

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE OF GREENFIELD – March 17, 2020

Prior to the start of business, City Manager Todd Wilkin opened the meeting with prayer. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roberta Karnes, Clerk.

Village Council Vice-Chairman Eric Borsini called the March 17, 2020 meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The following members answered to roll call: Mark Branham, Brenda Losey, Eric Borsini and Kyle Barr. Mr. Borsini moved to excuse Phil Clyburn as he was unable to attend. Mr. Barr seconded the motion. Vote – yea 4, nay 0. Motion carried. City Manager Todd Wilkin was also in attendance.

MINUTES: Mrs. Losey made a motion to accept the March 3rd special meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Branham seconded. Vote – yea 4, nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey made a motion to accept the March 3rd regular meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Barr seconded. Vote – yea 4, nay 0. Motion carried.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS: City Manager Wilkin informed council that Village Solicitor Brian Zets contacted him that he would not be able to attend tonight's meeting due to Covid19. He prepared the new legislation before council this evening and is currently working on code enforcement regarding junk/abandoned vehicles.

City Manager's Report – Mr. Wilkin provided the following report: *(1) Covid-19/Coronavirus Pandemic* – Mr. Wilkin addressed Council and the general public about the ongoing Coronavirus Pandemic and expressed that we are meeting in a very strange time. Local restaurants and many businesses have been forced to change their operations or close. Many individuals are concerned if they have caught the virus and much attention is being diverted toward COVID-19. We have communicated with many of our business leaders who are struggling to understand what all the mandates and quarantines mean. As I have said before we are a strong community and if we continue to express our care for one another, and pray for one another, we're going to be okay. I also realize there is a tremendous amount of information that is being sought and often times hard to obtain. We are trying our best to keep up with the changes in the state government but more importantly to our local governments. We have shared a tremendous amount of information on the Village of Greenfield Facebook page from the Highland County Health Dept., Paint Creek EMS Fire District and Adena's Facebook page. Please "Like" and follow these pages for the most up to date information for our community. Every morning

we have started our day with an update from our local EMA Director David Bushelman and the associated members of the EMA officers. Starting tomorrow the call will be moved to a teleconference call to adhere to the state guidelines of maintaining social distancing and keep the meeting to under 50 people. If you have any concerns about your health, we highly recommend you call your health care provider and explain your situation. If you go to the ER you could be exposing others to your risk and the hospital will not test you without you meeting the COVID-19 criteria. He provided a few numbers for people to contact to ask questions and seek out guidance if they are sick. (2) Mutual Aid – After meeting this morning with the EMA office we met with Hillsboro Mayor Justin Harsha, SSD Brienne Abbot and Public Works Director Shawn Adkins to talk about mutual aid. This mutual aid extends beyond police mutual aid it insures we will assist each other in times of need; copies were provided to council. This is not new but rather solidifies what has been in place for years. The idea of providing resources for neighboring municipalities is seen very favorably at the state level. I will give you an example of how we could assist one another. Our WWTP requires a Class III operator and Tate Wagner could go to their plant to help them or one of their employees could come here to help us. If Tim Beach were to get sick, we could ask one of the Hillsboro operators to come over and assist us if necessary and we could return the favor if needed. We want to thank Mayor Harsha for extending the offer to assist if necessary. (3) Police Personnel – We will be promoting our third shift dispatcher, Nicole Michael, to patrolman. Nicole has been with the department for well over a year and we are excited that she will be moving to the road. We have hired one of our auxiliary officers, Bradley Near, to fill Nicole's position. We have been working short in the police department for several months and it is consuming much overtime. Our officers continue to make great strides in removing drugs from our community. Drugs are a continual moving target, but our department is making a big impact on removing individuals, vehicles, and houses involved in drugs from our community. (4) COPS Grant application – We applied for a COPS grant last week. The grant will pay for 75% of a cop's salary for 3 years and if awarded could be extended beyond those 3 years. (5) CRISI Grant – On a much brighter note, we were notified that we were awarded the CRISI grant for the much-needed improvements on our railroad. We will have a conference call tomorrow with the Ohio Rail Development Commission to talk about the award and the impact the money will have on our local economy and region. We are extremely excited about this grant and the positive impact this will have on our railroad. We will learn more about this grant and the execution thereof in the next few weeks; for example, when we can get started and the necessary criteria. We will keep council informed on this grant and timeframes for the project start-up.

