

Council Minutes

September 4, 2018

Council Members in attendance: Council President Sue Schroeder, Rick Recker, Al Pingle, Dave Heitmeyer, Sue Christman, and Brian Reynolds. Mayor Kevin Benton, Village Administrator Justin Barnhart, Fiscal Officer/Tax Administrator Renee Spangler, Village Solicitor Barry Schroeder, Police Chief Dennis Cupp, Fire Chief Neil Goodwin, Steven Coburn-Griffiths from the Putnam County Sentinel, Kyle Stechschulte, Tony Schroeder, Evan Ellerbrock, Mayor of Gilboa Michelle Clymer, Vanity and Keith Ellerbrock, Cloyse Wolfe, and Amy Sealts.

Mayor Kevin Benton called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m. He led everyone in the pledge of allegiance.

A motion to name Alan Pingle as acting Council President was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle abstained, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

A motion to waive the reading of the minutes of the August 20, 2018 meeting and accept them as written was made Dave Heitmeyer and this motion was seconded by Brian Reynolds. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder absent.

The Sidewalk Study Committee is wrapping things up and hoping to have a proposal towards the end of the year. Looking at sending out a pamphlet to every homeowner within the village. Hoping to have something to present to council in December that way it can pass the third reading in January.

Streets, Sidewalks and Buildings Committee met prior to council chairman Al Pingle said the 2019 paving list was taken care of and we were looking at 2020's paving list. He said we are looking at different ideas.

At this point, Council President Sue Schroeder entered the meeting and was present.

Evan Ellerbrock was in attendance to meet council. He has been a part-time employee this summer and has permission from Ottawa-Glandorf High School to maintain his part-time status into the school year. His required hours for school are flexible and can be reduced substantially during the winter. Justin Barnhart asked council if they would approve this opportunity. Mr. Barnhart said this will give us the opportunity have Evan here and ready to roll in the spring as well. Brian Reynolds made a motion to keep Evan

Ellerbrock as a part-time employee and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

Vanity & Keith Ellerbrock were present at council tonight they are landowners in Gilboa near the pump station construction. Resolution 3048 is for a study to find out the possible impacts of what the hydrologic situation underground is, since our pump station is very deep it's over thirty feet deep. It puts us down to the level of the ground water. So, we want to check to see if this is affecting anything in the area. Vanity told council that they are consulting with Knueve & Sons, they have been working with them trying to get a resolution to making their water usable. She said at this current moment they cannot drink or even bathe their two-year-old son. She said there is so much peroxide and sulfur in their water just to make it useable to bathe in. They are currently using bottled water for drinking water. She said Knueve and Sons said they could assist them with a new system. They are currently using the maximum peroxide and salt that their current system would allow. Regardless of whose fault it is for the water being this way, she said they can't long-term live in their home with the current water situations they have. They didn't have these water situations until about half way through the digging process of the pump station. So, they are thinking that would have something to do with it however we don't know unless there is a study preformed. She said their well is about 700 feet from the dig site. She is asking the board to help them out by finding what is causing the damage. Mayor Benton said we are aware of the problem and also told them to save their receipts for the water they are purchasing and The Village of Leipsic will reimburse them. He said as far as the water system we have a Resolution for Eagon and Associates to come out and do a study and we will wait for them to give us the information for the best way to handle this. Justin said Eagon is planning on doing the research this week yet and within a month by the 1st of October we should have everything completed. So, Mr. Barnhart is going to ask them to trickle the information to us as it comes available.

RESOLUTION 3048: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR HYDROLOGIC CONSULTING SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Resolution 3048 for the second and third time tonight was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Sue Schroeder. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea. Resolution 3048 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Dave Heitmeyer to accept Resolution 3048 and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

Cloyse Wolfe, President of Gilboa Council was present to ask council to have a Village employee come and paint parking lines in downtown Gilboa. Cloyse said they are changing the way the parking will be instead of angled it will be changed to East and West parking. He said he doesn't have a lot of experience with this and would like someone from the village to come and assist him and also paint the lines. Mayor asked if

he would have them marked out, Cloyse said he doesn't have any experience with this. Solicitor Barry Schroeder advised that we have Cloyse sign a waiver in case something happens while we are over there assisting that they won't come after us. Brian Reynolds made a motion to allow a Village an employee to go assist the Village of Gilboa with painting the lines and also the use of the equipment and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

Amy Sealts was present at council to consider a tax abatement in accordance with the local community reinvestment area. A letter will go to the school for a Resolution to be passed and then the resolution will need to be passed by our Council. Amy said this is for Ward Construction she said she received a CRA application from them and they are wanting to start construction on a 45 by 60 pre-engineered building on their property. This will also create one full-time permanent job. Amy said the first thing that needs to be done is the Village sends a letter to the school district and then a resolution will need to be passed by council after the school passes the Resolution. Amy Sealts said she needs authorization from council to allow the CRA to be signed. Brian Reynolds made a motion to authorize the signing of the CRA letter to be sent to the school and Dave Heitmeyer seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

