9th, and Porter and Berger agreed. The Mayor asked Council what sort of questions they would have so the CVFD representatives could be primed so they were ready. Galicki did not think they needed to be primed. They should be knowledgeable enough about their program to answer any question from Council. The Mayor said they would be present on Monday, May 9th and said that anyone who wished to meet with them on their own could do so.

Regarding the Appreciation Luncheon, the Mayor asked if Council had any suggestions of individuals to be recognized. Canton suggested nominating the owners of Tame Rabbit and the Sleepy Rooster for being wonderful additions to the Village and Jo and Bob Royer for their work in the community as well as Judy Harvey. Cavanagh asked if such recognition would end up alienating people, and Galicki concurred. Galicki added that he thought the purpose of the Appreciation Luncheon was recognition

and appreciation for the Village employees and questioned the propriety of recognizing private citizens. The Mayor asked the HR Committee to put it on its agenda for the next meeting.

The Mayor stated that Art By the Falls wanted to park vehicles at the East Washington side of the park on June 9th through June 12th. He put this on the Safety Committee meeting agenda.

The Mayor indicated that Dan D'Agostino's application was provided to Council as a candidate for part-time Zoning Inspector and his resume and letter of interest were provided at the last Council meeting. The Mayor wanted to have D'Agostino hired at the current meeting at a rate of \$40 per hour. D'Agostino would work about five hours a week on average for 30 weeks. \$7,000 had been budgeted for the position. Canton stated that as Chair of the Building Department, he suggested having a rigorous discussion about this. He described the candidate as highly qualified and added that he lived within two minutes of the Village. If the Building Inspector were on vacation or indisposed, D'Agostino could take over without skipping a beat. Canton stated that as Chair, he was seeking views from Council members. He was aware it was \$40 per hour and the Village's range was from \$30 to \$40. Canton continued that it is true that Council comes up with a number and is set with it, but then sometime during the year Council wants to raise it and can get into difficulty with the budget. Like a home budget, the intentions are good, but sometimes it is necessary to go over budget. That is why there are reserves. Canton reiterated that D'Agostino is highly qualified, and was solid on the \$40 per hour.

Bell said he was concerned about the \$40 per hour aspect. Ordinance 2022-29 states that the maximum rate for a Zoning Inspector is \$29.55 per hour. \$40 is approximately 35% higher. If the rate is wrong, then the committee should revisit it. Russell and Bainbridge pay \$33.11 per hour for their Zoning Inspector position. The Village's numbers may be a little lower, but it is a different size community. Regardless, he did not think it qualified for \$40.00 per hour. Furthermore, this would equate to 170 hours of inspection time with a budget of \$7,000. At \$29.55, it would be 237 hours. As a taxpayer, it would be preferable to have more inspection time for the \$7,000. Although it was projected that the Zoning Inspector would work five hours a week, Bell could see this increasing, and would like to have a cushion so the Village would not be restricted. Moving forward with D'Agostino would mean adjusting the pay scale ordinance. Until this occurred, he did not feel comfortable giving the green light to this.

Galicki asked HR and/or the Building Committee whether all candidates were interviewed for the position. The Mayor stated that D'Agostino was the only one that had Zoning and Building Inspector experience. Galicki observed that the Zoning and Building Inspector positions were being bundled again, and he understood that the opening was for a part-time Zoning Inspector. He thought the Village should be hiring to that job description and if the Building Inspector is unavailable, there is a potential to see whether D'Agostino would pick up some of the duties. Galicki felt that other qualified individuals should have been considered in the hiring process. There is a process and it seemed like pulling this name out of a hat and recommending hiring him was abrogating that hiring process.

As background, Galicki referred to the Building Committee meeting minutes of June 18, 2019 when the Village was interviewing for the part-time Zoning Inspector position. D'Agostino was one of the candidates. During this meeting, the Building Inspector advised that D'Agostino had just taken a position in Streetsboro three days a week and wanted to work two days per week. He also worked in Richmond Heights. The committee noted that he had interim qualifications, and at the time, the Building Inspector explained that this meant D'Agostino must be accompanied by someone with the full qualifications at the inspections. However, D'Agostino was close to being fully qualified. Ultimately, the committee did not include D'Agostino in the interviews. At the August 12, 2019, Council meeting,

it was reported by the Building Committee that consideration was given to sharing a Building/Zoning Inspector with Chagrin Falls or Woodmere Village, but nothing was conclusively decided. The committee conducted an interview for the Building/Zoning position and the committee concluded that the final applicant was not suited for the job and the committee would continue to search. Galicki interpreted this to mean that all the other candidates were also considered to be unqualified, including D'Agostino. The minutes concluded that there did not appear to be a suitable applicant and the Village was back to square one. Galicki noted that in 2019 it was determined D'Agostino was not a suitable applicant but now it has been suggested the Village hire him at \$40 per hour outside the pay range for the position. Furthermore, he was the only person interviewed. This raised a lot of questions for Galicki.

