



Caucus & Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, September 26, 2023
7:00 p.m.

CAUCUS:

Mr. Barr called the caucus meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

ROLL CALL: S. Barr, D. Walker, B. Furey, J. Deeds, G. Bellan, D. Post and K. Labbe

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Scaffide, Mayor
Matt Vazzana, Law Director
Christina Conway, Finance Director
Shannon Collins, Clerk of Council
Mark Gutowski, Senior Communications Administrator

Presentations:

No presentations this evening.

Items for Discussion:

Interim Chief Bosso and Lt. Chris Sorm spoke to council about changing the fire truck order that was approved and ordered last year. In October of 2022 council approved a ladder truck and upon further research and discussion the department feels a platform truck would be a better fit for the community. After looking at the budget and the ten year plan, it is time to make the change from two ladder trucks of that size in the community. The cost of changing the truck currently on order from a straight stick to a platform does go up, but the plan is to save the city over \$2 million over the next five years.

Lt. Sorm stated the trucks are getting more and more expensive. In 2022 \$1.3-\$1.5 million with a build time of 18-20 months. Over the year of 2022 there were several price increases. While the platform truck will cost more now, it will eliminate the need to purchase one in the next five years (which would more than likely have gone up in price). The department would like to move to a platform truck due to the safety it provides for the firefighters and those they may need to rescue. Looking at the money and the safety issues it makes more sense to purchase a platform truck in place of the straight stick ladder truck.

Lt. Sorm stated that the current build time for a new truck is 46-49 months. The current trucks are 23 years old and NFPA recommended for them to be moved to reserve status after 15 years and at 25 years be replaced. To build a new truck would put the trucks outside the recommended times. The dealership, Atlantic would become the customer. They order trucks and advertise them. As of the last couple week they has three trucks that would fit what the city would need with 85% of the most popular items departments need. As of today it is down to two trucks which are available to be purchased from

anyone. These trucks are already in the build stage and timeframe to get them is decreased. One truck would be available in October of 2024, the other in February 2025.

Interim Chief Bosso stated that the truck the city previously ordered can be purchased by another department. He believes this is the right equipment for the department and the community. As a resident and a department head he wants to be sure he is a good steward of the taxpayer's money. He stated there is a cost difference between the trucks. The one already ordered \$1.7 mil, the new truck is at \$2.28 million, which is a \$500,000 increase. With this change the department does not need to come back to council in five years for another truck which may cost \$2.5 million by then.

Mayor Scaffide stated that the current order can be cancelled. Mr. Barr clarified that the department has two ladder trucks now, were proposing to cancel the current order for a ladder truck; attempt to purchase something that is already in the build cycle to reduce turnaround time to try to stay within the NFPA standards; in the meantime keep both ladder trucks in operation. Interim Chief Bosso stated that is correct. Mr. Barr asked if when new platform truck arrives, both current ladder trucks will be retired. Interim Chief Bosso stated that would be correct since they would be past the recommended useful life of 25 years.

Mr. Bellan stated if we do all that was mentioned is the city still needing another truck that is not a ladder. Interim Chief Bosso stated not for ten years but talks would need to start in about eight years. Mr. Bellan stated that the overall fleet would be negative one.

Mrs. Labbe asked stated that past reports indicate multiple calls at the same time. In the past twenty years has the city ever needed two ladder trucks at the same time? Interim Chief Bosso stated not that he remembers.

Mr. Post asked what happens if one of the trucks goes now for extended maintenance or repairs. Interim Chief Bosso stated that the department would need to rely on mutual aid.

Mrs. Walker inquired about the fuel on the trucks, how much they hold and where they refuel. Lt. Sorm stated they truck is a 65 gal tank and gets refueled at when it is at $\frac{3}{4}$ tank to ensure they are full when heading on calls. If on a call and running the pumps for a lot of water it goes through more quickly. They fill the trucks at the pumps down in Public Works.

Mr. Deeds asked what the backup plan is if the two trucks that are in the build process now through Atlantic are not available. Interim Chief Bosso stated they can look at other Atlantic dealerships in other areas.

