

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Joe Bourne, Brandie Bourne, John Little, Ed Steffek, Steve Adams, Nate Penrod

ABSENT: N/A

OTHER ATTENDEES: Rick Swiger, DJ Meek, Donna Meek

VISITORS: Glenn & Margie McMullen, John Bourne, Nancy Bourne

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE

The meeting was opened with The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gardner.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Ed Steffek to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held February 20, 2024. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS

*Visitors/Resident Glenn McMullen informed the council that he is in the process of purchasing the adjoining property to his. McMullen also resides next to the Salem Township Building. Salem Township has requested the village to lease an unnamed alley in order for the township to build a new salt bin for the township. McMullen voiced objections to the village leasing the alley to Salem Township. McMullen stated that by leasing the alley to the township; the village will be land locking one of the lots in that area. Salem Township had previously contacted McMullen and other neighbors adjoining the alley to proceed with vacating the alley. However, Salem Township did not get any response from the property owners; therefore, the township decided to request for the leasing of the alley from the village instead of vacation of the alley.

Heard from DJ Meek (Salem Township) that the township is waiting for the property to be surveyed before proceeding with the leasing request. Meek also stated that the leasing of the alley will not be land locking any of the area lots.

PAY BILLS

***Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Steve Adams to pay bills from respective funds. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Ed Steffek yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Steve Adams yay, Nate Penrod yay.

POLICE

*Margie McMullen inquired how many tickets that the police dept has issued in the last month.

*Police Chief Dusenberry indicated that there were 14 traffic stops and 13 tickets were issued for February. Total calls for February (which include sheriff & ems calls) were 47 calls.

*Discussed installing a computer in the police cruiser. Discuss upgrading/repairing camera system in the cruiser. Council member Brandie Bourne stated that council has already approved either repairing or replacement of the camera system for the cruiser.

STREET

*Street Supervisor Rick Swiger indicated that he built a cart for the salt spreader.

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*No Reporting

SOLICITOR PERLAKY

*Perlaky indicated that the Salem Township Trustees should contact their township attorney Kristine Beard and proceed with a survey for the matter involving the leasing of the village's unnamed alley for the construction of a salt bin building.

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

*No Reporting

FISCAL OFFICER

*No Reporting

MAYOR

*Mayor Gardner reported that the Flag Pole on the square needs repaired. The cable inside the flag pole is frayed; which is not allowing the flag to be pulled to the top of the pole.

Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Ed Steffek to approve the repair or replacement as needed. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

*Gardner indicated that the 2024 Mosquito Spray Quote from Kritters Getters is \$1475.00.

Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Ed Steffek to approve the Mosquito Spraying Agreement with Kritters Getters. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

*Was informed that Malinda Adams agreed to handle the Park Caretaker position for the 2024 season. Adams will be scheduling the Belden Park Pavilion Rentals. Anyone interested in renting the pavilions should contact Adams at #330-407-3860.

Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Joe Bourne to hire Malinda Adams as the village park caretaker. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Steve Adams abstain, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay.

JOE BOURNE

*Bourne reported 5 calls for the month of February (Delaware Volunteer Fire Dept). Heard that the fire department is still in need of new members.

*Bourne presented a quote from Newton Asphalt Paving for the 2024 Paving Project for the village. The quote totals \$49,035. The streets & alleys on the list for paving is as follows: Sullivan Lane, Rear Main Street, South High Street, East Canal Street, East Luther Drive and several unnamed alleys.

***Motion made by Steve Adams and seconded by Ed Steffek** to approve the quote for Newton Asphalt. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Steve Adams yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay.

NATE PENROD

*No Reporting

STEVE ADAMS

*No Reporting

BRANDIE BOURNE

*Reminder – no breakfast event in March.

*Reminder – March 17th Spaghetti Dinner at the Fire Station from 12-3pm

JOHN LITTLE

*No Reporting

ED STEFFEK

*No Reporting

Next meeting will be March 19, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

_____ Date

Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer

_____ Date