Berger suggested considering two questions. Was the individual qualified to do the job as a Zoning Inspector and would the Village want to increase the pay range or negotiate something in between? The Mayor and Cavanagh said D'Agostino was qualified. Galicki asked if it was the opinion of the HR Committee that the other applicants were not qualified for the Zoning Inspector position? Cavanagh said that D'Agostino's resume stood out. Galicki asked if this led to the decision not to interview any other candidate. Porter stated evidently so. Berger explained that because D'Agostino had the qualifications and experience level with the Building Inspector, he would be a valuable backup to the Building Inspector position issue faced by the Village. This was an opportunity to recognize there were other options. Galicki agreed that there needed to be a succession plan for the current Building Inspector, but was D'Agostino the right person for the succession plan? Berger did not view D'Agostino as a long-term solution, but as an interim solution to what would be a very difficult hire down the road. To have a continuity plan in the event the Building Inspector were not available was valuable rather than calling the county.

The Fiscal Officer clarified that there were three job descriptions; the Zoning Inspector position for the range \$20.39 - \$29.55; part-time Building/Zoning position for the range \$22.83 - \$33.11; and part-time Building Inspector position with a range of \$35.00 - 45.00 per hour. The applicable position would appear to be the part-time Building/Zoning position.

Canton asked the Solicitor if the Pay Range Ordinance would have to be modified before Council could approve the Mayor's appointment. The Solicitor said yes, unless Council stayed within the current pay range.

Berger pointed out that the Building Inspector is currently serving as Zoning Inspector and is paid \$75 per hour for doing both jobs. Berger was not saying \$40 was the right number, but it was less than \$75.

Porter acknowledged that he was involved with the interviews in 2019, and said that to be a Zoning Inspector part-time, it was necessary to be over the age of 18 and breathing. There were an infinite number of potential candidates. Porter asked if D'Agostino was Electrical Safety Inspector (ESI) certified? Canton believed so. Berger indicated that the application stated he was multi certified including ESI. Porter noted that individuals with an ESI certification are difficult to find and thought that with D'Agostino's qualifications, \$40 per hour was a good deal. He could not do everything the current Building Inspector does, but D'Agostino had both the Zoning and Building Inspector qualifications. Porter suggested Council consider the Mayor appointing D'Agostino to the part-time Zoning/Building Inspector position at the rate of \$33.11 and then go from there. Cavanagh clarified that if he were to perform Building Inspector work, he would still get the \$33.11 per hour. Porter said yes.

Bell questioned that the position of Building and Zoning Inspector did not indicate it was part-time on the Pay Range Ordinance. The Fiscal Officer explained that the positions on the Pay Range Ordinance had corresponding job description numbers and those job descriptions indicate whether the job is part-time or full-time.

Canton suggested speaking to D'Agostino to see if the \$33.11 was acceptable before amending the Pay Range Ordinance. Porter thought it made sense to let him know the top rate was \$33.11 for the position for part-time Building/Zoning since he interviewed for the part-time Zoning position only. Galicki asked if the combined position was discussed with D'Agostino, and the Mayor said no. He may have spoken to him about it informally, but he did not remember. All he was looking to do was hire a Zoning Inspector for five hours a week and if things worked out, then the Village could bring him on in June as a Building Inspector. Galicki asked if this meant that Council should be just considering him for Zoning Inspector. Regarding the potential for D'Agostino to fill in for the Building Inspector, Galicki asked how many occasions there had been this need?

Canton said he wanted to refresh the Mayor's memory and said that the combined position was discussed with D'Agostino and Cavanagh concurred. Porter asked if the pay scale of the combined position was mentioned, and Canton and the Mayor stated D'Agostino was solid on \$40. Porter said that at this point, \$33.11 was what could be done according to the Pay Range.

Porter made a motion that the Mayor investigate further and communicate with the individual, D'Agostino, with regard to the combined part-time Zoning Inspector/Building Inspector position which at present pays a top rate of \$33.11 to determine whether or not the individual is interested in pursuing it, seconded by Canton. Galicki questioned whether there was a need to make a motion to further investigate or should the motion have been to make an offer of employment for the combined positions at the current pay scale of \$33.11 to see if he accepted it?

