

The Council of the Village of Millersburg met in regular session on April 22, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. Mayor Huebner called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Clerk-Treasurer Karen Shaffer gave roll call and the following members were in attendance: Devone Polen, Brent Hofstetter, Jr Vaughn, Robert Shoemaker, and Ruby Baird. Solicitor Robert Hines was also in attendance. Motion made by Polen to excuse Councilwoman Kelly Hoffee. Seconded by Shoemaker. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Shoemaker, Hofstetter, Vaughn and Baird voting aye.

**VISITORS:** Julie Monroy of the Kimble Company, addressed Council, asking for consideration of an amendment to the contract for refuse collection. Kimble would like to increase the current rate per month per customer from \$14.12 to \$14.72, and are asking all entities for this consideration. She noted more than a year ago, China placed a ban on the quality of recycling materials it was receiving from all over the world, and overnight about 40 percent of the market disappeared for Kimble. Other Countries are also struggling to meet these new requirements established by China. She noted Kimble has been watching to see how the market reacted over the past year. They have realized the market isn't going to bounce back right away, but they are hopeful it will eventually. Kimble is still committed to recycling and they want to keep things out of our landfills and repurpose as many things as possible. Monroy said Kimble has gone to all of the municipalities it serves and only one (Belpre) has rejected its request for the amendment. Surrounding communities such as Sugarcreek, Dresden and Baltic have accepted the increase. She said they are asking, rather than break contracts and change programs. She explained to Council that a little over a year ago, they were making \$113 per paper bale. This year at our lowest point we were paying about \$13 per bale to have it taken away. The amendment would amount to about \$7 and change per household and would help offset some of these extra costs Kimble has right now. Mayor Huebner said the reason the village did not go into a new contract was to avoid raising the costs of residents' trash removal from the current contract. He suggested eliminating the incentive payback program that Kimble uses with the village. Monroy said they have been scaling back rebate programs with other municipalities, noting that the rebate is hundreds as opposed to thousands of dollars. She noted their plan was to work with the Village to scale that back already, as it doesn't make sense for them to give back money when they are struggling so bad with recycling. Even if the incentive is scaled back, it is still not enough to help us recover. Monroy said that Kimble is currently storing excess materials, waiting for the market to right itself, as opposed to other states like California, where recyclables are being dumped in landfills. Council and the Mayor agreed they would like to get some community input at the next council meeting before making a decision on raising the rate. Monroy said she would be happy to attend another meeting to answer any questions.

**MINUTES:** Motion made by Polen to suspend the reading of the minutes of the previous meeting. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hofstetter, Shoemaker, Vaughn and Baird voting aye. Motion made by Baird to accept the minutes as presented. Seconded by Shoemaker. Upon roll call, motion carried with Baird, Shoemaker, Polen, Hofstetter and Vaughn voting aye.

**BILLS:** Motion made by Vaughn to pay bill resolution 2019-13 bills \$159,975.60; payroll \$49,048.36; total \$209,023.96. Seconded by Shoemaker. Upon roll call, motion carried with Vaughn, Shoemaker, Baird, Polen and Hofstetter voting aye. Hofstetter asked for an update of the new website design as an invoice was presented for payment. Troyer noted the invoice was for start-up costs and Spire is currently working on the design.

#### **REPORTS OF OFFICERS**

**Chief Shaner:** Chief Shaner informed Council the Police Memorial service will not be able to be held on the Courthouse lawn this year, and in the future. He asked for permission to close S. Monroe St. from Jackson to Court St. on May 16<sup>th</sup> for the 2:00 p.m. service for approximately three hours. Motion made by Hofstetter to approve the street closing. Seconded by Shoemaker. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hofstetter, Shoemaker, Baird, Vaughn and Polen voting aye.

**Administrator Troyer:** Informed Council the P&Z Commission will consider a request to determine if a B&B is a similar use for the B-1 Village Business District.

Informed Council the OPWC Clean Ohio Fund project ("Y") is virtually complete and turned out very well.

