



Council Work Session

April 3, 2025 at 7:00 PM

2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

Minutes

Present:

Councilpersons Grant, Martin, McNamara, Paessun, Camara, Koss
Mayor Tiffany Southard, Law Director Jesse Shamp, Planner Eric Fischer

SURVEYS: 00:00:37 Of Audio Recording

- Councilperson Paessun sent 3 survey drafts to Council for review (staff survey, exit survey, resident survey)-discussion to follow

COUNCIL COMPENSATION: 00:01:42

- Currently \$150 per month; Fiscal was asked to review-discussion to follow

TREE SURVEY: 00:02:56

- Quotes were provided by 3 vendors for surveying the remaining trees around the South Lake, and the trees around the North Lake
- Concern shared with Legal regarding easements/ROW around the lakes for the survey. Law director will research next steps
- How to know where Village property and Resident property begins and ends-Planner Fischer reviewed maps; Village can guide contractors to avoid trespass in certain areas.
- Recommendation to notice affected residents

RESIDENT SURVEYS: 00:09:10

- The Village did a resident survey in 2018-an update of this is proposed by Planner Fischer; Councilperson Paessun developed a resident survey as well
- Council President Camara reviewed changing out some pieces of previous survey to reflect current concerns; discussion followed
- An ad-hoc sub-committee will be formed to review and present to the full Council-at the 4/10 meeting, the sub-committee will be formed-Councilperson Passeun intends to chair; may review internal surveys as well
- Discussion held re making sure privacy and anonymity are protected
- Planner Fischer will reach out to the previous survey partner regarding availability and interest

COUNCIL COMPENSATION: 00:22:39

- Currently \$150 per month; -was raised from \$50 four years ago
- Does not affect current members-any raise would take affect for those beginning a term in January of 2025
- Discussions to be held with Fiscal regarding possible affordability of increase-how might this impact the Village financially

- Mayor Southard shared that Council has supported Salary Increased for staff, and feels that Council is deserving of an increase as well
- Council President suggests \$400/month as a starting point for discussion; Councilperson Grant suggests 350/month for council and 450/month for Council President
- Legislation approving an increase must be approved by August before petitions must be filed for candidates

POOL: 00:51:20

- 66 Memberships so far; early bird discount expires May 1
- Grant from ODNR for the pool was awarded in the amount of \$345,050; this can be used for buildings; will need to get an architect on board to move forward
- \$7250 quote received for repairs/preseason maintenance of the pool; bare minimum to keep pool operational until it can be replaced

DISCUSSION REGARDING STAFFING AND PAY 00:58:57

- branched off of Pool discussion; balancing holidays, allocation of payroll and hours were discussed

SERVICES COMMITTEE: 01:05:17

- Councilperson Martin spoke with GroundMaster re 2-3 year contract; staff will reach out to 5 seasons for the same
- April Food trucks have been confirmed

VILLAGE PLANNER: 01:07:30

- Ecoplumbers did some work on Alder Vista; shared some documents from them that the additional work performed was over \$12,000. They paid for a Right of Way Permit. Discussion held to reimburse the resident for part or all of this, as the work was of benefit to the Village. Planner Fischer will obtain photos of the work done. The entire project was over \$31,000.
- Mayor asks that staff try to determine approximate cost if the Village was to have hired this work to be done for comparison.

PHANTOM FIREWORKS BUILDING UPDATE: 01:17:31

- Parking lot has accumulated some trash; Planner Fischer will check into this
- Councilperson Koss asked for an update on the building: permits have been received, interior construction is underway; Blendon TWP Building Department has been overseeing, CFD has been consulted
- The Village would like to see Phantom Fireworks install "Private Property" signs so that the police can work to enforce any unauthorized parking etc. on the property as reported by the owner.
- Councilperson Koss asks about legality of cutting through the Phantom parking lot to get to the traffic light; discussion followed; legal will review

MAINTENANCE GARAGE: 01:20:44

- Jacobs to review some comments from contractor before construction begins

OTHER ITEMS: 01:30:32

- ⦿ Lighting at Village entrance-Farview: Planner Fischer spoke with Westerville School-The belief is that when connecting the water line, the electric was cut by their contractor. WCS is researching
- ⦿ Liquor permit-Council President will review status with Law Director Shamp
- ⦿ Correcting language regarding zoning of Jordan Rd. Properties: Legal will prepare legislation
- ⦿ Council President Camara shared resident concerns re quality of audio during council meetings; staff will put out wireless mic
- ⦿ Discussion held regarding upcoming interviews for pending council vacancy: 3 applications received; interviews and selections will be held May 8
- ⦿ Councilperson McNamara was thanked for his 5+years of service to the Village!

Meeting adjourned at 8:37 PM

Jeffrey Wilcheck, Fiscal Officer

Tiffany Southard, Mayor