

# COLON VILLAGE COUNCIL

REGULAR MEETING – July 14, 2020

**Meeting Call to Order** at 7:00 PM – The Pledge of Allegiance was spoken.

**Present:** Sharon Craun, Dick Delp, Eddie LeBoeuf, Marilyn McManus, Linda Norton, Tom Whitford, Ruth Ann Kuhlmann

**Also Present:** Billi Farrand, Jim Weinberg, Chief Mark Brinkert, Connie Thrams, Kelly Pucci, Ed Bell, Kurt Kuhlmann

**Approval of Agenda** – T. Whitford made a motion to approve the agenda with the following addition: Under Monthly Reports – *Inspectors Report; New Business D) Well-Head Protection*. D. Delp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: D. Delp, S. Craun, M. McManus, T. Whitford, E. LeBoeuf, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. Absent: L. Norton. The motion carried.

## **Approved Consent Agenda –**

1. M. McManus made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda to include the amended minutes from Council Meeting of June 9, 2020 and requesting the minutes from the June 11, 2020 Special Meeting; the Financial Report; pay bills in the \$42,006.54 and payroll in the amount of \$48,384.25. T. Whitford seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.

**Public Comments** – None

## **Monthly Reports –**

1. Department of Public Works – report as presented.
  - a. D. Delp made a motion to contract with Farrand Flat Work to continue replacing the west side sidewalk along Palmer Ave. not to exceed \$10,000.00. S. Craun seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.
  - b. T. Whitford made a motion to have Gest Tree Services remove 4 trees and trim one tree: 462 Burr Oak Rd., 671 Willow Dr., 441 Maple St., 530 Maple St., 185 Palmer Ave. D. Delp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. Abstained: S. Craun. The motion carried.
  - c. The damage to the silver DPW barn from snow will need to be re-assessed. It may be just as cost effective to replace the existing structure on the existing concrete pad as to repair it. Jim will contact the insurance company. It was suggested to get a bid from Ware Construction.
2. Police – report as presented.
  - a. M. McManus made a motion to allow Chief Brinkert and Billi Farrand to apply for First Responder Hazard Pay Premiums Program and any other Covid-19 grants or reimbursements. \$4,000 will be requested from the FRHPPP which will include \$1,000

for each full-time police officer and \$500 for each part-time police officer. If the grant is not received, Chief Brinkert will reimburse the payroll account \$4,000.00 from the Police Car Fund. D. Delp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.

3. Office Manager – as presented
  - a. S. Craun made a motion to pay the Commercial Liability Insurance premium in the amount of \$33,526.00. D. Delp seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.
  - b. S. Craun made a motion to have K. Kuhlmann research financial institutions to give the best rate and terms on the water/sewer CD currently at Sturgis Bank and Trust. He will discuss it with S. Craun and B. Farrand before depositing the funds. He is authorized to deposit the funds at that time. T. Whitford seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.
4. Fire Board – presented by S. Craun & M. McManus – June minutes were presented.
  - a. The Board approved 8 radios at a cost of \$1,031.25.
  - b. There is In the checking account \$178,170.93; building savings account \$17,283.07; large equipment savings account \$59,962.79; rescue fund \$12,815.79. June's monthly bills totaled \$176.46. 34 calls were made for the month of June.
  - c. The Marathon donated a pop machine. The Shell will sell the pop to the Fire Department at cost. They discussed time frame to purchase the new fire truck
  - d. The bylaws are being rewritten.
  - e. 25 "800 Pagers" are being purchased at a cost of \$20,000.00.
5. Lake Board – presented by Ed Bell
  - a. The water clarity has improved on Long Lake. Palmer Lake is still cloudy.
  - b. The Board had a public meeting Saturday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM at the Colon Fire and Rescue building.
  - c. The Board has elected to have a one-year moratorium on taxes for 2020. A committee will reassess business,
  - d. A & E sprayed for milfoil in certain spots.
  - e. There is \$384, 804.12 in the Lake Board account.
  - f. Next meeting is set for August 8<sup>th</sup> at the Township Hall.
6. Planning Commission – E. LeBoeuf presented
  - a. A public hearing is scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup>. It will be a Zoom Meeting.
7. Colon Community Park – no report given.
  - a. The bathroom can be reopened from dusk to dawn. No water fountains are allowed.
8. DDA Committee – as presented.
  - a. K. Pucci asked for clarification on the mask executive order and the police's response.
9. Blight Report – as presented.
10. Zoning Report – none
11. Other Committee Report – none
12. Monthly Reports from the Inspectors –

- a. L. Norton made a motion to ask all inspectors to present a spread sheet at the monthly meeting beginning next month. T. Whitford seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### **Unfinished Business –**

1. Compensatory Time – M. McManus made a motion to table until the Personal Committee can meet to discuss this matter. S. Craun seconded the motion. The motion carried.
2. Blight Officer – M. McManus made a motion to hire Mike Haden as the Blight officer for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year at his current rate. S. Craun seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.
3. Waste Management – E. LeBoeuf made a motion to table until next month. T. Whitford seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.
4. Pop-up stores – Consumer's Electric will charge only \$97.00 to install necessary equipment. Ware Engineering will review the plans for the pop-ups and approve them. M. McManus made a motion to table the approval of the pop-up stores. T. Whitford seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### **New Business –**

- A. Handrail in front of Sterlini's – Jim will check with M-DOT to see if something could be done with the handrail. T. Whitford made a motion to table until next month. M. McManus seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.
- B. The Garden Club would like the roof on the gazebo at Bordner Park to be replaced. A bid of \$6,200.00 was received. More bids and other types of materials need to be researched. The Garden Club is seeking funds from the Village. T. Whitford made a motion to table this until next month. L. Norton seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.
- C. Obstructions at the Public Lake accesses – The Village Lawyer will be asked to draft a Cease and Desist order to be presented to the people who have blocked a public access.
- D. Well Head Protection - E. LeBoeuf made a motion to apply for a \$4,000 grant to contract with Fleis and Vanderbrink for another year to help the Village with the Well Head Protection project. The Village's share of the contract with FV would also be \$4,000.00 for a total cost of \$8,000.00. T. Whitford seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Yeas: S. Craun, D. Delp, E. LeBoeuf, M. McManus, L. Norton, T. Whitford, RA Kuhlmann. Nays: None. The motion carried.

#### **Public Comments –**

#### **Correspondence –**

1. The Village received the contract for franchise fees from Charter. The Council will look at it next month.
2. A correspondence was received from the Mishler family to not pursue the Environmental Study.

**Adjournment** – T. Whitford made a motion to adjourn the meeting. S. Craun seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kurt P. Kuhlmann