Informed Council the contractor for the North Mad Anthony Storm Sewer project is working with suppliers on production to be able to determine a final schedule.

Reminded Council a Public Hearing is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 for the TAP (South sidewalks project).

Informed Council the Street Dept. garage roof project is complete.

Informed Council the JetVac truck was picked up on April 17<sup>th</sup>.

Informed Council the marked up plans for the 2019 Street Resurfacing & Sidewalk projects were returned to the engineer for revisions, which they are working on at this time.

Reminded Council the Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8-12 at the Street Dept.

Informed Council Buckeye Sweeping will be in town May 7<sup>th</sup> to sweep streets along the main routes and downtown areas.

Informed Council he received a request to remove 3 parking spaces on N. Mad Anthony Street to allow access to an existing parking lot as well as a proposed parking lot. That would create an additional 22 to 26 car parking lot. Joel Yoder, who intends to build the parking lot, said he doesn't want to start the project without the approval of the removal of the street parking. Polen noted she wanted to be sure residents were not opposed to the removal, in order to avoid what the village ran into the last time it removed parking spaces and ended up making the spots legal again. Yoder said he attempted to contact the residents of the lone house who might be affected by the removal of the parking spots. Yoder also stated the new lot will be leased to the department of Job and Family Services and the lot would be available for public use after hours. Administrator Troyer noted the parking spots are in front of a vacant lot that is not being used. There is only one house and everything else is commercial and there is street parking to the north of there as well. He noted there are 10 parking spaces on the block and only one house. A motion was made by Hofstetter to approve the removal of the parking spots, contingent upon contacting the residents of the house on North Mad Anthony to make sure they will not be affected by the removal of the street parking spots. Seconded by Vaughn. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hofstetter, Vaughn, Polen, Shoemaker and Baird voting aye.

Informed Council he received two (2) credit request for the sewer portion of utility accounts. Lynda Kolasky of 267 North Grant Street had frozen waterlines that broke, and the water ran in a crawl space under the home. 275,000 gallons was used. Her average usage is 3,000. A credit of \$621.00 for 270,000 gallons is requested for the sewer portion of the bill that did not go down the sewer. Holmes Wayne Electric of 6060 State Route 83 N had an outside spigot that was leaking. 56,000 gallons of water was used. The average usage is 22,000. A credit is requested of \$156.40 for the sewer portion of the bill that did not go down the sewer. Motion made by Hofstetter to approve the credit requests. Seconded by Polen. Upon roll call, motion carried with Hofstetter, Polen, Vaughn, Shoemaker and Baird voting aye.

Informed Council Breanna Barby asked for permission to use the "Dog Park" on May 25. She is working on her Girl Scout Cadet Silver Award. Her project is on therapy dogs. Motion made by Polen to approve the request. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hofstetter, Baird, Shoemaker and Vaughn voting aye.

**Mayor Huebner:** Read a proclamation for the American Legion Auxiliary designating May 11th, 2019 as "Poppy Day" in the Village.

Mayor Huebner informed Council he was contacted by a family that would like to build a community "Skate Park" at their expense and then turn it over to the Village. Huebner said he felt the best place would be between the dog park and the basketball court at Deer Run. Council was open to the idea, but was concerned on maintenance and more importantly the liability issue. Clerk-Treasurer Shaffer will make contact with the insurance company for some direction.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Shoemaker thanked Chief Shaner and Patrolman Stephanie Genet for attending the Easter Egg Hunt.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:** Motion made by Polen to adjourn into executive session to consider the purchase or sale of public property if the public interest would be hurt by the premature disclosure of the information. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hofstetter, Vaughn, Shoemaker and Baird voting aye.

**RECONVENED TO REGULAR SESSION**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION ACTION:** None.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion made by Polen to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Hofstetter. Upon roll call, motion carried with Polen, Hofstetter, Shoemaker, Vaughn and Baird voting aye.

Approved Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Karen Shaffer, Clerk-Treasurer

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Jeff Huebner, Mayor