Mr. Barr asked what is needed from council. Mrs. Conway stated that since there was legislation passed for the 2022 truck we would need to amend to new amount. Mr. Vazzana stated that we would need legislation to amend the previous legislation. Mrs. Conway stated based on timeline presented the vehicles may be off the market before our next meeting. Mr. Barr asked what they can do tonight to authorize this. Mayor stated we can do a letter of commitment subject to council approval. Mr. Vazzana stated that they cannot bind the city legally without council approval but he has advised a letter of commitment stating the timeline for council approval. Mr. Post asked if a letter of intent would suffice for Atlantic. Lt. Sorm stated he was told no but stated he would confirm.

The mayor stated that council could make a motion tonight instructing the Law Director to draw up legislation for the purchase the truck. This shows some commitment from council. Mr. Barr asked what the purchase amount is \$2,278,736.00. A special meeting would be recommended.

Mrs. Labbe asked if the city as the money for the difference in the vehicles. Mrs. Conway stated that the city will be financing the purchase but will not be paying Atlantic anything until the vehicle is received.

Mr. Deeds asked for confirmation where the savings would come from. Interim Chief Bosso stated it comes from not asking for another truck in the next five years, which brings the fleet to minus one. This will also save the city on fuel and insurance.

No further items for discussion this evening.

Audience Participation:

Dan Stauffer – 2091 Gary Drive

Mr. Stauffer spoke about an issue with the pond on his property. He stated there are two issues he wanted to discuss. Mr. Stauffer passed out photos to council. There is a fence along Glenwood drive that was installed by the city around early 2000s. The fence needs repaired, replaced or removed. Mr. Stauffer passed out additional photos regarding the pond. The last 16 years there have been issues with the pond on his property. The city approached them for an easement for an outlet structure and storm sewer. Upon installation the pond was leaking. Over the years there have been numerous attempts to resolve this and maintain the water in the pond, none have been successful. He would argue that the installation and design were done wrong. They have been asking for maintenance on this for years. There have been attempts to fix but still proves to be leaking. This needs to be resolved, replaced or something else. He has spoken with some of council and the mayor about this. He received a letter from the Law Director to allow the city to repair it and after the homeowner would take over all future maintenance. Mr. Stauffer stated this in unacceptable.

Mr. Deeds asked if it was leaking at the structure. Mr. Stauffer stated yes. In his opinion it was not designed correctly.

Lynn Clark – 2485 Old Mill Road

Mr. Clark stated that there used to be Tree City signs as you entered the city. He asked what happened to them. Mr. Furey stated that there were requirements to become a Tree City and we were not classified as one.

Mr. Clark stated that he heard something he like and that was that the Fire Chief is a resident. We have a lot of people making key decisions that are not residents of the town they serve. He asked why the city does not have residency requirements. Mr. Barr stated that most residency requirements, especially in public safety, have been ruled unconstitutional. Mr. Clark stated he did not know that.

Mr. Clark stated he knows there is a new process for public records requests. He gets an email stating he has received the request but he still in not getting actual responses to his requests. He stated he does not have a ton of requests but he does have four or five. Mr. Furey stated he has asked that council be notified when there is a request of information. He stated that the city is happy to give you information

but will not create reports that our system does not generate. Mr. Clark stated that he has asked for the public records as defined by Ohio standards. Mr. Furey stated that when he read the request it looks like a request for tasks to be done. Mr. Clark stated he was being as specific as possible. Mr. Furey stated the city is working to get public requests out but will not create a term paper for residents. Mr. Clark stated that he has been told not documents do not exist but then appear later.

Mr. Clark stated he was told to get Mrs. Ziegler a list of his questions and he would get a response. He has not received anything yet. Mr. Vazzana stated that example is not a public record. Mrs. Ziegler opened questions up to the community regarding the Zoning Code Update. Mr. Clark stated the he was told he would get a response. Mr. Vazzana stated that none of the department heads have a legal responsibility to every question that is sent into them. This seems to be what you are suggesting be done. Mrs. Ziegler stated she would submit these questions to the team to review as part of the Zoning Code update, which she did. Mr. Vazzana stated that was not a public records request. Mr. Clark stated that was two different things. Mr. Vazzana stated Mr. Clark has other requests and as he was told with legal citations prior that he has to ask for specific, existing documents.

Mr. Clark stated he has asked for the communications between the city and Scannell. Mr. Vazzana stated that he has received that prior and then requested. This request is hundreds and hundreds of files that is over thousands of pages. The State of Ohio requires public entities to provide documents when they are specifically requested. It does not require us to create documents for requestors. He stated public officials are not required to answer questions and create documents responsive to that. Mr. Clark asked why when he asks for the checklist for Scannell that he was told it did not exist, then it appears later. Mr. Vazzana stated that this has already been litigated and the city had won. The city is committed to getting documents to residents if they exist.

