Village of North Fairfield Regular Meeting March 18, 2024

The Village of North Fairfield Council held a Regular Council Meeting on Monday March 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at 3 East Main Street, North Fairfield, Ohio. Mayor called the meeting to order with the pledge of allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

Roll Call: Cody Hacker, present; Sharleen Coy, present; Trevor Arnold, present; Jeremy Antill, present; Adam Rouse, present; Joshua Radcliffe, absent; Village Solicitor, Steve Palmer, present; Village Administrator, Tom Leto, present; Mayor, Casey Hacker, present; Fiscal Officer, Shellie Cherry, present.

Motion to Excuse Officials not in Attendance: Adam Rouse made a motion to excuse Joshua Radcliffe from tonight's meeting. Cody Hacker seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Sharleen Coy, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, motion carried.

Visitors in Attendance: Ruth and Jerry Earl, and Hershel Honeycutt.

Ruth passed out papers with upcoming events for 2024 and information about Tecumseh.

Committee of Council:

Finance/Audit Committee: Nothing at this time.

Committee of Property and Maintenance: Once the weather permits, we need to fill pot holes.

Boards and Commissions:

Tree Commission: We are meeting with Hinman's to receive a quote for removing 3 trees and trimming 2. We have already received a quote from Knock Out.

Records Retention Commission: Next meeting is May 6, 2024 at 6:30 p.m.

Board of Zoning Appeals: Nothing at this time.

Representatives:

Improvement Group Representatives: March 30, 2024 at 1pm, the Easter bunny will be at the park.

Historical Association Representative: The North Fairfield High School Alumni will be having a meeting May 04, 2024.

Fairfield Volunteer Fire Department Representative: Next meeting is March 26, 2024 at 7 pm.

EMA Representative: Nothing at this time.

Council's Report: Nothing at this time.

Fiscal Officer's Report:

- Previous Minutes of March 04, 2024: Jeremy Antill made a motion to accept the minutes. Trevor Arnold seconded the motion. Roll call: Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Sharleen Coy, aye; Jeremy Antill, aye; Adam Rouse, aye. All Ayes, motion carried. Minutes from March 04, 2024 are approved.
- The fiscal officer informed council that Korey Williams from Neco stopped in today. He informed Shellie that as of June 1, 2024 the NSight software will no longer be supported. If we have a problem when she does the meter reads, it may not be fixable. If Neco is unable to fix the issue, it will take 8 weeks to upgrade to Neptune 360. This is a cloud-based software. Shellie informed council that we have had several problems with the Ranger handheld unit within the past year. She also informed them that we pay \$2,800.00 a year for NSight and Neptune 360 is \$2,300.00 a year. Korey stated that we should be able to get \$1,000.00 for the Ranger. The upgrade will cost \$11,700.00. This includes the annual subscription, server setup, on-site training, and the belt clip transceiver that includes 1-year full warranty. The mayor asked what would happen if we do not upgrade and something happens when we go to do the meter reads. He was informed if Neco was unable to fix the issue then we would have to upgrade at that point. It would take 8 weeks to complete the upgrade, which means we would be 2 months late for utility billing. The funds would come out of the water fund, capital outlay line item. Adam Rouse made a motion to authorize the solicitor to prepare legislation to authorize the mayor and fiscal officer to enter into contract with Neco, for the purposes of the Neptune 360 subscription and hardware. Sharleen Coy seconded the motion. Cody Hacker, aye; Trevor Arnold, aye; Sharleen Coy, aye; Jeremy Antill, No; Adam Rouse, aye. four ayes and one no, motion carried.
- > The office will be closed on Wednesday March 27, 2024 due to the fiscal officer going to the Local Government Conference.

<u>Administrator's Report</u>: James and Russ are working on drains and pot holes. The township will not be filling the pot holes in front of the American Legion anymore, they are inside the village limits.

Solicitor's Report: Nothing at this time

Mayor's Report: The back up generator has been delivered to BCU and they are waiting on a switch. We are able to get GIS mapping of all our water lines in the village. RCAP also stated that since we are a small village and don't have any municipal sewer lines, we may be able to map our storm drains as well. This would all be under the grant we have gotten.

Adjournment: Sharleen Coy made a motion for adjournment. Jeremy Antill seconded the motion. Council voted, all ayes; motion carried at 7:26 p.m.

**Next Meeting is on April 1, 2024 at 7 p.m. **

Approved and adopted by the Council of the Village of North Fairfield Upril

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Casey Hacker, Mayor

Shellie Cherry, Fiscal Officer