



Village of Reminderville
Committee of the Whole
April 9, 2019

Call to Order

Meeting was called to order by Mr. Hoffmann at 7:03pm

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 March 26, 2019. Ms. Kovach seconded. All in favor except Mr. Hoffmann and Ms. Blayney who abstained.

Amendments to the Agenda

Mr. Kondik moved to add Resolution 27-2019 to the agenda. Ms. Kovach seconded. All in favor.

Kathy Powers, Twinsburg Schools Superintendent and Rob Felber, Twinsburg Board of Education President were in attendance to speak about the upcoming School Tax Levy. Mr. Felber thanked Mayor Alonso and Council for allowing them to be on the agenda to ask for support for the \$4m renewal levy which will be on the ballot on May 7. District residents will not see an increase in their real estate taxes. They are seeking the renewal levy to maintain the current opportunities and programs for their students. Ms. Powers thanked everyone in the Village for their continued support of Twinsburg Schools and for their consideration for the renewal levy. Mr. Petrovich said this particular levy was originally placed on the ballot in 2004, then renewed in 2008, and renewed again in 2019. He asked how many times it will be renewed and why not just make it a permanent levy? Mr. Felber said it's a crucial part of their funding being 8.5% of their overall budget with 85% of the budget being personnel. It hasn't come up in their discussions to make it permanent and he feels people like the opportunity to research each levy and vote. Mr. Petrovich said he has spoken with people who are upset that there is always a school levy on the ballot. There was one in 2017, 2018, and there is one coming up in 2020. How many levies do you have total? Ms. Powers said that's just the way school districts are funded in the State

of Ohio. The renewal that is being addressed, there is one more in 2021 if the Board of Education decides to put it up for renewal. If they are not endorsed by the community and there is still a need of funding, if they were to do it as a new-money issue, it would cost residents more because of the Homestead Property Tax Rollback. The renewal would save residents money by not having the additional cost. She added there are four levies. Mr. Felber added this is their only funding source. Mayor Alonso said the reason they have to ask for funding is because the State does not provide it anymore.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Alonso read a proclamation in support of Autism Awareness in the month of April.

Law Director

No report.

Engineering

Mr. Tucker reported the California Street project has started on the north end. They will be having bi-weekly progress meetings. Restoration on Nautilus will begin in the spring. They are updating their roundabout improvement plan for the Mayor's review. They are going to meet with Mayor Alonso to discuss roads, water, and the Capital Improvement Plan. They are continuing to work on resident issues. Mayor Alonso asked for the date when the restoration on Nautilus will begin. Mr. Tucker said they do not have a date yet.

Service Department

Mayor Alonso reported they have disassembled the plow trucks and are working on spring clean-up in the Village and fixing mailboxes from the plows.

Reminderville Athletic Club

Ms. Wordell read Ms. Ness' report. Every account, except for two, has gone up in the amount of 2-13% in the last two weeks. Swim Lessons and Latchkey went up by 13%. Revenue status year-to-date at 40.478% is up 5% from meeting. Summer Camp registration has started. Latchkey registration is April 29-May 3 for current student and May 6-10 for open registration. In the last two weeks, the RAC has gained 126 new memberships. The 3-on-3 basketball tournament will be rescheduled for Mayo or June. There are nine birthday parties booked for April. New classes on Wednesday at noon for Senior TRX and Fridays at 6:00am for TRX/Cycling. Ms. Ness' one-year anniversary is April 10 and she thanked everyone for their support and she is looking forward to continued success at the RAC.

Fiscal Officer

Ms. Wordell reported she and Mayor Alonso are going to speak with the students participating in The Academy at Twinsburg High School. They will be covering resume writing and mentorship. She also reported we have two interns coming in to work in Village Hall. One from Twinsburg interested in accounting and one from Aurora interested in Political Science. Ms. Wordell continued that she has

an appointment regarding the IRS issue so she will be reporting back to Council with more information. She said Ordinance 7-2019 needs to be amended to add for the OHM study.

Police

No report.

Fire

No report.

ARB

Mr. Kondik reported the next meeting is April 22 and will start at 6:30pm.

Planning & Zoning

No report.

Board of Zoning Appeals

No report.

Finance Committee

Mr. Wiggins reported they approved payments totaling \$87,372.38. They continued their discussion on shaping the budget process. They are at 26% of the year, appropriations are at 20.9%, and revenues are at 23.9%. The next meeting will begin at 6:00pm.

Community Focus

Ms. Blayney reported the meeting was all executive session.

Communications

Ms. Blayney reported the Art Show Award Ceremony is April 17 at 7:00pm at Village Hall.

Long-Term Community Development

No report.

Records

No report.

JEDD

No report.