No further audience participations at this time.

Pending Legislation:

Ordinance 88-2023 – Mr. Barr stated this ordinance will be on its final reading tonight as an emergency. As a reminder this ordinance is to accept the tax amount and rate for the 2023 tax year. These taxes will be collected in 2024. The Total millage is 3.0 which the county estimates to generate \$2.19 million. This amount includes the 0.3 for the Police Pensions, 0.3 for Fire Pensions and the 2.4 mils for the Police & Fire Levy Fund. The reason for the emergency is to have it to Summit County by the deadline of 10/1.

Ordinance 89-2023 – Mr. Barr stated this ordinance is for the advancement of local taxes from Summit County. This will also be on its third and final reading tonight with an emergency clause. Ordinance 89 is annual legislation to authorize the request of advancement from the county for local taxes. The reason for the emergency is to have it to Summit County by the deadline of 10/1.

Ordinance 92-2023 – Mr. Barr stated this ordinance is a budget adjustment for the Bank Stabilization and Sanitary Repair Project. This will also be on its third and final reading tonight.

Ordinance 95-2023 – Mr. Barr stated this ordinance is to amend Resolution 56-2020 regarding the JEDI Committee. This will also be on its third and final reading tonight. As stated in previous meetings, this

does not change the composition of the resident members of the committee but employee and council members are in line with other board and commissions of the city.

Mr. Deeds that council received a letter this morning from the JEDI committee asking that we do not act on this tonight. He would like council to consider tabling this for another meeting to allow members to come in and speak.

Resolution 97-2023 – Mr. Barr stated this resolution is the receipt and acknowledgement of the monthly reports for April – June 2023.

Ordinance 98-2023 – Mr. Barr stated this ordinance is to amend the appropriations for the Capital Improvement Fund. The Community Center sustained damage in recent storms and a claim was made with the city insurance carrier. They have agreed to reimburse the city in the amount of \$41,319.27. Since this was an unplanned expense, the corresponding revenue and expense needs to be adjusted to account for this. The reason for the emergency is to be able to start the work as soon as possible.

Ordinance 99-2023 – Mr. Barr stated this ordinance is to award the Glen Chamberlin playground project under the cooperative purchasing contract with OMNIA. This legislation allows for the city to both participate and enter into an agreement with OMNIA Partners. The total amount for the project is \$224,938.54. This will be paid for with \$100,000.00 in ODNR grant money and \$124,938.54 from the Capital Improvement fund. The reason for the emergency is to be able to get the equipment ordered for install prior to the park reopening in summer of 2024.

Ordinance 100-2023 – Mr. Barr stated this ordinance is to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with OPBA Patrol Unit. Details of this agreement will be discussed during the legislation part of the regular council meeting.

Ordinance 101-2023 - Mr. Barr stated this ordinance is to enter into a collective bargaining agreement with OPBA Dispatchers Unit. Details of this agreement will be discussed during the legislation part of the regular council meeting.

Miscellaneous:

No miscellaneous this evening.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

Regular Council Meeting:

Mr. Barr called the Regular Council meeting to order at 8:10pm.

ROLL CALL: S. Barr, D. Walker, B. Furey, J. Deeds, G. Bellan, D. Post and K. Labbe

ABSENT:

ALSO PRESENT: Sam Scaffide, Mayor
Matt Vazzana, Law Director
Christina Conway, Finance Director

Shannon Collins, Clerk of Council
Mark Gutowski, Senior Communications Administrator

INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Deeds bestowed the Invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS DATED AUGUST 22, 2023.

Mr. Post asked if the minutes could be approved at the next meeting due to council receiving them late. Council agreed and will consider these for approval at the next meeting.

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS:

Mayor Scaffide presented the Twinsburg Theater with a Proclamation on winning awards for their Mary Poppins production.

No further awards or presentations this evening.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:

Steve Humel – 2500 Old Mill Road

Mr. Humel spoke about the proposed Senior Development in the Township. Part of the process is the Fire Departments approval to provide services to that location. He believes there is some safety issues, one being one way in or out on a long cul-de-sac.