Bell indicated that D'Agostino interviewed for the part-time Zoning Inspector and asked if technically he would need to reapply for the Building/Zoning Inspector position. Porter said no since it was brought up in the interview. Porter reviewed the Village's efforts to find an individual with qualifications remotely close to the Building Inspector's and could come up with nothing.

Porter amended his motion to include an offer of employment at the rate of \$33.11, seconded by Canton. Regarding Bell's question, the Fiscal Officer explained that ads were run for both part-time Building Inspector and part-time Zoning Inspector. There were no qualified Building Inspector applicants although there may have been one with some certifications. All the other applications she received were for Zoning Inspector. She did not receive D'Agostino's application, which went through the Mayor, to know what position he applied for. Galicki advised that contrary to the Mayor's statement, D'Agostino's application was not previously provided to Council. **Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

The Mayor met with Team Ohio regarding American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds and said it was a waste of time.

The Mayor attended an Ohio Township Association webinar on fun and games on community days and obtained useful information for the Fall Festival. He would give it to the Park Committee.

Ohio Ethics Commission had a refresher course on April 12th. It was the same thing he, Cavanagh, Bell, and Galicki heard during the Ohio Municipal League (OML) training.

Chagrin Valley Dispatch was not progressing in determining fees and would probably have to hire a consultant.

The Mayor said there will be a Special Park Committee meeting with Chagrin Soccer on Wednesday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m.

The Mayor and Street Commissioner met with the Family Life Center (FLC) leaders, and they were very willing to have the Village share the cost of cleaning out their detention pond. The Mayor told them that basically some sort of legislation would come probably in July when it was nice and dry. Porter verified they were willing to split it with the Village 50-50 and the Mayor concurred. This was all verbal. Galicki noted that at the previous Council meeting there was a question of the legality of expending Village funds on private property, which was not within the confines of the Village, and asked the Solicitor if she found a legal reading on this. The Solicitor explained that the short answer was that yes, it could if it went through the abatement process of the public nuisance. It was not as simple as legislation and should be discussed. Codified ordinance 660.19 states that if someone caused any kind of other waste in a location that caused pollution of any waters of the Village inside or outside of the jurisdiction of the Village, the Codified Ordinances could be applied. Galicki asked if it would be necessary to negotiate an easement, and the Solicitor said not for the abatement process. The Mayor proposed getting it on the agenda for the next Public Utilities Committee meeting. The Solicitor explained that with the splitting of the cost, it was possible to expend funds if the Village were to abate it. The Village could also charge the costs to the property owner, and it could go on the tax duplicate. The pond was inspected yearly by Geauga Soil and Water District (GSWD) and was cleaned out in 2015 or 2017 based on GSWD recommendations. However, the FLC did not have a long-term maintenance plan on file with GSWD. Galicki asked if the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) also had jurisdiction over swales, and the Solicitor said she did not investigate this. Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 6111 discusses these matters, and she added that the Village could get the Attorney General involved but did not know that this would be the best solution. The abatement could be an injunction requiring the FLC to fix their pond because it was causing the silt to come into all the other lakes. The Mayor said that the matter would first be considered by the Property Committee. Galicki offered that this could be an Erosion Special Improvement District (ESID) project between Bainbridge and the Village. The Solicitor did not know. The Mayor said that the FLC representative offered that the Village could annex the FLC property, and the Mayor said no.

The Mayor said that the Village hosted the Manor Brook Gardens Homeowners' Association (HOA) and the Whitetail Master HOA. They are co-owners of the pond west of the 319 grant. The purpose of the meeting was to talk about how to get the pond up to speed and to get them to the table with each other. The meeting turned into a rehash of how to do the 319 grant. They were told to go to the CT Consultants website where information about the 319 grant project was posted.

The Mayor had suggestions about Inventory procedures and that would go to the Property Committee.

The Mayor asked the HR Committee to consider workshops and meetings and referred to Elected Officials Training and the Mayor's convention which the Mayor planned to attend in Columbus. He thought the Village needed to tighten it up and take a good look at it. Cavanagh asked if this was for audit purposes. The Mayor said no, but thought the HR Committee should have a list of training being attended.

A flyer from University Hospitals was distributed to Council regarding a request to contribute to the purchase of an ambulance.