COMMUNICATIONS – Mr. Borsini addressed the citizens of Greenfield about the Coronavirus pandemic. He stated that at this time there are 67 confirmed cases in

the state of Ohio and 31 of them are from Cuyahoga County. We all very much need to practice the social distancing of 6 feet in order not to spread this virus throughout our community. He thanked the local stores for being kept open and well stocked. He asked the public to patronize the local restaurants and small businesses having to close their inside business. We need to support them through their pick-up or delivery services. Mrs. Losey stated that there are several waiters and waitresses and many others suddenly out of work. In filing for unemployment, the government has waived the waiting weeks. Individuals must file everything online, if you have problems contact Ohio Means Jobs Center for help. People will need to keep busy during this time. Assist your neighbors especially the elderly; check to see if they have a need. Mr. Branham stated that Election Day has been postponed and moved to June. He thanked the poll workers for being ready to go at the final hour, stated that he appreciates them for their time and work in keeping up until the final hour. He also stated that absentee ballots are still being accepted.

LEGISLATION: Mrs. Losey provided third reading of Ordinance No. 04-2020 – An Ordinance amending the 2020 Permanent Appropriations Ordinance No. 17-19, by increase and distribution in the Park Fund, Namely Ohio Department of Natural Resources Nature Works Grant (Felson Park). Mrs. Losey moved to adopt Ordinance 04-2020. Mr. Barr seconded. Vote – yea 4, Barr, Branham, Losey, Borsini; nay 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 04-2020 was duly adopted.

Mrs. Losey provided first reading of Ordinance No. 09-2020 – An Ordinance Vacating the Unimproved Right-of-Way/Alley located between Parcel Numbers 27-12-001-210.00 and 27-12-001-214.00, located at 428 N. Fifth Street, Greenfield, Ohio. Mr. Branham moved to receive Ordinance 09-2020. Mr. Barr seconded the motion. Vote – yea 4, Branham, Losey, Borsini, Barr; nay 0. Motion carried. Discussion was held.

Mrs. Losey provided first reading of Resolution No. 07-2020 – A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts awarded in 2020 and declaring an emergency. Mr. Branham moved to receive Resolution 07-2020. Mrs. Losey seconded the motion. Vote – yea 4, Losey, Borsini, Barr, Branham; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Branham seconded. Vote – yea 4, Borsini, Barr, Branham, Losey; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey moved to adopt Resolution 07-2020. Mr. Branham seconded. Vote – yea 4, nay 0. Barr, Branham, Losey, Borsini; nay 0. Motion carried. Resolution No. 07-2020 was duly adopted.

Mrs. Losey provided first reading of Resolution No. 08-2020 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager to execute a Mutual Aid Agreement with the City of Hillsboro for police protection services and declaring an emergency. Mr.

Branham moved to receive Resolution No. 08-2020. Mrs. Losey seconded the motion. Vote – yea 4, Branham, Losey, Borsini, Barr; nay 0. Motion carried. Discussion was held. Mr. Branham moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Barr seconded. Vote – yea 4, Losey, Borsini, Barr, Branham; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey moved to adopt Resolution 08-2020. Mr. Branham seconded. Vote – yea 4, Borsini, Barr, Branham, Losey; nay 0. Motion carried. Resolution No. 08-2020 was duly adopted.

OLD BUSINESS: Mr. Barr, when asked about the new website, stated that the website is very near completion. There is still a little tweaking of things, but it will be done very soon. He said it is looking very good, but he would like to have more photos taken from around town. Anyone wishing to share photos send them to Kyle's email kbarr@greenfieldohio.net

NEW BUSINESS: Inquiry was made about Baseball/Softball signups, wanting to know if the program was going to be suspended. City Manager Wilkin stated that the program has not been suspended and we are encouraging those wishing to signup to pick up forms on the third floor of City Hall and once completed to place them in the water & sewer drop box on the first floor of City Hall or in the outside drop box or mail them in. If there is no ball season this year money will be refunded.

City Manager Wilkin informed council and the public that the Police lobby has been shut down as we try to protect our staff. With the Police personnel being small it would be hard should one become sick. Third floor staffing has been cut back to handle essential work and walk-in traffic and others are working remotely from home.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Losey made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Barr seconded. Vote – yea 4, nay 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Council this 7th day of April,
2020.

Roberta Karnes, Clerk of Council

Phil Clyburn, Chairman of Council