Laura Leonard – Twinsburg Public Library

Ms. Leonard gave an update about what is happening at the library and the services that they provide. The Library services the City of Twinsburg, Twinsburg Township and Reminderville. They are not governed by the school board but are taxing authority should the library need to go out for the levy. They also approve newly nominated trustees for the library board. They are an independent library but belong to the CleNet Library consortium. They are funded in part by two, one mill continuing levies and by a percentage of the state's general revenue fund which is sent to Summit County and divided amongst the seven library using a formula. One factor of this is how many books/items get checked out. By checking out more, you help bring more state money to the library. There are two support organizations, The Friends of the Twinsburg Library and the foundation.

Ms. Leonard stated some of the services the library provides including that e-books can be borrowed, online movie access. They also circulate board games, hot spots, non-traditional items such as traffic cones, woks, ukulele, hot air guns, and more. The library also provides passport and notary services. They have partnerships with Jobs & Family Services who visit monthly. Ohio Means Jobs also visits monthly. They have also hosted naturalization ceremonies. The bookmobile will delivery many items.

No further public participation this evening.

COUNCIL COMMUNICATION AND REPORTS

David Post - Charter Review, Glen Eagles Advisory, Planning, Public Works

- The next Planning Commission meeting will be on 9/28.
- Nothing further this evening.

Karen Labbe – ARB, Parks & Rec, JEDI, Twins Day

- ARB met on 9/21.
 - Case 23-09-48 8601 Independence Pkwy. – US Autoforce signage – Approved
 - Case 23-09-49 10539 Ravenna Rd. – Vasser New Home Build – Approved
 - Case 23-09-50 2569 E. Aurora Rd. – Jasmine Beauty Center – Sign Change – Approved
 - Case 23-09-51 10362 Andover Dr. – Shah Home Addition – Approved
- The CIC met on 9/21. Mrs. Ziegler provided an update and also stated that the Blue Top has sold. Their next meeting will be on 10/12 at 5:00pm.
- The next Parks & Recreation meeting will be on 10/26.
 - Fall Fest 10/28
 - 20th Anniversary Party 9/16 which was a great event. Thanked Laura and Jennifer for their work.
 - Senior Snow Plow applications are being accepted until 11/30.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting earlier this evening.
- The next JEDI meeting will be 10/9 at 6:00pm
- Nothing further this evening.

Bill Furey - Capital Improvements, Finance, Tax Incentive, Treasury Investment

- Attended the Finance Committee meeting earlier this evening. Stated CIB recommendations and reports were discussed. There was also talks on a new budget process.
- Thanked the Capital Improvement Board members for their hard work over the past month or so.
- Attended the 20th Anniversary of the Senior Center.
- Stated the deadline to appeal your property tax is on 9/30. You can call the Summit County Fiscal Office at 330-643-2710 or visit their website.
- The next Zoning Code public outreach will be 10/4 from 5:30-7:30p at the Community Center.
- Nothing further this evening.

Jeff Deeds – BZA, Community Relations, JEDI, Public Safety

- Attended the Finance Committee meeting earlier this evening.
- The next BZA meeting will be on 9/27 at 6:30p.
- The next Zoning Code public outreach will be 10/4 from 5:30-7:30p at the Community Center.
- The next JEDI meeting will be 10/9.
- Thanked the Police Department for their work with the traffic concerns.
- Nothing further this evening.

Daisy Walker – JEDI, Community Relations, Environmental

- Attended the Finance Committee meeting earlier this evening.
- The next Community Relations Committee meeting will be in October.
- The next JEDI meeting will be 10/9.
- Nothing further this evening.

Greg Bellan – Finance, Fitness Advisory, Public Works, Public Safety

- Thanked Dodge Intermediate School for another excellent Father’s Walk.
- Attended the Finance Committee meeting earlier this evening. Thanked the Capital Improvement Board for their work. The next meeting will be on 10/24 at 6:00pm.
- The next Public Works meeting will be on 10/10.
- The next Public Safety meeting will be on 11/14.
- The next Zoning Code Update Working Committee meeting will be on 9/13 and the next Community Outreach will be on 10/4 from 5:30-7:30p at the Community Center. The next survey is available on Together Twinsburg.
- Nothing further this evening.