Tony Schroeder was present to answer any further questions regarding lift stations within the Village and will outline changes being made in regard to their operations, further maneuvers council should consider. Tony said short term they came up with a few ideas but after a few weeks of thinking about it more he thinks it would be a good idea to have a backup pump for each station on hand. Each station has a different pump but Mr. Schroeder said we are very fortunate to already have four of them on hand. The pumps can range from \$3,500.00. to \$7,000.00 per pump. Mr. Schroeder also said since July they have been doing daily checks on all the lift stations. He said he's working on a form that can record all that information on during these daily checks. Tony said that one thing they had talked about was remoting with call out ability, he said we could do that and there's an option for probably roughly \$4,000.00 per station. But Mr. Schroeder's thought is we could give it a few more months and see. Mr. Schroeder thinks we should continue doing the daily checks, he said from past history we have had 24 to 48 hours even if that red light comes on. He said so if we check it everyday we wouldn't necessarily need the call out. The other thing is we are in the process of buying a window for five of the six stations this would be safer for the employees and a quicker process and helps with the longevity of the cabinet. Dave Heitmeyer asked when the pump fails is it just a red light that comes on. Mr. Schroeder said yes at this point that's all we have is the red light on each station. Mr. Schroeder said all lift stations are checked once a day. He said some lift stations are more critical than others. Mr. Schroeder said when they check the lift stations they are stopping and looking inside of it and recording the hours on each pump. Mr. Heitmeyer asked if you can see the red light with a drive by. Mr. Schroeder said yes, the light can be seen with a drive by. So, if the local PD is on patrol and they drive by and there is a red light they can contact you. Mr. Heitmeyer said he can't see paying \$4,000.00. Al Pingle said that's short-term what about long

term. Mr. Schroeder said to get Mars and Poet on separate lines, but that would be a fair amount of money. Mr. Heitmeyer asked Mr. Schroeder to get some quotes for the long-term ideas so we aren't blind sided when something does need done. Brian Reynolds asked Mr. Schroeder about the four pumps we have and whether they were the same or not, Mr. Schroeder said they are different each station is different.

RESOLUTION 3041: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Rick Recker to accept Resolution 3041 and this was seconded by Sue Christman. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

RESOLUTION 3044: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE REQUEST FOR THE PROPOSAL FROM AMERESCO, INC. TO SERVE AS A CONSULTANT ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BLANCHARD RIVER PUMP STATION AND AUTHORIZE THE ADMINISTRATOR TO SEEK ENGINEERING ADVISE AS IT RELATES TO ALTERNATIVE ENERGY USE AT THE SITE. Was read for the third time. A motion was made by Sue Schroeder to accept Resolution 3044 and this was seconded by Dave Heitmeyer. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

RESOLUTION 3045: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3046: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM POGGEMEYER DESIGN GROUP TO SERVE AS THE ENGINEER DURING THE CONSTRUCTION PHASE THE BLANCHARD RIVER PUMP STATION AND RAW WATERLINE AND AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO COMPENSATE THEM FOR EXPENSES RELATED TO CONSTRUCTION MANGEMENT FOR THE PROJECT. Was read for the second time.

RESOLUTION 3050: A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR A WAGE INCREASE FOR AN EMPLOYEE OF THE VILLAGE OF LEIPSIC, PUTNAM COUNTY, OHIO. Was read for the first time.

ORDINANCE 3047: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 3009 AS THE SIXTH SUPPLEMENT TO THE 2018 ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Was read for the first time. A motion to suspend the rules and read Ordinance 3047 for the second and third time tonight was made by Sue Schroeder and seconded by Rick Recker. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder

yea. Ordinance 3047 was read for the second and third time. A motion was made by Sue Christman to accept Ordinance 3047 and this was seconded by Brian Reynolds. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

ORDINANCE 3049: AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2064 TO ESTABLISH THREE PART-TIME POSITIONS IN THE FIRE DEPARTMENT. Was read for the first time.

Council reviewed the Property and Liability Insurance proposal for 2018 through Public Entities Pool of Ohio. Mr. Barnhart said the next Resolution is getting rid of some vehicles and this will reduce the insurance.

ORDINANCE 3051: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO DISPOSE OF CERTAIN PROERTY DECLARED AS SURPLUS THROUGH INTERNET AUCTION. Was read for the first time. This will be getting the F250 and the 1986 dump truck.

Neil Goodwin said the fire department was awarded three AFG Grants in one year the match is only \$24,000.00. Neil said there is a grant writers fee as well that will be attached to this. Neil said he also has a grant writer contract for the next three years for \$2,500.00 a year but this contract needs to get back to him because this guy only takes so many a year. Dave Hietmeyer made a motion to have the contract signed for fire grant writing and Sue Christman seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

Kyle Stechschulte was present and said he is very pleased this year with the local businesses and their donations. He said they are up to 300 free wristbands for kid rides and this is due to business donations. Brian Reynolds made a motion for the Village of Leipsic to donate \$500.00 for 100 wristbands and Sue Schroeder seconded the motion. Roll call on this motion, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

Rick Recker told council that the firemen are having a pork loin dinner at the Meadows of Leipsic Sunday September 16, 2018.

At 8:25P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion to go into executive session to discuss purchase or sale of land, personnel matter or a public utility expansion for the purpose of economic development. Brian Reynolds seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion. Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

At 8:44P.M. Dave Heitmeyer made a motion come out of executive session and Sue Christman seconded the motion. Roll call on the motion. Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea.

Records Committee met after the council meeting.

Renee Spangler will not be at the next council meeting.

With no further business to come before the council, a motion for adjournment was made by Dave Heitmeyer and seconded by Brian Reynolds. Roll call, Dave Heitmeyer yea, Sue Christman yea, Brian Reynolds yea, Al Pingle yea, Rick Recker yea, Sue Schroeder yea. Meeting adjourned at 8:44P.M. The next council meeting will be September 17, 2018 at 7:30 P.M

APPROVED: _____

ATTEST: _____