The Mayor addressed confusion with Park Committee appointments. A person stepped off the Park Committee and then returned for the final year and the Mayor forgot to appoint Greg Studen as a member of the Park Committee. **Cavanagh made a motion to appoint Greg Studen to a four-year term as a member of the Park Committee, seconded by Porter. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

Berger and the Mayor will attend a breakfast meeting on Wednesday, April 27th with representatives of the Parkland Dam owners. There are now 13 owners instead of 11. Cavanagh was confused by the Parkland Dam petition and asked the Solicitor to clarify. The Solicitor explained that it was based on the petition provided by the residents almost two years ago but more in the form of the statutory procedure asking for the assessment and to do the public improvement. She clarified that the top of the actual dam is located on two parcels that do not own the lake. These two properties had been excluded initially. Cavanagh verified they would be paying along with the others, and the Solicitor explained that they could, but it was voluntary. The Mayor said it would be a surprise to the two homeowners. Bell asked who was responsible to collect the signatures for the petition, the Village or homeowners? Porter said the homeowners would do it individually and supposedly would drop it off at Village Hall with a check for \$3,000. Council discussed whether this amount was correct given the addition of the two residents. The Mayor indicated he and Berger would talk to the two representatives about how the Village should go about notifying everybody including the two new people. There was also a new homeowner for whom a \$40,000 escrow account was established specifically for the dam project.

FISCAL OFFICER: The Fiscal Officer distributed her report. Canton referred to the April 11th Fiscal Officer's report regarding the need for a park bench policy. Canton agreed it was needed and consulted the Fiscal Officer for a date and time to meet.

Cavanagh referred to the Fiscal Officer's report regarding the Public Entities Pool (PEP) proxy representative and alternate and asked if it impacted the Street Commissioner's ability to request equipment. The Fiscal Officer explained that it was an administrative matter of changing out new and old vehicles on the insurance policy.

The Fiscal Officer advised that the Geauga Growth Partnership will hold its annual meeting on May 17th. The Mayor and two Council members expressed interest in going and she wanted to know if anyone else was planning to attend. It was from 7:30 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. She would email the information to Council and asked for a response by Wednesday so that she could pay it with one credit card charge.

The Fiscal Officer explained that she and the Mayor have memberships to the Geauga Township Association and Cavanagh had inquired about getting one. If any other member of Council wanted a membership, she should be notified by Wednesday. Porter said the meetings are useful. The Mayor asked if this could be done instead as a group, and the Fiscal Officer explained that membership was paid per member. Other communities pay for each trustee.

The Fiscal Officer and Mayor attended the ESID meeting put on by the County Auditor. The County Auditor would be requesting permission from the County Commissioners on May 24th to get an ESID in place for the county. The goal was for members of the county to do projects through the ESID rather than as separate bonds. There would be staff in the Auditor's office who would strictly deal with SIDs

to help cut down on administrative costs. McDonald Hopkins was at the meeting and said they would try to develop a formula that could determine the administrative costs of proposed projects. The Fiscal Officer spoke to the County Auditor after the meeting, and he was surprised that the Village planned to proceed with a bond on its own for the Parkland Dam. He was hoping to have the ESID in place so the Village could benefit from his office handling all the details involved with it. She explained to him that the Village had started the process but was not too far into it. She deferred to Council to decide how to proceed pending the approval of the ESID by the County Commissioners. The Fiscal Officer would forward a link of the meeting recording to Council. Berger also attended a meeting regarding ESIDs and explained that fees were only charged for projects with which the Village or entity within the Village was involved. Cavanagh clarified that if the Village chose to participate in the ESID, it would no longer need to use Bond Counsel, and the Fiscal Officer and Berger concurred. Porter clarified that with an ESID, a board would be created from the member communities, and asked if the board was answerable to anyone like the County Commissioners. The Fiscal Officer could ask this question of the County Auditor. The Fiscal Officer thought the ESID could be a good thing for the Village with all the water problems in the Village. It provided a solution while removing the Village from the process. The entities could go to the board and the county would handle the administrative aspects. She added that these projects would be audited. Cavanagh asked if it would save time, and the Fiscal Officer agreed. The Fiscal Officer explained that with the bond, she would have to arrange for it to go on the residents' tax assessments. Then, the county would collect the money, and then send it to the Village with the Real Estate Tax distributions. The Fiscal Officer would then have to make the loan payments. With the ESID, the board would decide on the projects, coordinate with Bond Counsel, and ultimately the county would handle the payments.

