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Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held: Tuesday, August 6, 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. Village Chaplain Jerry Boggs led in prayer.

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

Absent - Mary Cogan

Village Solicitor, Randy Lambert was present.

Mrs. Arthur made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting held July 2, 2019. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-absent, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes

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

Public: Tina McCann, 208 Dean St., addressed council concerning her neighbor at 207 Washington Ave. of violating several village ordinances: Ordinance 81-9, Requiring the Proper Care and Control of Pets. Ordinance 19-06, Removal of High Weeds and Wild Vegetation. She addressed the same situation at the previous council meeting and wanted to know what had been completed to resolve the issue. She noted that nothing has been completed since the village came to the house on July 3rd to weed eat. The mayor responded that officers will be over the following day to site the renter or going to the property owner.

Resident complained about speeding and running stop signs in the 9th & Park Ave. area. She said there are many children in the area and concerned someone will get hurt.

Bobbi Montgomery, republican from Jackson, and Jeff Halley, republican from Crown City, introduced themselves as they are both running for 93rd House District Seat of Ohio.

Linda Main, Treasurer for People for the Point, gave a report of the organization's accomplishments concerning their operation of the community center. They have made many improvements to the building since entering into a management agreement with the village owned building on 7/5/2016. Linda presented a contribution check from P4tP for \$1,750.00 to the village to go toward the purchase and installation of a handicapped swing accessible by children in wheelchairs in the park. Their full report may be viewed at the end of the regular meeting minutes.

Another version of the Disturbing the Peace ordinance was presented and decided to table the first reading until the September meeting so council members can review it.

Mr. Smith made a motion to adopt Resolution 19-04 a Resolution Designating 4th Street as an ODOT Bike Route Number SBR65 in the Village of South Point. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call: Arthur-yes, Austin-yes, Cogan-absent, Lynd-yes, Patrick-yes, Smith-yes

Mr. Patrick made a motion to approve the following transfer of funds for the month of August:

<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)	20,414.00
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

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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. Lynd 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 July 31, 2019. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call -- yes by all.

Fire Dept. Report – Chief Mark Goodall reported that he is planning to buy two sets of firefighter gear at nearly \$3,000 per set as the lifespan of the gear is only valid for 10 years. The fire dept. has responded to overdose calls, and a vehicle extrication emergency.

Police Dept. Report – Chief Chris Majher reported that drug operations have increased. He noted of the increased presence of officers at the Party at the Park event and no arrests were made. The proceeds of the raffling of the 2013 Cadillac is going to a good purpose for handicap equipment to be installed at the park.

Other items discussed:

- Mr. Patrick commented on the round-a-bout and the need for paint on the curves to be better visible at night. The mayor responded that the county engineer still has control over the round-a-bout.
- The American Flags around the roundabout were a very nice addition to our regular pole American and POW flags for the holidays.
- Mayor reported the water system pumped 920,000 gallons of water on Sunday, 8/4/19 and 960,000 gallons on Monday, 8/5/19.
- IBI Group met with us last week to begin working on some ideas to reduce the odor at the sewer plant.

Mr. Lynd made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:45PM. Mr. Austin seconded. Motion carried.

Scott Thomas, Clerk

Jeff Gaskin, Mayor

People for the Point full report:

My name is Linda Main. Since 2016, I have been the treasurer for People for the Point, Inc. I'm speaking today on behalf of the board of People for the Point, Inc., who have read these remarks and contributed to them.

First, we want to thank the Village Council and Mayor for their support and donation for fireworks for our Party in the Park in July. This event has been great for our village.

People from West Virginia, Kentucky and other parts of Ohio come to see our fireworks display and it is wonderful!

One of our goals for Party in the Park was to raise funds to make a donation to the Village to purchase a handicapped swing, accessible by children in wheelchairs. Our research showed these swings cost around \$2,500.00. The July Cruise-In raised \$480.00 and the dunking booth at Party in the Park raised \$385.00, for a total of \$865.00 toward the swing. We would like to present a check in the amount of \$1,750.00 to the Village for the purchase of this swing.

I recently became aware of a video posted on Facebook, stating that the Community Center was given to the People of the Point. As I tell my husband, "just because it is on Facebook, doesn't make it true!" However, because of this video, I do feel that the Village Council, Mayor and public should be made aware of changes we have made and allow us to clarify some misinformation stated in this video.

We are The People **for** the Point, Inc.; we do not **own** the building, the village does. We entered into a management agreement with council several years ago to manage and

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maintain the Community Center. The person in this video states that we have not kept up our end of the agreement, that only a few windows and a front door were installed, and that there is no trim around the door. We would like to address a few of his concerns:

1. We replaced all 10 windows in the building. The windows we installed are much more energy efficient than the previous windows. We did ask for donations for the windows. We received a tremendous response from people and/or groups in the village for this. We placed a small plaque at each window to acknowledge those donations. Great American Construction Company installed these windows at no cost; they were not given any special recognition or consideration for this.
2. The new front door was paid for by Robin Shepherd and the Snak Shak. They were not given any special recognition or consideration for this.
3. A new lock was installed on the back door because the old one was broken and wouldn't lock.
4. We purchased \$705 worth of new energy efficient LED lights for the facility in February 2019. However, when the lights were installed, they were installed by someone sent by the Village, who was assumed to be trustworthy and knowledgeable about installation, especially because this individual owns his own construction company. However, within one week of installation, the lights began to fall and burn and had to be thrown away. We are now burdened with having to replace those lights. **It is ironic that the same person who posted this video is the same person who installed these lights.**
5. Matching Lifetime brand tables - 6 – 6' oblong, 6 – 8' oblong tables, and 8 – 6' round tables and 70 new chairs were purchased to replace old tables and chairs obtained from a jailhouse auction years ago that were mismatched, heavy and difficult to move. The new tables and chairs make it easier for renters to set tables up for their event. We also purchased a rack for the tables and will soon have a rack for the chairs. The cost of the table, chairs, and racks was \$4,082.58. The board of People for the Point have approved the purchase of 30 additional chairs.
6. A sound system (\$409.98) and popcorn popper (\$600.00) were purchased for use at community events.
7. The Community Center now has Wi-Fi available to renters if they request it. Less than a week after installation, and directly because of this added feature, ASPLUNDH rented the building for an entire week for staff training. They have expressed the desire to have this training again at regular intervals at the Center.
8. When we took over the management of the facility, there was a problem with spiders and other creepy bugs. Jim's Termite and Pest Control was called to spray for these bugs, and if they decide to return, we will have the building treated again.
9. The board obtained a storage unit that was placed in back of the Center, out of sight. That unit (and the neatly stored items within) is an indicator of the number of events, not just at the Community Center, AND the amount of work for those assorted events that is put forth by P4tP.
10. Two (2) cigarette butt cans were purchased and placed on the porch for use, hopefully to keep people from throwing their cigarette butts on the parking lot.
11. At a minimum, we pay \$50.00 per month for cleaning of the facility. If necessary, we have it cleaned more than once a month.
12. The Village is reimbursed monthly for utilities.

The facility has been used for things other than renting for parties, etc. In January 2019 during a hard freeze, it was used for a warming facility for any person that needed a warm place to stay. An open invitation was posted on Facebook that the building would be open to anyone who needed it. As soon as this was posted, churches and several community persons donated blankets, pillows, food and warm drinks. We are storing the blankets and pillows in case of a future need for a warming facility. I do want to mention that the Fire Department and the Police Department contacted us to help us in any way they could, and one of the firemen spent the night there with a gentleman that stated he had nowhere else to go that was warm.

The Lawrence County Bass Fisherman's Club meets at this facility each month at no charge for their monthly meetings. REFIT® classes and other fitness events are held weekly. These events are suspended when a paying renter has requested a date they're held.

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People for the Point has partnered with On-the-Go CPR to hold CPR/BLS (basic Life Support/AED (automatic external defibrillator) training through the American Heart Association. This class is held with a reduction in rent; we believe every person should have the opportunity to be CPR/BLS/AED certified. At the most recent class, a lady attended whose husband had a cardiac event three days prior to the class. At the time, she had no idea what to do for him (he survived). She searched online and the class at the CC was the closest to her; prior to this she had no idea the CC even existed. Not only will this help save a life, it's good (free to us) marketing.

A church rented the building for their church picnic. When we found out that their picnic was under the picnic shelter, we returned their money to them because they rented it only for the use of the restroom.

Columbia Gas of Ohio used the Community Center building as an emergency station last winter at no cost. **ZERO dollars have been spent on gravel.** Columbia Gas of Ohio donated gravel to the grounds of the Community Center in appreciation for using it for an emergency communication spot this past year.

At the end of school in May of this year, Burlington Elementary principal Michael Clay wanted to take some students on a field trip to visit the Mayor's office and the Police Department. Lunch was supplied by Allman's Giovanni's Pizza. Mr. Clay was afraid the students would get too hot and was concerned about not having restroom facilities.

We opened the Community Center to them at no cost for this reason.

We have had a free self-defense class for women in the building. This was a huge success and we have been asked when we plan to do it again.

Just today, prior to this meeting, Tri-State Worship Center held their annual backpack giveaway at the Park. The Community Center was opened to them for both the use of restrooms and to use to give free haircuts to children to help prepare them for the new school year.

We do have a list of things that we still need to purchase/complete:

1. A new sign on the outside of the building.
2. Painting on the inside and removing the old, outdated paneling.
3. And again, new lights. As I mentioned earlier, we have approved new chairs to be purchased but the lighting is in such bad shape, we are having to prioritize the lights. Renters are complaining there is not sufficient light, and it was an issue when a wedding was recently held in the facility.
4. Making the building handicapped-accessible, including the restrooms.

In the video, it was stated that Grandview Buildings donated the cabinets. The cabinets were already installed when we took over the management of the facility and we were not made aware of this at that time. I will contact Don Ashworth, owner of Grandview Buildings. If they did indeed donate the cabinets, we will place a plaque in the kitchen for their recognition.

The person in the video says that he would like to revamp the building. So would we! Understand however, we are working with limited funds. Rental is \$60.00/day with a

\$100.00 damage deposit refunded after a renter's event if there is no damage. This is the same rent the Village charged and we have kept the price low to attract renters. If the building is rented only 4 times a month, that is \$240.00 we can use, multiplied by 12, \$2,880.00. Our average utility bills run \$250.00 per month, \$3,000.00 per year. So, as you can see, we have done quite a bit in the time we have managed with our limited funds. There are people in the village that do rent the building and quite a few rent it several times each year. A wedding was even conducted in the building! With some cute decorations, you didn't even notice the paneling! **And I'd like to point out that the family of the person who posted the video also rented it and had no complaints at the time.**

None of the members of People for the Point ride around on golf carts telling people what we have done. I would also like to point out that none of us even own a golf cart! The video showed a picture of the back of the building. Yes, the back does look bad. We have asked for volunteers several times to help us with the upgrade of the building. We are a small group that volunteer our time to make the management of the Community Center possible. Most have jobs and families and we do this on the side. We are doing the best that we can. The person who posted this video has never volunteered any time or effort to help us (I don't feel we can count the installation of the lights as "effort" to "help." His efforts would be appreciated, just as we appreciate all of those that volunteer their time. Perhaps with more volunteers and less critics, we could get our "task" list completed. Thank you for your time allowing me to explain our efforts at the Community Center.

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