Scott Barr – Finance, Public Safety, Public Works, Volunteer Fireman

- Attended the Finance Committee earlier this evening. Thanked Mrs. Conway for the transparency to the residents.
- Thanked Jennifer and Laura from Parks & Recreation for all their work.
- Thanked Chief Mason for the increased presence for traffic enforcement.
- Nothing further this evening.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

- Attended the Anniversary Party for the Senior Center. Thanked Jennifer and Laura for all they do.
- Stated that the Macedonia Mayor challenged him to wear the opposing team’s jersey if their High School Football team lost. Unfortunately, Twinsburg did not win.
- Stated he had a visit from an exchange student from Kenya who asked some very good questions.
- Stated that the city has seven charter amendments on the ballot this November. The city has created a printed booklet that covers each issue number. These can be picked up at the Senior Center, Fitness Center, Library, Glen Eagles or City Hall. There is also short videos with a summary that will be available soon. For more information visit Together Twinsburg or feel free to call city hall.
- Nothing further this evening.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Jennifer Betenson – Parks & Recreation Director

- Introduced the new Assistant Parks & Recreation Director, Michele Harmel.
- Michele Harmel thanked the administration for the opportunity to work for the city of Twinsburg. She stated she started her Parks & Recreation career at Kent State University, then worked for the city of Streetsboro for nine years before moving to Pennsylvania for a job opportunity for the past 17 years. Stated she is happy to be back in Northeast Ohio and working for the city.

Christina Conway – Finance Director

- Stated the city received notification from the Auditor of State that the audit is complete, accepted and no material issues.
- RITA has notified the city that 3,242 non-filer letters went out this week. There will be info posted on the website on how to proceed. If residents do not file they will be moved to the subpoena program through Stow Court.

- Thanked the Capital Improvement Board. This is a unique opportunity that Twinsburg provides its residents. She stated that she has worked for other municipalities and they do not have the citizen involvement like Twinsburg does.

No Department Head reports this evening.

MOTION: TO ENTER INTO AN EXECUTIVE SESSION TO DISCUSS MATTERS PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE § 121.22(G) (4): NEGOTIATIONS. TO PREPARE FOR, CONDUCT AND REVIEW NEGOTIATIONS AND BARGAINING SESSIONS WITH PUBLIC EMPLOYEES CONCERNING THEIR COMPENSATION AND TERMS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT.

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by B. Furey

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

Mr. Barr reconvene the Council meeting at 9:23pm and stated council discussed negotiations during the executive session.

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 88-2023 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE AMOUNT AND RATE AS DETERMINED BY THE SUMMIT COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Stands on Second Reading)

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PLACE ORDINANCE 88-2023 ON IT'S THIRD AND FINAL READING

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by D. Walker

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 88-2023 AS AN EMERGENCY

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by G. Bellan

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 89-2023 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADVANCEMENT OF LOCAL TAXES FROM THE SUMMIT COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER FOR THE TAX YEAR 2023 PAYABLE IN 2024 IN ACCORDANCE WITH OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 321.34; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Stands on Second Reading)

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PLACE ORDINANCE 89-2023 ON IT'S THIRD AND FINAL READING

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by B. Furey

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 89-2023 AS AN EMERGENCY

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by D. Walker

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 92-2023 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT AS ESTABLISHED IN ORDINANCE 28-2023, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TWINSBURG FOR THE YEAR 2023, TO REFLECT GRANT FUNDING RECEIVED FOR THE BANK STABILIZATION AND SANITARY REPAIR PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (Stands on Second Reading)

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 92-2023

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by G. Bellan

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 95-2023 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE SPECIAL REVIEW COMMITTEE KNOWN AS THE JUSTICE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION COMMITTEE. (Stands on Second Reading)

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 95-2023

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by G. Bellan

MOTION: TO POSTPONE VOTE ON ORDINANCE 95-2023.

Moved by J. Deeds, no second was made therefore motion was removed.

Mrs. Labbe stated that a representative from the JEDI committee should have attended if they felt so strongly about this.

Mr. Furey stated that ordinance would make this board equal to the other boards which only have one councilmember on them or requires multiple staff members to attend every meeting. If there is a reason for more to attend that meeting then people can attend as needed.

Upon roll call original motion passed 6-1 with Mr. Deeds dissenting.

RESOLUTION 97-2023 - A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCIL'S RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS SUBMITTED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR APRIL, MAY AND JUNE 2023.