The Fiscal Officer thanked the County Auditor and Prosecutor for providing samples of legislation for the ARPA money. The Central Retention Basin will use all the ARPA money received by the Village, but the reporting will be lengthy. For recipients of less than \$10 million, the County officials as well as State officials recommended claiming the revenue loss to make reporting easier. The Solicitor revised the legislation for the Village. The Fiscal Officer was also provided with a sample procurement policy which was required by the ARPA funds. It was also revised by the Solicitor. She thanked the Solicitor for her efforts. The legislation must be approved at the current meeting.

The Fiscal Officer called Council's attention to the floral planter in the back of the room provided by Kathy O'Donnell and the Cats Den Garden Club.

Galicki asked the Fiscal Officer to educate Council on the request for the PEP proxy representation and alternate. The Fiscal Officer explained the vehicle insurance process which she and the Chief have handled. However, PEP provided the proxy and the Solicitor felt it should be on the record how Council wished to handle it. Currently, the Fiscal Officer was the representative, and the Chief was the alternate.

Berger asked the Fiscal Officer to clarify the official name of the Village and the Fiscal Officer explained that it is the Village of South Russell. Recently in applying for the ARPA funds she discovered that in the past, the Village had been registered with the Federal Government as South Russell Village, which then had to be fixed. Berger observed that the Village logo was incorrect, and the Fiscal Officer added that the name of the park and Cemetery were technically also incorrect.

FISCAL AUDITOR: The Fiscal Auditor had nothing to report.

FINANCE COMMITTEE: Galicki made a motion to approve the Public Entities Pool proxy representation and alternative in the case of Danielle Romanowski being the proxy and the alternate being Chief Michael Rizzo, seconded by Berger. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

SOLICITOR: The Solicitor had nothing to report.

Canton referred to a proposed ordinance for amending the current Village Hall usage policy. The committee reviewed the Solicitor's recommendations, agreed with them, and asked what the next step would be. The Solicitor verified that the proposed ordinance was taken directly from the Mayor's report, and she just recommended changes. Cavanagh indicated that the policy was not quite ready to go. Canton verified that the committee needed to discuss it, and the Solicitor offered to attend the meeting.

Porter asked the Solicitor for clarification about the abatement ordinance. He asked, for example, if there were runoff from an agricultural place in Newbury or Bainbridge, the Village could use this potentially to address it. The Solicitor said possibly, but there were agricultural exemptions and exceptions from the abatement process because it was not necessarily considered a public nuisance. She explained that in the Codified Ordinances, there was a procedure where the Zoning Inspector could investigate. There did not need to be a formal complaint.

STREET COMMITTEE: Porter said the next Street Committee meeting would be May 6th. Regarding the FLC issue, if the ordinance described by the Solicitor provided a route for the Village to take to address the issue, it would probably take it. This would be discussed by the committee.

The Central Retention Basin was discussed with both the Streets and Public Utilities committees and the minutes were distributed to Council. The project will go out to bid next week and the bid opening will be May 13th. The Engineer was hoping to have the same contractor handle this project and the Manor Brook 319 grant project to help with project costs.

Bell addressed an email from the Engineer regarding the paving of Washington Street. Porter explained that the county did not include the Village's portion of the street in its federal notification. The county is looking to the Village to do the job by itself. Porter was not interested in doing this. Bell added that it would be necessary to rebid it and it would add \$5,000 to the cost. The Fiscal Officer explained that the first bid came in too far over the Engineer's estimate, so they had to rebid. The Village was included in the original, but they omitted the Village's portion when they rebid. Porter questioned whether the Village had been included in the first bid. Porter wanted to consult with the Street Commissioner and Engineer. Galicki asked if the committee attempted to clarify the matter with the county. The Fiscal Officer explained that all of this just occurred and the Village was notified late that afternoon, but the Engineer said that the Village could bid it on its own, but it would cost an additional \$5,000. The matter would be discussed by Streets Committee.

The Mayor proposed paving the section and using Village funds instead of Permissive Tax funds. He saw this as reducing the Village's balances which would please the Budget Commission. The Permissive Tax funds could be saved for another event. The Mayor would send out an email once he knew what was going on. Porter added that Permissive Tax could only be used for connecting streets. These include Snyder, Daisey, Bell, Washington St., and Hemlock. Porter said the Village would have a massive Road Program this year at \$675,000 plus Washington St.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Canton reported the committee will meet Thursday, May 5, 2022, at 8:00 a.m. in the Building Department. Although listed on the agenda, forfeitures, the tracking of deposits, and Zoning Code changes for deposits and fees were addressed by the Solicitor at the last meeting.

