



Village of Reminderville
Committee of the Whole
March 12, 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. Wiggins moved to approve minutes from February 26, 2019. Ms. Blayney seconded. All in favor except Ms. Kovach who abstained.

Amendments to the Agenda

Mr. Kondik moved to add an executive session for personnel reasons to the agenda. Ms. Kovach seconded. All in favor.

Mayor's Report

No report.

Law Director

No report.

Engineering

No report.

Service Department

Mayor Alonso reported the service garage will have the floors redone on March 22. They are currently readying equipment for the spring and summer months. They have ordered the flower baskets for the Village and will be prepping the gardens by April 10, weather permitting. The dates for branch pick-up will be announced in the next two weeks.

Reminderville Athletic Club

Ms. Ness reported memberships are up 5-7% from the last two weeks; swim lessons are up 11%; latchkey registration is April 29-May 3 for current participants and May 6-10 for open enrollment. Summer camp registration starts March 20. There is a badminton tournament on March 23 and a 3-on-3 basketball tournament on April 14. She will be doing group lesson assessments at the end of the month.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Wordell reported there are changes in Ordinance 6. Originally there was a larger reduction in the JEDD fund. Mayor Alonso said the reduction is being reduced because there are legal issues that Mr. Carpenter is going to help Ms. Lohan with. There are also changes in the service department garage floor. There is money in the fund, it just wasn't appropriated. She also reported the Village will be able to pay back some of the money borrowed for the California Street project which would save \$13,000 in interest.

Police

No report.

Fire

Chief Plunkett reported they are waiting to hear back from grant applications. He also reported there was a house fire in Willowbrook that was caused by a heater in the garage that was improperly installed by the homeowner. The fire went throughout the house inside the walls and floors. The damage was estimated at \$300,000. No one was injured, everyone got out in time. Mr. Wiggins asked if there is information that can be shared with the residents. Mayor Alonso said people should not install these themselves. Chief Plunkett said if the home builder would have installed it, it would have been inspected.

ARB

No report.

Planning & Zoning

No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals

No report.

Finance Committee

Mr. Wiggins reported they approved payments totaling \$87,129.03. They reconciled the February bank statements without incident. They are at 19% of the year, appropriations are at 16%, and revenues are at 20%. The next meeting will begin at 6:30pm.

Community Focus

Mr. Hoffmann reported they discussed the budget at their last meeting. They are in good shape with a surplus. They are going to have a special broadcast over

the internet with school leaders from Aurora, Twinsburg, and Nordonia. There will be a presentation from the State covering topics including social media. While it is live streaming, people will be able to send in questions that will be answered by a panel. They are hoping to make this a monthly event with different topics for students.

Communications

Ms. Blayney reported the Art Show will open on March 18. There are 112 submissions. She thanked the Communications Committee members for helping to hang the art and for making the voting box. She thanked Ms. Task for her help. Voting for the People's Choice award ends on April 6. The Awards Ceremony is April 17. Mayor Alonso thanked Ms. Blayney for her hard work and said Lee Barthelman would be very happy. The next Communications meeting is April 8 at 7:00pm. All are welcome.

Long-Term Community Development

No report.

Records

No report.

JEDD

Mr. Wiggins reported there was a meeting but there was not a quorum for voting. There were no business inventory changes in February. 2018 came out the third highest revenue for the JEDD and the first three months of this year is looking to follow the same trend. Next meeting is June 3 at Twinsburg Township. They may call for a special meeting due to not being able to vote at the last meeting. There was a report from a representative from Kent State. The extension branch has started linking with businesses with certificate programs so the time spent for that certificate is accredited by the university that can be used toward another degree as counted hours. There is also the JEDD Scholarship that has not received a lot of applications. Reminderville residents are encouraged to look into that opportunity.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 06-2019: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATION AND REVENUE ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE 2019 VILLAGE BUDGET, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading. *Hoffmann*

RESOLUTION 13-2019: A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE JAMES SIEGFRIED TO THE POSITION OF LIEUTENANT IN THE REMINDERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT. 2nd Reading. *Alonso*

RESOLUTION 14-2019: A RESOLUTION TO PROMOTE MICHAEL BERQUIST TO THE POSITION OF SERGEANT IN THE REMINDERVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT. 2nd Reading. *Alonso*

Mr. Hoffmann said he would like these two Resolutions to be tabled. There are two Council members who will not be at the next meeting and he thinks it would be appropriate that they all be in attendance for voting. If tabled, the third reading will be at the meeting on April 9.

