



Village of Reminderville  
Committee of the Whole  
January 22, 2019

### **Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Hoffmann at 7:00pm

### **Roll Call**

Mr. Hoffmann, present  
Mr. Kondik, present  
Mr. Wiggins, present  
Mr. Petrovich, present  
Ms. Kovach, present  
Ms. Blayney, present

### **Approval of Minutes**

Mr. Petrovich moved to approve minutes from January 8, 2019. Mr. Wiggins seconded. All in favor.

### **Amendments to the Agenda**

Mr. Kondik moved to add an executive session for possible litigation to the agenda. Mr. Wiggins seconded. All in favor.

### **Diamonds in the Rough presentation**

Jonah Schultz is the founder of Diamonds in the Rough, a non-profit with the mission to preserve the future of our national pastime by renovating neglected baseball fields. Mr. Schultz grew up in Chardon and played baseball throughout school and professionally in the Pecos League in New Mexico. The project he is working on and seeking a donation for is located in Twinsburg Heights. Twinsburg Township is revitalizing the whole park area and the baseball field is the first step. The project will include a new playing surface, dugouts, fencing, backstop, scoreboard, and other amenities. He stated Twinsburg Township has committed \$80,000 in matching funds and they have received \$14,000 through a grant from the Cleveland Indians. Mr. Carpenter asked how much it will cost for the renovation. Mr. Schultz replied the entire budget is \$130,000 for construction. Anything raised over what will be used will be passed on to the Township to use for the rest of the park area. The goal is to have opening day on June 1. Ms. Kovach asked who will be using the field. Mr. Schultz said the local neighborhood and they are in the process of putting together an agreement between the Township and the Twinsburg baseball field to add the field to their rotation. They will also put on camps there. He believes there are a good

number of Reminderville kids who play in the Twinsburg league. He added the Township has committed to the maintenance as well as the Twinsburg league when they use it. There are similar projects in Slavic Village and Chardon with this one being the furthest along. They are also looking for businesses to buy a banner for the outfield fence. Mayor Alonso said they will discuss it and get back to him.

### **Mayor's Report**

Mayor Alonso wished everyone a happy new year.

### **Law Director**

No report.

### **Engineering**

Ms. Task reported Mr. Gorog requested the legislation for the California Street project go by emergency.

### **Service Department**

Mayor Alonso read their report stating they are thankful for the continued support from Council and residents. The new backhoe has sped up the process of loading salt into the trucks and the new 7400 International is helping during the large snow storms. They have put in roughly 246 hours of plowing between three full-time and two part-time employees. 240 tons of salt was used on the roads. The salt supply is fine and they will be ordering again so it does not get depleted.

### **Reminderville Athletic Club**

Ms. Ness thanked everyone for supporting the RAC, herself, and her team. She reported membership for the month of January so far has brought in \$54,157; latchkey has brought in \$18,160; swim lessons have brought in \$1,120; and seniors program has brought in \$4,134. Upcoming events include Parents Night Out in February, March, and April and School's Out Day Camp on February 15. She continued that Neela, the new trainer/instructor, will be doing water fitness, chair Zumba, and after-school yoga for those who would like to take their kids to as they do the new Pound class upstairs. The RAC is also hosting a TRX training program on February 23. There will also be a six-week trial for TRX classes for seniors. There is a new program for girls ages 12-15; they read a book and run a 5k on the indoor track which is 37 laps. There is also partner training on Tuesday mornings.

### **Fiscal Officer**

Ms. Wordell reported the legislation for the new credit card policy is ready for vote.

### **Police**

No report.

## **Fire**

No report.

## **ARB**

Mr. Kondik reported their next meeting is January 28. Mr. Giardina is resigning from his position on the board due to schedule conflicts and Mr. DiCarlo will take his place from being an alternate. They are looking for a new alternate.

## **Planning & Zoning**

No report.

## **Board of Zoning Appeals**

No report.

## **Finance Committee**

Mr. Wiggins reported they approved payments for period ending January 18, 2019 totaling \$530,765.14. December's bank statements were reconciled without incident.

## **Community Focus**

Mr. Hoffmann reported Ms. Blayney was interviewed to promote the Art Show. Ms. Blayney asked everyone to check out the *My Community Focus* facebook page.

## **Communications**

Ms. Blayney reported the Art Show submission forms are available at Village Hall, the RAC, local schools, and around town. It is open to residents and non-residents. The Tinkers Creek Watershed presentation will be on February 19 at Village Hall at 5:00pm. The next Communications meeting is on February 11 at 7:00, all are welcome.