TABLED LEGISLATION:

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 to untable these resolutions and opened it up for discussion. Ms. Kovach asked why there is a need for five supervisors with the number of staff. Chief Buck said the supervisors are just moving up in rank and this is in preparation of him retiring. He said when he leaves it will be the same number of supervisors. The rank structure is not going to change, everything will stay the same. He's not hiring new guys, he's not replacing them with anybody, and everybody will stay in place. He continued there has to be a transition period where officers are taking on new duties and learning new things; it's not like in Cleveland where ten things happen a day, here ten things happen a year so it will take time. Ms. Kovach asked who the supervisors are now. Chief Buck replied himself, a Lieutenant, and a Sergeant. This legislation is for Officer Berquist to move into the Sergeant position and Sergeant Siegfried to move into a Lieutenant spot. That will make it four supervisors so when he leaves it will go back to three. The police department is going to stay the same forever. They are maxed out forever. He's not adding anybody else. He needs another full-time officer; he would like to promote a part-time officer that is currently working full-time hours in the Village. That will finish all the hires, they'll never be more full-time people. The part-time officer should not be working full-time per ordinance but they are because of the slowness to promote. There is one full-time spot that needs to be filled. Once he fills that spot, the Village will never have to promote another person in the history of the Village unless someone retires or leaves. Nothing will change other than the part-timers who come and go, as they always do. Ms. Blayney asked how many full-timers are allowed per ordinance. Mr. Hoffmann said eight. Chief Buck said he has 15 total, some full-time, some part-time. Ms. Blayney asked if he has a retirement date set. Chief Buck replied he did not. Ms. Kovach asked if these promotions are covered in his current budget. Chief Buck replied yes.

LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE 07-2019: AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE TO MAKE APPROPRIATION ADJUSTMENTS FOR THE 2019 VILLAGE BUDGET. 2nd Reading. *Hoffmann*

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. 3rd Reading. *Alonso*

Mr. Wiggins said this expense is not covered in the current budget. Mayor Alonso said police and fire split the cost for dispatch. Ms. Wordell said her opinion is to wait and see if they need it but if Council wants to add it right now, they can. Chief Buck said the money is not in his budget and the computer update cost a lot of money. Mr. Wiggins thinks it's appropriate to adjust the budgets for police and fire. He feels Ms. Wordell's suggestion is valid and they

can come back in September but it should be noted that Council is obligating them to spend more money than they planned to. They can either give money now or make a note stating they won't be held up for that money later and that is the Finance Committee recommendation.

RESOLUTION 17-2019: A RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE TWINSBURG CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT'S 6.9 MILL RENEWAL LEVY. 2nd Reading. *Hoffmann*

RESOLUTION 18-2019: A RESOLUTION TO HIRE INDEPENDENT CONTRACTORS AS PERSONAL TRAINERS AND FITNESS INSTRUCTORS FOR THE REMINDERVILLE ATHLETIC CLUB, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading. *Blayney*

RESOLUTION 19-2019: A RESOLUTION TO HIRE SCOTT SPARLING AS A FRONT DESK ASSOCIATE FOR THE REMINDERVILLE ATHLETIC CLUB AND TO BE PAID AT THE RATE OF NINE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$9.00) PER HOUR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading. *Blayney*

RESOLUTION 20-2019: A RESOLUTION TO HIRE JONATHAN CZECH AS A SEASONAL PART-TIME LABORER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO BE PAID AT THE RATE OF NINE AND 50/100 DOLLARS (\$9.50) PER HOUR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading. *Alonso*

RESOLUTION 21-2019: A RESOLUTION TO HIRE MASON BICE AS A SEASONAL PART-TIME LABORER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO BE PAID AT THE RATE OF NINE AND 25/100 DOLLARS (\$9.25) PER HOUR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading. *Alonso*

RESOLUTION 22-2019: A RESOLUTION TO HIRE BRANDON BUTLER AS A SEASONAL PART-TIME LABORER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE TO BE PAID AT THE RATE OF NINE AND 25/100 DOLLARS (\$9.25) PER HOUR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading. *Alonso*

RESOLUTION 23-2019: A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT(S). 1st Reading. *Alonso*

RESOLUTION 24-2019: A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF ROXANNE BASEL TO THE VILLAGE OF REMINDERVILLE CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading. *Alonso*

RESOLUTION 25-2019: A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF REMINDERVILLE TO ACCEPT QUOTES FOR BUSINESS INSURANCE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading. *Alonso*

RESOLUTION 26-2019: A RESOLUTION TO HIRE PAUL CARPENTER AS AN INDEPENDENT CONTRACTOR FOR LEGAL SERVICES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading. *Alonso*

RESOLUTION 27-2019: A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE PROPOSAL SUBMITTED BY OHM ADVISORS FOR A PRELIMINARY FLOOD STUDY TO DEVELOP A STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE VILLAGE OF REMINDERVILLE. 1st Reading. *Alonso*

Mayor Alonso said he would like to add “not to exceed \$12,000.00”. Ms. Lohan will amend the legislation.

Old Business
New Business

Adjournment

Mr. Wiggins moved to adjourn. Ms. Kovach seconded. All in favor.
Meeting adjourned at 7:48pm

Respectfully submitted,

Stacey Task, Clerk of Council
Village of Reminderville
Date _____

Walter Hoffmann, Council President