

**Record of Proceedings for the Village of Aquilla
July 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Council members present: Mr. Glover, Ms. Bennington, Mr. Vodicka, Mr. Locher, Mr. Eging

Excused absence: Ms. Mitchell

Others Present: Zoning Inspector Jenkins, Road Commissioner Fleckenstein, Fiscal Officer Ms. Vodicka, Peter Hanley, Dino Desantis

Mayor Richard Wolfe presiding. Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

2018 OPEN BUDGET HEARING

Ms. Vodicka presented the 2018 Aquilla Village budget draft. After discussion, it was noted that the General Fund is decreasing by approx. \$2,000 per year. The Village will need to place a levy on the ballot in 2018 to maintain fiscal solvency over the next few years. A motion was made by Ms. Bennington, second by Mr. Glover to accept the budget as presented. Roll call vote all yes. Ms. Vodicka will deliver a copy to the Geauga County Auditor's Office prior to the 7/15 deadline. Budget Hearing ended at 7:18 pm.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the regular meeting held on June 13, 2017, were reviewed. Motion by Mr. Vodicka to approve the minutes as presented; second by Ms. Bennington. Roll call vote all yes. Mayor Wolfe requested that the amount of the tree removal bid be included in the Mayor's report.

APPROVAL OF BILLS

The following bills for July were presented for payment:

| Check# | Payee | Amount |
|---------------|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2565 | United States Treasury | \$95.70 |
| 2566 | ASAP Sanitary Services | \$95.00 |
| 2567 | OPERS | \$191.99 |
| 2568 | Windstream Western Reserve Telephone | \$99.07 |
| 2569 | Illuminating Company | \$60.96 |
| 2569 | Illuminating Company | \$67.60 |
| 2569 | Illuminating Company | \$399.30 |
| 2570 | 21st Century Media - Ohio | \$73.70 |
| 2571 | Jim Gillette | \$858.17 |
| 2572 | Cleveland Tree and Stump | \$1,900.00 |
| | Total: | \$3,841.49 |

- Motion by Mr. Glover to pay bills as presented, second by Mr. Locher. Roll call vote all yes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Council entered Executive Session at 7:30 p.m. Regular Council Meeting resumed at 7:45 p.m.

138 TURNER CONSTRUCTION PROPOSAL

Dino Desantis advised Council that he has placed an offer on 138 Turner, contingent upon his being able to completely tear down the existing non-inhabitable structure and build a new house on the same foundation which would be 640 sq. ft., which is less than the current 1200 sq. ft. zoning minimum. He would like Council's approval for a complete tear down, as opposed to building off an existing wall. Council was in unanimous agreement to the complete tear down, but expressed concern regarding the lot line and possible infringement on the adjacent lot at 136 Turner Drive. It was also noted that the existing driveway is shared between the two properties. After a lengthy discussion, Mr. Eging made a motion that a conditional building permit be granted to Mr. Desantis. The permit will state that a survey must be conducted to document actual property lines; the permit may be adjusted to accommodate the survey results. The motion was seconded by Mr. Vodicka. Roll call vote all yes.

2018 SNOW PLOW CONTRACT

Mr. Peter Hanley, representing Geauga Lawn Care, advised Council that the company would like to bid on the snow removal contract for the 2017-2018 snow season. Council advised that a generic plow contract would be forwarded to them for review.

FINANCIALS

- Council received the bank statement as of June 30, 2017 showing a balance of \$94,877.28
- Council received the following financial reports:

- UAN reconciliation balance as of June 30, 2017 is \$94,877.28
- Purchase orders: 35-2017 – 37-2017 totaling \$2,831.87
- UAN June receipt list totaling \$3,304.26
- UAN June payment list totaling \$9,057.05
- UAN fund status report as of 6/30/17: 5 funds totaling \$94,877.28

-Motion was made by Mr. Vodicka to accept financial reports as presented; second by Ms. Bennington.
Roll call vote all yes.

MISC. UPDATES:

- Mr. Eging will take the old UAN computer; the hard drive has been erased and reformatted.
- Council was reminded that 4 Council Members' terms expire on 12/31/17: Ms. Bennington, Mr. Eging, Mr. Locher and Ms. Mitchell. Applications are due to the Board of Elections in August.

LED STREET LIGHTING:

Ms. Bennington made a motion to go forward with replacing 12 street lights this year. Wattage should remain the same except for the intersections which should be one step higher. Second was made by Mr. Vodicka. Roll call vote 5 yes, Mr. Locher recused himself from the vote, as he is an employee of First Energy.

MAYOR'S REPORT

- Mayor Wolfe reported that there was some minor lawn damage done in the park during a graduation party; a vehicle was stuck producing a large rut. He will look into getting dirt to fill it along with the ground stump area where the tree was recently removed by the road.
- Claridon Cares contacted Mayor Wolfe regarding the potluck/school supply give-away. They would like to hold the event on Sunday, August 6th. He will have signs made for the Village entrances.

There being no further business to come before Council, a motion was made by Mr. Locher, second by Mr. Vodicka, to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Amy Vodicka, Fiscal Officer

Mayor Richard Wolfe