

Council Minutes
VILLAGE OF MADISON
Regular Council Meeting
September 15, 2014

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Britton called the meeting to order at 7:30PM.

Mayor Britton invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Britton requested that everyone observe a moment of silence. Council Members Mr. Frager, Mr. Hamercheck, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Mabe, Mr. Cahill, Mr. Takacs and Mr. Vest were in attendance. Also in attendance were Acting Fiscal Officer Kristie Crockett, Police Chief Dawn Shannon and Law Director Mr. Szeman.

MINUTES

Mayor Britton announced minutes to be approved for the Council Meeting held on September 2, 2014.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Frager.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Motion carried.

PAY ORDINANCE

Mayor Britton presented Pay Ordinance No. 2306: \$54,251.74 for payroll and \$48,110.82 for current and upcoming expenses, for a total of \$102,362.56.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Takacs.

Questions/Discussions – Mr. Vest asked for clarification of employee John Koeth's overtime labeled 'brush'. Mr. Bailey stated that this is a cooperative effort we have worked out with Madison Township for the brush/chipping program. It was decided to reallocate those dollars to another account and not sewer.

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 17-2013: – AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF TRAX CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR WATER LINE INSTALLATION FOR THE STATE ROUTE 528 SOUTHERLY WATERLINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECT, PHASE 1, (PART A) AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH SAME, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (Tabled)

RESOLUTION 19-2014: - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES RELATED TO THE GROWING GREEN ON MAIN STREET PROJECT. (3rd Reading)

Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Mabe.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 6 yeas, 1 abstention (Donaldson) Motion carried.

RESOLUTION 20-2014: - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE LAKE COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE URBAN ENTITLEMENT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM AND FOR THE UTILIZATION OF FUNDS MADE AVAILABLE BY THE HOUSING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 1974, AS AMENDED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (3rd Reading)

Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Frager.

Questions/Discussions – Mr. Takacs asked if we have ever requested funds from this account. Mr. Bailey stated that we have not in recent years. Mr. Vest asked if this will affect any Senior Center funding. Mr. Bailey stated no.

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

ORDINANCE 36-2014: - AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF JASON R. CLARK AS PART-TIME PATROLMAN FOR THE MADISON VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF TWELVE (12) MONTHS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st Reading)

Motion for suspension made by Mr. Mabe, seconded by Mr. Vest.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on suspension, 7 yeas. Ordinance suspended.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Takacs, seconded by Mr. Hamercheck.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Clark was sworn in by Mr. Szeman at this time.

ORDINANCE 37-2014: - AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF MICHAEL A. HUFFMAN AS FULL-TIME PATROLMAN FOR THE MADISON VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR A PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF SIX (6) MONTHS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st Reading)

Motion for suspension made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Vest.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Ordinance suspended.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Cahill, seconded by Mr. Takacs.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Huffman was sworn in by Mr. Szeman at this time.

ORDINANCE 34-2014: - AN ORDINANCE CERTIFYING DELINQUENT WATER AND SANITARY SEWER CHARGES AND PENALTIES TO THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR FOR PLACEMENT ON THE REAL PROPERTY TAX LIST AND DUPLICATE FOR COLLECTION AS OTHER MUNICIPAL TAXES ARE COLLECTED, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st Reading).

Motion to suspend made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Mabe.

Questions/Discussions on suspension – Mr. Bailey asked for this ordinance to be suspended and passed to enable us to forward the past due amounts to the county for immediate attachment to the property taxes. He added that some of these properties may be in the process of being foreclosed upon and may be sold prior to the time frame that would allow three readings.

Roll call on suspension, 7 yeas. Ordinance suspended.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Takacs, seconded by Mr. Mabe.

Questions/Discussions – Mr. Takacs asked if this is for one property. It was confirmed that this was for four properties. Mr. Takacs asked if Administration is required to bring these before Council prior to assessing them. Mr. Szeman stated that he can draft legislation permitting the Administration to place these assessments onto the delinquent properties when necessary. Mr. Takacs requested that we move forward with that legislation.

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Motion carried.

ORDINANCE 35-2014: AN ORDINANCE CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KRISTIE CROCKETT AS FISCAL OFFICER OF THE VILLAGE OF MADISON AND ESTABLISHING THE RATE OF COMPENSATION FOR HER SERVICES. (1st Reading)

Motion for suspension made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Takacs.

Questions/Discussions – Mr. Mabe asked if the suspension is necessary. Mr. Bailey stated that it is not necessary but added that Mrs. Crockett has been doing an excellent job as the Village's fiscal officer and he believes that she is entitled to the increase.