RESOLUTION 15-2019: A RESOLUTION WAIVING THE FEE CHARGED FOR NORTHEAST OHIO TELUGA ASSOCIATION'S FUNDRAISING EVENT HELD AT THE REMINDERVILLE ATHLETIC CLUB ON MARCH 2, 2019. 1st Reading. *Alonso*

Mayor Alonso said the association is raising funds for the Indian Army where over 100 people were killed because of a suicide bomber. There is an Olympic badminton champion who posted from India for people to go to the RAC to watch the badminton tournament. They are asking for their \$500 rental fee to be refunded and used in their fundraising efforts. Mayor Alonso said the RAC did not charge the normal \$10-day fee for non-members at the tournament and the RAC did not get concession money. The association brings their own food in. He feels the RAC did a lot for the association. Mr. Hoffmann said they are setting a precedent with this decision. Mr. Petrovich agreed. Mr. Wiggins added a refund is different than a donation. He doesn't agree with the idea of a refund. Ms. Ness said they used the RAC the night before to set up the courts which pushed basketball players out and they used the gym for longer than was anticipated. The association also got use of the gym at a discounted rate. She added there is another badminton tournament in two weeks and that organization is now asking for a refund. Ms. Kovach said the badminton groups have been big supporters of the RAC from the beginning. Mr. Hoffmann said so has volleyball. Mr. Wiggins stated it is not a "no" to the cause, just a "no" to the refunded fee.

RESOLUTION 16-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF TWINSBURG FOR POLICE AND FIRE DISPATCH SERVICES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading. *Alonso*

Mr. Petrovich asked why the amount has tripled. Mayor Alonso said things have changed in the last few years and the Village has to have dispatching services. He feels it's a fair deal compared to other areas. Chief Buck reported Aurora cannot do it, they do not have the capability, size, or equipment. He continued that the other option is Valley Enforcement Group which has a central dispatch for 19 agencies which would be a cost to the Village of \$150,000 or more. Mayor Alonso said the State has been pushing downsizing to only five central dispatch locations. The Village would have to go through Stow. He added that Twinsburg would like it passed by emergency, everything on their end is done. Mr. Hoffmann would like to wait for the three readings since the contract doesn't start until June 1.

Mr. Kondik moved to go into executive session for personnel reasons at 7:38pm. Mr. Wiggins seconded. All in favor.

Ms. Kovach moved to reconvene at 8:03pm. Mr. Wiggins seconded. All in favor.

Old Business

Mr. Kondik wanted to discuss the Local Leadership Conference in June in Washington D.C. He asked what the budget was for travel for Council members. Ms. Wordell said they appropriated \$5,000. He wanted to know if there is a limit of who can go. Mayor Alonso said it is better for as many as them who can go to represent the Village and make a presence as a group. Grant money opportunities like the money that was used to do Glenwood Blvd have come from the networking with Congress members at this conference. Mr. Kondik agreed and said there are people in Washington D.C. who know where Reminderville is while people down the road do not. Ms. Wordell said with airfare, hotel, and food allowance it would be approximately \$1,000 per person.

New Business

Mr. Hoffmann said Kathy Powers, Superintendent of Twinsburg schools, will be at the meeting on April 9 to discuss the upcoming school levy. She will be asking for the Village's endorsement. Mr. Hoffmann said it is a renewal, not an increase and asked Council to do their research before the meeting so they are prepared to vote.

Mayor Alonso reported Governor DeWine is asking for an 18% tax on gasoline, which would go to the House and most likely decrease to 12%, and would generate \$200,000 for the Village to be used on roads.

Adjournment

Mr. Wiggins moved to adjourn. Ms. Blayney seconded. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 8:11pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Task, Clerk of Council
Village of Reminderville
Date _____

Walter Hoffmann, Council President