

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2023 – 7:30 A.M.
MAYOR WILLIAM G. KOONS PRESIDING**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bell, Cavanagh, Galicki, Porter

MEMBERS ABSENT: Berger and Canton

OFFICIALS PRESENT: Fiscal Officer Romanowski

The Mayor called the Special Council meeting to order and the Fiscal Officer read the roll.


The Mayor advised that the motion in support of the letter on behalf of the Chagrin Valley Dispatch (CVD) would not be needed. The Ohio Emergency Management Agency (EMA) would not give permission for CVD to apply for a grant because Cuyahoga County wants to apply for it.


The second letter was provided by Mayor Tomko, Chagrin Falls, for the water system upgrade. Cavanagh made a motion to approve the letter, seconded by Porter. Galicki asked what Council was actually supporting. The previous letters to Congressman Joyce and Senator Brown as well as the CVD correspondence referred to support for getting federal funds to assist. This letter has no reference to an application for funds. Usually when there are infrastructure improvements, there will be some kind of levy on the people. He realized it would benefit the Village's residents, but was there information about the financial burden involved? The Mayor said no. Council was simply supporting their application to get the funds to improve their water lines and their sewer system. Galicki was seeking to determine whether Chagrin Falls will be requesting funds from the Village and/or seeking funding from the federal government. This language is absent in the current letter. Cavanagh said maybe they will just levy the people, the users of the water. Galicki said this was his question. The Mayor said that even if they have to, the Village is only applying to have Chagrin improve their water system that they provide for us. The Village is connected to their sewers on Laurelwood and everything on East Washington St. The Mayor explained that what the letter is saying is that they applied for the grant and the Village supports the application for the grant. It does not say the Village will give them a penny. Galicki explained he is concerned about the residents. The Mayor stated that if Chagrin improves their water and sewers, the Village residents will end up paying.

Galicki also pointed out that this was another incidence of approval after the fact because what is before Council is a signed piece of correspondence dated March 14th and it is before Council for approval on March 17th. Perhaps it can be reissued to reflect due process by Council. Porter noted that the date would need to be changed and then signed again.

Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT: Being that there was no further business before Council, **Cavanagh made a motion to adjourn at 7:35 a.m. seconded by Bell. Voice vote – ayes, all. Motion carried.**


William G. Koons, Mayor


Danielle Romanowski, Fiscal Officer

Prepared by Leslie Galicki