

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## Minutes of the Regular Meeting

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Held: Tuesday, July 7, 2020

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The regular meeting of the South Point Village Council was called to order at 7:00PM by Mayor Jeff Gaskin with the pledge of allegiance. Village Chaplin, Jerry Boggs led in prayer.

Members Present -           Chuck Austin           Mike Lynd  
  Mary Cogan           Chris Smith

Absent -           Brad Adkins           Marlene Arthur

Village Solicitor, Randy Lambert was present.

Mr. Lynd made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held June 2, 2020. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call: Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Smith-yes

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

Public:       B.J. Webb, 109 Freeman Court, addressed council concerning a dilapidated house at the end of his street and wanted to know if the village could go ahead and demolish the building. He commented that pests are on the property and it is a health issue to the neighbors. The mayor responded by saying we could not demolish the home, but we could cut the grass if it meets our tall grass ordinance. Randy Lambert commented that the county health dept. can be contacted in this situation.

Kim Oldaker, Village of Chesapeake's newly elected mayor, attended the meeting to introduce herself and see how South Point conducts our meetings.

Boy Scout Cade attended the meeting to ask council a few questions. He asked, "what does the council do"? Chuck Austin answered his question by explaining the council's role in government. Cade had a suggestion for the village to place trash cans near the riverbank especially by the boat ramp to clean up the area. Russ McDonald responded by saying trash cans have been placed there in the past, and sometimes end up being kicked into the river and disappearing.

Bill Dingus, Executive Director of The Point Industrial Park, attended the meeting and wanted to thank the village for being a good partner with the utilities and services we provide. He invited council to attend the grand opening of their 11<sup>th</sup> Shell building they have built in the industrial park. Bill provided an update that two new businesses will be coming soon to the park. He gave a report on some of the ideas he has for South Point to make it a better community. These include: leisure trails for walking or biking, pocket parks established throughout the area for the kids, resurfacing the asphalt on Commerce Drive, and developing another route for oversized trucks to enter the park because the round-a-bout was not developed to handle the length of those trucks.

Mrs. Cogan made a motion to approve Resolution 20-03 A Resolution Concerning the CARES Act of March 27, 2020. Mr. Lynd seconded. Roll call: Austin-yes, Cogan-yes, Lynd-yes, Smith-yes

Mr. Smith made a motion to approve the following transfer of funds for the month of July:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
General Fund	2904 Police Dept. Fund	27,230.00
Sewer Fund	5721 Solida Sewer Bond (2017 LCNI)	4,517.00
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)	4,349.00
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)	1,020.00
Vehicle Permissive Tax	3101 Street Repaving Bond (2015 LCNI)	3,750.00
Fire Dept. Fund	3102 Fire Truck Bond (2020 PNC)	2,500.00

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Sanitation Fund	5201	Sewer Fund (reimburse salary)	125.00
Sewer Fund	2903	Village Retirement Fund (ORC 5705.13(B), Ord 12-08)	2,200.00
Water Fund	2903	Village Retirement Fund (ORC 5705.13(B), Ord 12-08)	1,400.00
Street Fund	2903	Village Retirement Fund (ORC 5705.13(B), Ord 12-08)	400.00

Mrs. Cogan seconded. Roll call: yes by all.

Mr. Lynd made a motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Financial Report, Revenue/Expenditure Account Status Report, and the Bank Reconciliation ending June 30, 2020. Mr. Smith seconded. Roll call: yes by all.

Fire Dept. Report – Chief Mark Goodall reported that Kenny Hatfield with State Farm Insurance donated 48 smoke detectors for residents of South Point. The new rescue truck is being used frequently and has 1,800 miles on it. Chief presented the application of Mark Rice to council for a volunteer firefighting position with the village. No objections were made by council.

Village Administrator - Russ McDonald reported the water usage for June was 20 million gallons and processed 20 million gallons of wastewater. The water system is struggling Russ said. The water wells are pumping an estimated 800,000 gallons of water a day and our storage capacity is 800,000 gallons giving us a 100 % turnover of water. This means that the wells are working at 100% and cannot provide extra water for storage due to demand.

As of last night, one of the main well water pumps has burnt up. This could be due to high demand of water usage causing it to pump roughly 23 hours a day. In a worst case scenario, if the other main well would fail at the same time, we would not be able to meet user demand and would have to borrow water from HECLA Water. This resolution would not be able to supply the water pressure needed for areas that are on a higher elevation, and pressure needed for fire hydrants.

Russ said he would like to see water meters be installed due to the water demand he struggles to keep up with. He said the meters are not a response to a revenue issue, but rather a consumption issue. The national average household uses around 4,000 gallons of water a month. The village residents are at an average 11,000 gallons. Meters have already been installed on village owned property to monitor usage and check for leaks.

A new well is needed to relieve the demand on the other wells as they become less efficient over time. The new well will serve as a back up and peace of mind in case another well should fail. Russ said he already has a cost estimate that should not exceed \$150,000 for the new well.

Chuck Austin made a motion to move forward with purchasing a new well and to have it advertised for bid. Mr. Smith seconded. Roll call: yes by all.

For the street department, a core drill was completed by Geotechnical Consultant, Inc. for the road slipping away in Olde Farm Subdivision. The cost estimate to repair the road and not even permanently fix it would be over \$100,000.

Police Dept Report - Chief absent

Other items discussed:

- Chuck Austin brought up the idea implementing biometric time clocks for all village hourly employees. The village currently has timecards for only utility employees. Village of Chesapeake Mayor, Kim Oldaker, said they have the biometric system for their police department. Chuck would like for the police chief to be present for the next discussion of time clocks, so no action was taken by council at this meeting.
- Chris Smith brought up the concern of the village now being responsible to cut the grass in the median of U.S. 52. Randy Lambert and Coal Grove's solicitor, Mark McCown, have been working with Ohio legislatures concerning the contract between Ohio Dept. of Transportation and local municipalities. Randy said he could see a new piece of legislation happening next year allowing local municipalities to

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opt out of the maintenance of the highway, however they would have to give up their portion of the money received from the state for maintenance. The mayor said he has been in contact with Coal Grove's mayor, Gary Sherman, concerning ways to fix the problem now. This includes hiring a contractor to mow the median or grazing the median and planting wildflowers to avoid the recurring cost of mowing the land. The mayor also commented and said we already and mow and maintain 13.7 acres of land owned by the state.

- The next food truck rally is scheduled for July 25<sup>th</sup> at the Boat Ramp Park, 2nd & Ferry St., now known as Veterans Park.

After completing all items on the agenda, Mayor Gaskin dismissed the meeting at 8:53 PM

\_\_\_\_\_ signatures on file \_\_\_\_\_  
Scott Thomas, Clerk Jeff Gaskin, Mayor