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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held: Tuesday, February 5, 2019

The regular meeting of the South Point Village Council was called to order at 7:30PM by Mayor Jeff Gaskin with the pledge of allegiance. Jerry Boggs, Assistant Pastor of the South Point Nazarene Church, led in prayer.

Members Present -	Marlene Arthur	Mike Lynd
	Chuck Austin	Bill Patrick
	Mary Cogan	Chris Smith

Village Solicitor, Randy Lambert was present.

Mr. Lynd made a motion to approve the minutes of the Organizational and Regular Council Meetings held Jan. 8, 2019. Mr. Patrick seconded.

Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-abstain, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-abstain

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to approve payment of the approved invoices. Mr. Smith seconded. Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes

Public: Kelly Smith with Treasurer of State Robert Sprague's office introduced herself saying she will be our new contact with the Treasurer's office. She said they have some programs such as Ohio checkbook and Star Ohio that she will get us more information on.

Mr. Austin made a motion to appoint Chris Smith as President Pro tempore for 2019. Mrs. Cogan seconded. Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes

Mayor said Bill VanBibber has been the Village Chaplain since Jan. 2004 but has been in too bad of health lately to attend our meetings and said he understood us needing to make a change. Mayor appointed Jerry Boggs, Assistant Pastor of the South Point Nazarene Church, as Village Chaplain for 2019.

The second reading of an Ordinance Amending Ordinance 16-07 Concerning the South Point Utilities Water system was discussed. It was agreed to change paragraph 2 of Section 4 to read:

"If a property owner requests his water service turned off to make repairs during normal SPU working hours of 8:00AM to 4:00PM Monday thru Friday, the turn off fee shall be \$50.00. If the request for turn off service is after SPU working hours, weekends or holidays, the fee shall be \$75.00. No additional fee to turn the water back on."

Mr. Austin made a motion to approve the second reading of this ordinance. Mr. Smith seconded. Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes

Mr. Lynd made a motion to adopt Ordinance 19-04 an Ordinance to Amend Appropriation Ordinance 18-10 to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of South Point, State of Ohio, during the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 2019. Mr. Smith seconded.

Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes

Mr. Lynd made a motion to suspend the 3 reading rule on Ordinance 19-05 An Ordinance Approving, Adopting and Enacting The 2019 Edition of the Model Ohio Municipal Code As Revised Through August 2, 2018 Published By American Legal Publishing for the Village of South Point Repealing Ordinances in Conflict Therewith; Publishing The Enactment Of New Matter; and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Austin seconded.

Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes

Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance 19-05. Mr. Austin seconded.

Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes

Attorney Lambert presented an ordinance revising the weed ordinance setting fees for mowing, hauling and equipment charges and setting penalties for noncompliance. Mrs. Cogan made a motion to suspend the 3 reading rule on Ordinance 19-06 Enacting Section 660.15, Entitled "Removal of High Grass, Weeds and Wild Vegetation", of the Codified

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Code of the Village of South Point, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes
Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt Ordinance 19-06. Mr. Lynd seconded.
Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes

Mrs. Arthur made a motion to approve the following transfer of funds for the month of February:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
General Fund	2904 Police Dept. Fund	25,000.00
Sewer Fund	5726 Solida Rd. Building Bond (2014 LCNI)	5,846.00
Sewer Fund	5721 Solida Sewer Bond (2017 LCNI)	4,598.00
Sewer Fund	5701 Sewer Improvements Bond (OPWC-2009)	3,380.00
Sewer Fund	5761 Sewer Reserve	4,500.00
Sewer Fund	5723 WWTP Clarifiers Rehab Loan (OWDA-2018)	4,348.00
Water Fund	5725 Water Improvements Bond (OPWC-2005)	480.00
Water Fund	5722 Water Tanks Rehab Bond (2016 LCNI)	3,597.00
Water Fund	5762 Water Reserve	1,667.00
Street Fund	3101 Street Repaving Bond (2015 LCNI)	1,116.00
Vehicle Permissive Tax	3101 Street Repaving Bond (2015 LCNI)	3,750.00
Sanitation Fund	5201 Sewer Fund (reimburse salary)	125.00
Sewer Fund	2903 Village Retirement Fund (ORC 5705.13(B), Ord 12-08)	2,280.00
Water Fund	2903 Village Retirement Fund (ORC 5705.13(B), Ord 12-08)	1,160.00
Street Fund	2903 Village Retirement Fund (ORC 5705.13(B), Ord 12-08)	560.00

Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call: yes by all.

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Financial Report, Revenue/Expenditure Account Status Report, and the Bank Reconciliation ending Jan. 31, 2019. Mr. Lynd seconded. Roll call -- yes by all.

Our bond with the Lawrence Co. Community Investment program for the 415 Solida Rd. Building is due to be paid off Dec. 1, 2019 or to be refinanced two more years as the bond was amortized for 7 years but the program only makes loans for 5 years. If we pay the loan off 12/1/2019, the payoff will be \$201,578.55. If we refinance the loan two more years, the new interest rate right now is 3.2% and may be higher at time of closing. Including two more years of interest and bond attorney fees, it will cost an additional \$6,400 to refinance. Since the sewer fund is capable of paying off the loan this year, Mr. Lynd made a motion to pay the loan off in 2019 and not refinance. Mr. Arthur seconded. Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes

We are looking into investing in the Ohio Treasurer of State's STAR Ohio program as they are currently paying 2.5% interest. There is no minimum investment amount required and no required minimum period of investment and interest is earned daily and posted monthly to your account. Mr. Lynd made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer creating a STAR Ohio account and investing funds that are available. Mr. Smith seconded. Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes

Administrator Russ McDonald reported the Ohio EPA recently did an inspection on our water system and suggested we install fencing around all wells and tanks. Russ said we now have radio transmitters on all our water meters and can be read on the hand held device driving by the meters. The sewer clarifiers rehab project is completed now, and all 4 clarifiers are in operation. He said Tribute Contracting did a very good job on the project. McDaniel's Electric has ordered the generator for the sewer plant project and should be here in 90 days. We were awarded a \$50,000 grant from Ohio EPA for the generator project.

Fire Dept. Report – Chief Mark Goodall thanked Russ McDonald for helping the department install new LED lighting in the fire station. Mark said he is getting estimates to replace the garage doors at the station.

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Police Dept. Report – Chief Chris Majher said the new police clerk, Kim Estep, is doing very well trying to collect outstanding warrants. He said we are on line with the Attorney General’s office to get help in collecting delinquent warrants. Two Tahoe cruisers were recently purchased from State Surplus and are working out very well. One unit was a K9 unit so that is working out well for our new police dog that is being trained.

Other items discussed:

- Bill Patrick asked that a letter be prepared that he can present to local businesses or residents asking for contributions for the White Cottage Cemetery fence project. The letter will state any contributions received will be credited to the village’s White Cottage Cemetery Fund that will account for receipts and expenditures for the cemetery.
- Chris Smith said the community center was opened a few of the very cold nights we recently had as a warming station if anyone needed it. He said there were a few people that used it and they received many contributions of food and blankets.
- Mayor said the Lawrence Co. Commissioners are holding a meeting 2/7/19 at 3:00pm at the Chamber of Commerce to discuss the Project First Impression campaign.

After completing all items on the agenda, Mayor Gaskin dismissed the meeting at 9:09 PM.

Clerk

Mayor