Roll call on suspension, 4 yeas, (Frager, Takacs, Vest, Donaldson). 3 nays, (Cahill, Hamercheck, Mabe). Suspension failed.

Ordinance recorded as first reading.

Mr. Frager asked if a performance evaluation of Mrs. Crockett has been completed. Mr. Bailey stated that there has not been a performance evaluation in writing but extensive discussions have taken place including Mayor Britton. Mr. Bailey stated that this legislation was brought before Council this evening because the legislation passed confirming Mrs. Crockett as acting fiscal officer had a time frame of six months which is nearing expiration in the next couple of weeks.

RESOLUTION 21-2014: - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL. (1st Reading)

Questions/Discussions – None

RESOLUTION 22-2014: - 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. (1st Reading)

Motion to suspend made by Mr. Mabe, seconded by Mr. Vest.

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Questions/Discussions on suspension – Mr. Bailey explained that the County Auditor sent the original paperwork to our post office box that was closed last year. Therefore it was returned to them as undeliverable. He added that we have obtained the paperwork and it must be submitted prior to October 1, 2014. He noted that even if we had received the original mailing, we would not have had the opportunity to allow it to go three readings and meet the filing deadline. Roll call on suspension, 7 yeas. Ordinance suspended.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Motion carried

GENERAL REQUESTS – P.O. Request to H.D. Waterworks for \$3,600.00 for 3 cases of 5/8 x 3/4 IPERL Water Meters (24 meters total).

Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Cahill.

Questions/Discussions – Mr. Bailey stated that these dollars were appropriated in the permanent improvements in the budget process last year. We currently have four in stock. Mr. Takacs asked if these are going to be used for a change out of the meters at the condominiums. Mr. Bailey stated that these are for replacement of damaged and broken meters or new construction. Mayor Britton stated that we are going to start replacing some of the ‘read your own meter’ units.

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Motion carried

VISITORS COMMENT – Mr. Jack Lading (603 West Main Street) spoke about several railroad crossings that have been closed at the same time. Mr. Szeman stated that this is a federal issue and there is not anything that the Village can do.

STAFF REPORTS

Police Chief – Chief Shannon stated that she is checking on all of the street lights and reporting the ones that need repair. She added that residents can report a street light being out on the First Energy website or they can e-mail her. In regards to trick or treat times, Mr. Takacs stated that Halloween falls on a Friday this year and he has had people voice that they would like trick or treat to be held on another night due to the local high school football games and family commitments. Mayor Britton stated that trick or treat will be on Halloween. It was stated that the Township is having trick or treat on October 31st from 6:00pm – 8:00pm.

Motion for approval for trick or treat being held on October 31, 2014 from 6:00pm – 8:00pm made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Mabe.

Questions/Discussion - None

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Motion carried.

Administration Report: - Mr. Bailey reminded all in attendance that there is an open house at the Senior Center tomorrow from 1:00pm-3:00pm.

Mr. Bailey stated that he has spoken with a number of representatives from ODOT in regards to the culvert on 528 near the water plant and they have committed to making that replacement.

Misc. Reports/Comments: - Mr. Cahill thanked Mr. Bailey for addressing the issue with the banners being put up on the fencing around the veteran's memorial in Village Square Park during the car show.

Mayor's Report: - Mayor Britton stated that things are moving forward and he likes what he is seeing. He complimented Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Crockett for their efforts.

Upcoming dates:

Mon.	Oct. 6 th	7:30pm Council Meeting
Mon.	Oct. 13 th	Columbus Day – Village Hall Open
Mon.	Oct. 13 th	7:00pm Planning & Zoning Meeting
Mon.	Oct. 20 th	6:00pm Committee of the Whole Meeting
Mon.	Oct. 20 th	7:30pm Council Meeting
Mon.	Nov. 3 rd	7:30pm Council Meeting
Mon.	Nov. 10 th	7:00pm Planning & Zoning Meeting
Mon.	Nov. 17 th	6:00pm Committee of the Whole Meeting
Mon.	Nov. 17 th	7:30pm Council Meeting
Thurs.	Nov. 27 th	Village Hall closed for Thanksgiving
Fri.	Nov. 28 th	Village Hall closed for Thanksgiving

Motion to enter into executive session to discuss possible litigation and a confidential matter.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Cahill.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 7 yeas. Motion carried

Council exited executive session and no further business was conducted.

Motion to adjourn at 9:58pm made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Mabe.

Roll call on adjournment, 7 yeas. Meeting adjourned.



Sam Britton Jr., Mayor



Kenneth D. Takacs, Council President

10-6-2014
DATE

Attested:



Kristie M. Crockett, Acting Fiscal Officer

10-6-2014
DATE