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 97-2023

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by G. Bellan

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 98-2023 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE GENERAL REVENUE ACCOUNT AS ESTABLISHED IN ORDINANCE 28-2023, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TWINSBURG FOR THE YEAR 2023, TO REFLECT THE AMOUNT NEEDED FOR A COMMUNITY CENTER ROOF REPAIR ; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PLACE ORDINANCE 98-2023 ON IT'S THIRD AND FINAL READING

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by J. Deeds

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 98-2023 AS AN EMERGENCY

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by D. Walker

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 99-2023 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CITY TO BOTH PARTICPATE IN THE OMNIA PARTNERS COOPERATIVE PURCHASING PROGRAM AND TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT PURSUANT TO THE SAME FOR THE GLEN CHAMBERLIN PLAYGROUND PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PLACE ORDINANCE 99-2023 ON IT'S THIRD AND FINAL READING

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by J. Deeds

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 99-2023 AS AN EMERGENCY

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by K. Labbe

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 100-2023 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, PATROL OFFICERS UNIT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PLACE ORDINANCE 100-2023 ON IT'S THIRD AND FINAL READING

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by B. Furey

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 100-2023 AS AN EMERGENCY

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by K. Labbe

Mr. Vazzana gave a summary of the highlights of both the Dispatch and Patrol contracts. He stated in the both contracts the two-tiered wages will go away, all members will be moved to the higher tier. In years two and three there will be a 2.5% and 3.5% wage rate adjustment. Year two of the Dispatch contract their duty hours will turn to a 36/48 hour work week. Both units will receive one time ARPA retention bonuses that are equivalent to 10% of their wages. Both units removed the afternoon shift differential pay. Shift differential will only be paid for the overnight shifts. There have been some modification for the insurance opt out pay. The Dispatch unit includes would be a \$750 annual payment for additional certifications. Patrol has agreed to a \$1,500 training bonus. The Patrol unit has agreed to lateral hire language. Thanked everyone who was involved in the negotiation process.

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 101-2023 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, DISPATCH UNIT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND PLACE ORDINANCE 101-2023 ON IT'S THIRD AND FINAL READING

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by J. Deeds

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 101-2023 AS AN EMERGENCY

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by D. Walker

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS

Mr. Barr:

MOTION: TO AUTHORIZE THE LAW DIRECTOR TO AMEND ORDINANCE 95-2022 IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$2.3 MILLION TO FACILITATE THE PURPOSE OF A NEW FIRE TRUCK.

Moved by S. Barr, seconded by D. Post

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

- Asked council if there is a need for a special council meeting would council be available in the next two days. Most of council stated they would available.
- Nothing further this evening.

Jeff Deeds:

- Stated Mr. Thewes is doing well.
- Nothing further this evening.

Mr. Furey:

- Stated a local veteran, Jimmie Watkins passed away on 9/2. He was a Marine who was awarded the Bronze Star, Silver Star and two Purple Hearts for his service in the Korean War. He will be missed.
- Stated the last day to contest property values for tax purposes is 9/30. Residents can call 330-643-2710 or visit the county website to do this. If residents have a recent appraisal they can use those values to challenge also.
- The Library Foundation is hosting their annual fundraiser on 11/16. Reverse raffle tickets can be purchased at www.foundationoftpl.org Tickets cost \$100 each and only 100 will be sold.
- The Historical Society is hosting Tales of Locus Grove on 10/6 from 6-8:00p. Tickets are \$5.
- Nothing further this evening.

Mr. Bellan:

- Stated that Transitions Simplified is a Twinsburg based business who assisted in transitioning his mom into her new place. They are a change management company who assist with downsizing, moving, cleanup, auctioning and more. He stated they were very professional and would recommend if anyone is in need.
- Nothing further this evening.

Mr. Post:

- Nothing further this evening.

Mrs. Walker:

- Nothing further this evening.

Karen Labbe:

- Thanked Mr. Vazzana, Mrs. Kalail, Mrs. Conway and the entire bargaining team on completing the Police and Dispatch contracts.
- Nothing further this evening.

Mayor Scaffide

- Nothing further this evening.

Mr. Vazzana

- Nothing further this evening.

Mrs. Conway

- Nothing further this evening.

Mrs. Collins

- Nothing further this evening.

ADJOURNMENT:

MOTION: TO ADJOURN THE MEETING.

Moved by D. Walker, seconded by G. Bellan

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 9:48pm.

Attest:

Scott Barr, President of Council

Shannon Collins, Clerk of Council