## **Long-Term Community Development**

No report. Ms. Task stated she informed them about attending the meetings.

## **Records**

No report.

## **JEDD**

Mr. Hoffmann reported 2018 was very good with revenues totaling \$100,000 more than the year prior.

## **LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE 21-2018:** AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE AND ADOPT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES FOR USE OF VILLAGE OF REMINDERVILLE CREDIT CARD ACCOUNTS. 3<sup>rd</sup> Reading. *Alonso*

**ORDINANCE 01-2019:** AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE SALARY PROVISIONS OF FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 30, 2018, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. *Hoffmann*

Mr. Kondik stated he is uncomfortable with gaging salaries by basing one department versus another. He respects Chief Plunkett wanting a bigger raise for his department, but he feels 3% is fair. He would like another two weeks to talk with Council members. Mr. Wiggins is also in favor of 3%. Ms. Kovach stated they just approved \$8,000 in bonuses for certain employees on first reading no problem, she doesn't understand why this is different. Mr. Kondik said those bonuses are why he wants to think about this more and that his vote for the bonuses may have not been such a good idea. Mr. Wiggins said bonuses are a one-time payment based on behavior done in the past and raises are tied to behavior in the past but go on and on multiplying. Ms. Blayney asked Chief Plunkett for his input. Chief Plunkett stated they have always been, for the most part, equal with the police department until 2015 when Council approved a 6% pay increase for the police department and 3% for the fire department. He would like to get back to being equal by giving half this year and the rest next year. Ms. Blayney said both departments are necessary and protect the Village and she doesn't like to micromanage so if it is available in his budget, he should be able to use it as he sees fit just like when Chief Buck wanted new cars, it was in his budget so they approved it. If in five years his tax revenue is lower and he can't give a pay increase, he'll have to manage that. Mr. Hoffmann said he is conflicted. While he thinks there is merit to the argument that the fire and police departments get equal pay, he also thinks it may cause morale issues with other departments who do not get a higher pay increase or bonuses. He voted for the bonuses and he's glad they got them but he does recognize it could create problems.

**RESOLUTION 02-2019:** A RESOLUTION TO AWARD A CONTRACT TO D.L. SMITH CONCRETE, LLC FOR THE CALIFORNIA STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ONE MILLION SEVENTY-THREE THOUSAND SIX HUNDRED FOURTEEN AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$1,073,614.00), AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. *Alonso*

**RESOLUTION 03-2019:** A RESOLUTION TO HIRE VINCENZIO VALENTI AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER WITH THE VILLAGE OF REMINDERVILLE. 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading. *Alonso*

**RESOLUTION 04-2019:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AMENDMENT TO THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN SUMMIT COUNTY COMBINED GENERAL HEALTH DISTRICT AND THE VILLAGE OF REMINDERVILLE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. *Alonso*

**RESOLUTION 05-2019:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A ONE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$100.00) DONATION TO THE TWINSBURG AFTER-PROM COMMITTEE. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. *Alonso*

**RESOLUTION 06-2019:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH A & S ANIMAL CONTROL. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. *Alonso*

**RESOLUTION 07-2019:** A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY OHM ADVISORS FOR CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, MANAGEMENT, AND INSPECTION SERVICES ASSOCIATED WITH THE CALIFORNIA STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. *Alonso*

**RESOLUTION 08-2019:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF AURORA FOR CONSTRUCTION ASSOCIATED WITH THE CALIFORNIA STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. *Alonso*

**RESOLUTION 09-2019:** A RESOLUTION TO HIRE NEELA EISNER AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR AS A PERSONAL TRAINER AND FITNESS INSTRUCTOR FOR THE REMINDERVILLE ATHLETIC CLUB, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1<sup>st</sup> Reading. *Hoffmann*

**Old Business**

**New Business**

Mr. Kondik moved to go into executive session at 8:06. Mr. Petrovich seconded. All in favor.

Mr. Wiggins moved to reconvene at 8:42. Mr. Petrovich seconded. All in favor.

**Adjournment**

Mr. Wiggins moved to adjourn. Ms. Kovach seconded. All in favor.

Meeting adjourned at 8:44pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Task, Clerk of Council  
Village of Reminderville  
Date \_\_\_\_\_

Walter Hoffmann, Council President