

Approved

February 24, 2020

REGULAR MEETING VILLAGE OF PIGEON COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Village of Pigeon Council was held on Monday, February 24, 2020.

President Michael LePage called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Members Present: President Michael LePage, Trustees Shelly Gunden, Michael Wehner, Rob Chandonnet, Kent Shetler, Matthew Esch and Marc Hill.

Members Absent: none

Also in attendance: Pigeon Police Chief Eric Wissner, Pigeon Department of Public Works Superintendent Thomas Buschlen, Village Superintendent/Clerk Steven Corrion, Todd Talaski Huron County Commissioner, Ken Licht and Dave Maurer.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Wehner; second by Gunden to approve the minutes of the January 20, 2020 Regular Meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Input:

Pastor Dave Maurer of Pigeon River Mennonite Church request the village to allow putting 15 Stations for a Passion Week Prayer Path at the Scheurer Path to Fitness, March 17, 2020 to April 14, 2020. He also request putting a Cross on the Snow Hill during the same time frame. Along with this they would like to have a Good Friday Cross Walk April 10, 2020 ending at First United Methodist Church.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Hill; second by Shetler to approve putting 15 Stations for a Passion Week Prayer Path at the Scheurer Path to Fitness and a Cross on the Snow Hill March 17, 2020 to April 14, 2020 and allowing a Good Friday Cross Walk April 10, 2020 on the village streets. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Police Operations Report:

Village Police Chief Wissner reported highlights of some ongoing investigations by the department.

DPW Operations Report:

Village DPW Superintendent Buschlen reported the month's activities.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Gunden; second by Wehner to approve the purchase of six (6) Picnic Tables from Great Lakes Lift at a cost of \$3,144.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Esch; second by Shetler to close the regular session and hold a Public Hearing to review the 2020/21 Budget and Millage Rates. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 7:15pm

Public Hearing, 2020/21 Budget and Millage Rates:

Village Superintendent/Clerk Steven Corrion presented the 2020/21 Proposed Budget income and expenses for each of the village funds and reviewed the proposed Millage Rate to be levied of General Fund 11.9170, Historical 0.48560, Local Streets 4.8560, Water 1.4570 and Storm Sewer 4.5000. A total Millage Rate of 23.2156.

Following Review

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Hill to close the Public Hearing and return to regular session. All Ayes. Motion Carried. 7:25pm

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Hill to approve the 2020/21 Budget as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Esch; second by Wehner to approve and levy a Millage Rate of 23.2156 to support the budget. Breakdown of the millage rate is: General Fund 11.9170, Historical 0.48560, Local Streets 4.8560, Water 1.4570 and Storm Sewer 4.5000. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Hill; second by Chandonnet to approve the Water Rate of \$15.78 per thousand gallon and the Sanitary Sewer Rate of \$8.22 per thousand gallon to support the approved budget effective April 1, 2020. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Finance Report:

President LePage explained with the financial position of the village and the uncertainty of the future the Finance Committee would like to pay off the Capital Improvement Bond two years early. The payoff amount is \$23,125.03.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Hill; second by Chandonnet to approve paying off the Capital Improvement Bond at a cost of \$23,125.03. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage reviewed two recommendations from the Finance Committee.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Wehner; second by Hill to approve transferring \$10,000.00 from the Municipal Street Fund to the Trunkline Fund. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Gunden; second by Esch to approve the Village of Pigeon Social Media Policy & Village of Pigeon Facebook Policy as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage explained that the Finance Committee is considering placing a Headlee Override on the November Ballot.

Following Discussion

Council Advised Corrion to get the Headlee Override Ballot Language ready for council approval.

President LePage explained that to be in compliance with the State Auditing Rules, council needs to pass a motion at the beginning of every budget year pre-approving payments of payroll, payroll taxes and any other such bills that would be past due before they can be approved for payment by the council.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Wehner to pre-approve payment of payroll, payroll taxes and any other such bills that would be past due before they can be approved for payment by the council for the 2020/21 Fiscal Year. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable:

Corrion presented the Accounts Payable Report of \$150,049.52 to council for January 21, 2020 to February 25, 2020.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Gunden; second by Wehner to accept the Accounts Payable of \$150,049.52 to council for January 21, 2020 to February 25, 2020. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (See Accounts Payable Ledger)

Other Business:

President LePage showed council a Draft Pigeon Event Center Handbook that is being developed.

Council commented that the Huron County Jail Crew headed by Doug Ginter is an asset to the county.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Esch; second by Shetler to approve donating \$500.00 to the Huron County Jail Crew for equipment. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Gunden; second by Wehner to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

Michael LePage, President

Steven Corrion, Clerk