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October 26, 2020

REGULAR MEETING VILLAGE OF PIGEON COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Village of Pigeon Council was held on Monday, October 26, 2020 at the Pigeon Event Center, Winsor Room, 311 S. Main St. Pigeon

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, Department of Public Works Superintendent Thomas Buschlen & Village Superintendent/Clerk Steven Corrion, Todd Talaski Huron County District 3 Commissioner & James Childs.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A Moment of Silence was conducted in memory of past Village Employee, Village President & Village Trustee Dave Geiger.

A motion was made by Hill; second by Esch to approve the minutes of the September 21, 2020 Regular Meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Input:

James Childs introduced himself as a candidate for Huron County District 3 Commissioner.

Todd Talaski, Huron County District 3 Commissioner introduced himself as a candidate for the position and gave highlights from Board of Commissioners.

Police Operations Report:

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

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Chandonnet to approve entering into an agreement with Winsor Twp for the Pigeon Police Department to Enforce Blight for the Twp and giving the Police Committee the ability to negotiate the rate with the Twp. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Hill; second by Gunden to approve 2020 Trick-or-Treat hours of 5:30pm to 7:00pm on October 31, 2020. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DPW Operations Report:

Village DPW Superintendent Buschlen reported the month's activities and reviewed upcoming projects.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Wehner; second by Shetler to approve Nicol & Sons to replace the Bonnet Bolts on the Valves on the 12 inch Transmission Main from Caseville from Dunn Rd to the Water Plant at a cost not to exceed \$25,000.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Esch; second by Wehner to approve the E. Michigan Ave and S. Frank St Reconstruction Project Contract Modification # 6 and E. Michigan Ave and S. Frank St Pay Request #7 for (\$162,855.88-E. Michigan Ave, S. Frank St-\$19,600.00) to Nicol & Sons. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Esch; second by Shetler to approve Ace-Saginaw Paving doing asphalt patches on School St, S. Main St & Water Plant for a cost of \$3,612.60. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Wehner; second by Chandonnet to approve Esch Landscaping doing asphalt patches on Hartley/Brush St & Mabel/Scheurer St for a cost of \$8,950.00. 6-Ayes. 1-Abstain (Esch). Motion Carried.

Finance Report:

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Gunden to approve the MERS Temporary Modification to Benefit Provisions. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Gunden to approve the MERS Defined Benefit & Defined Contribution Addendums as Presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried

President LePage explained that because of Public Act 152 the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act villages, townships and cities have 3 choices for funding employee health coverage, the "Hard Cap", the 80/20 and the Complete Opt-Out. If a municipality chooses to go with the 80/20 or the Complete Opt-Out, they need to vote to do so by a 2/3rds vote every year before the start of the health insurance contract. There is no penalty for going with the 80/20 or the Opt Out.

President LePage read aloud "A Resolution Electing to Comply with the Provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by exercising the Village's right to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the next succeeding year".

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Wehner; second by Hill to approve the Resolution Electing to Comply with the Provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by exercising the Village's right to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the 2021 year. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage explained the Finance Committee had reviewed the Blue Cross Employee Health Insurance Plan.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Gunden; second by Esch to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield Simply Blue 1500 HSA, with the village contributing \$2,000.00 for Families and \$1000.00 for

Singles in a HSA Account. The village will continue the employee Health Insurance participation of 15% of the total cost of premiums, on a weekly basis. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable:

Corrion emailed the Accounts Payable Report of \$286,420.76 to council for September 22, 2020 to October 26, 2020.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Gunden; second by Wehner to accept the Accounts Payable of \$286,420.76 to council for September 22, 2020 to October 26, 2020. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (See Accounts Payable Ledger)

Other Business:

President LePage explained that a group has asked about having an Ice Rink at the Recreation Park. They would do the maintenance for the ice. The Huron Community Foundation (\$3,500.00), Apple Blossom Wind (\$2,500.00) have donated a combined \$6,000.00 towards the project. He will looking into the Rink more and discuss with the Lion's and Rotary about donating. It could go in the Tennis Court Area. The Recreation Committee will be working on it.

Corrion explained that the village received \$1,872.00 Grant from MIOSHA to update the two entrances at the Village & Twp Hall to protect employees from COVID exposures.

President LePage handed out a quote for Chromebooks for council. He explained that the village has been doing electronic Council Packets since August 2009 but have always been dependent on the members having the ability to access the information. Since the pandemic started and the council started doing Zoom Meetings it was apparent that all members needed equal to access.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Wehner; second by Shetler to approve the purchase of 10 Chromebook from AVCI for a cost of \$3,299.90. 6-Ayes. 1-Nay (Chandonnet). Motion Carried

A motion was made by Gunden; second by Wehner to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

Michael LePage, President

Steven Corrion, Clerk