The Mayor stated that regarding forfeitures, it appeared there was a \$250,000 situation. The Building Department Administrative Assistant had been purging files and found that many of the deposits had been issued. She will manually review and attempt to cross check with the new software to determine what was done with the deposits. To date, she had addressed 18 deposits with contractors and homeowners. In some instances, the contractors never got final inspections.

POLICE CHIEF: The Chief had no report.

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Galicki stated there was a joint Safety and HR Committee meeting on April 14, 2022, to discuss the hiring of full and part-time officers.

The committee has no further information on the CVFD donation beyond what was discussed in the Finance Committee report. The next meeting of the Safety Committee will take place on May 5, 2022.

HR COMMITTEE: Berger said there was no report. The next meeting will need to be rescheduled.

PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Canton advised that there will be a Special Property Committee meeting on April 27, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the possibility of developing soccer fields on the East Washington side of the park. The meeting will be conducted on Zoom. The Fiscal Officer clarified it would be a joint Properties and Parks Committee meeting.

The NFL schedule will be made public on May 12th at 8:00 p.m. which will allow the Park Committee on May 16th to discuss a date and backup date for the Fall Festival. They will also discuss bench policy. The Solicitor asked if the committee would be discussing the Village Hall use policy, and Canton said this would occur on May 16th. The Solicitor reiterated that both the April 27th and May 16th meetings would be special meetings because they were not regularly scheduled. Both would require a detailed agenda. Canton clarified that the NFL schedule, picking a date and backup date for the Fall Festival, and benches for the park would be discussed. The Mayor thought there would be more things and verified the agenda would be needed by May 13th.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Porter stated the committee met April 22nd and the minutes were distributed to Council. Regarding SIDs, the committee hoped to provide a recommendation but did not have enough information to do so yet. The committee would meet May 9, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. for a Special Public Utilities Committee meeting. Porter would follow up with an agenda.

ORDINANCES/RESOLUTIONS:

Berger provided a second reading of an ordinance repealing ordinance 2022-17 and adopting pay schedules in a tiered system for South Russell Village employees and declaring an emergency.

Berger provided a second reading of a resolution of appreciation for David Maistros.

Berger provided a second reading of a resolution of appreciation for Laura LaChapelle.

Berger introduced a resolution of appreciation for Gregory Pike.

Porter introduced an ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to approve the updated agreement with Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council's (NOPEC) 2022 Energized Community Grant Funds and

declaring an emergency. Porter made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Porter made a motion to adopt, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2022-36.**

Galicki introduced an ordinance amending the annual appropriations increasing Natureworks Playground Expenses \$4,031 and declaring an emergency. Galicki made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Berger. Roll call -ayes, all. Motion carried. Galicki made a motion to adopt, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **ORD 2022-37**

Galicki introduced a resolution adopting the Standard Allowance Provision and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency, to use the amount authorized to fund government services, and declaring an emergency. Galicki made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Galicki made a motion to adopt, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **RES 2022-38**

Galicki introduced a resolution authorizing the increase in the micro-purchase threshold, adopting the Uniform Guidance Procurement Policy for the expenditure of ARPA funds, and declaring an emergency. Galicki made a motion to waive readings, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. Galicki made a motion to adopt, seconded by Berger. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried. **RES 2022-39**

BILLS LIST: Galicki made a motion to ratify the bills list of April 14, 2022, in the amount of \$24,106.32, seconded by Porter. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

NEW/OTHER: Canton, Cavanagh, and Porter had no new business.

In reviewing the Council Rules, Berger found that it is required to ask permission and get approval from Council to miss a meeting. He asked for approval to potentially miss the May 23rd meeting. **Cavanagh made a motion that Chris Berger is allowed to take his dream vacation, seconded by Canton. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**


Bell asked Council's permission to miss the July 11th Council meeting. **Cavanagh made a motion to allow Chris Bell to miss the July 11th meeting, if necessary, seconded by Berger. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**

At 8:30 p.m., Canton made a motion to enter into Executive Session for the purposes of considering the purchase of property for public purposes under Section 121.22 (g)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code and for the purpose of a conference with the Solicitor regarding pending or eminent litigation under Section 121.22(g)(3) of the ORC and invite into Executive Session the Mayor, Fiscal Officer, and Solicitor, seconded by Porter. Roll call – ayes, all. Motion carried.

Council reconvened at 8:58 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, Berger made a motion to adjourn at 8:58 p.m., seconded by Cavanagh. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.


William G. Koons, Mayor


Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer

Prepared by Leslie Galicki