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GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

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14TH REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

July 26, 2022

The 14th Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Timothy N. Tarbet after the Lord's Prayer & The Pledge of Allegiance were said.

Guests: Larry Taylor-Trebel Energy, Denise Freeland & Patricia Willoughby.

All Council Members present.

Denise stated the benefit fund raiser for the Roxy was held July 9 and \$2800 was raised. The ceiling is finished and lights are being installed. Sandy Springs has a Roxy Pilsner on tap that they brewed specifically to support the Roxy with a portion of all sales going to the Roxy. The first bike party led by Matt Kishman had 22 people show up riding 8.5 miles. The next bike party will be August 19! August 12 dedicating the mural between City Hall & the Lion's Den. This will be a DORA event. Rodeo is August 6. September 10 Car Show 4-9. Mayor Tarbet stated as we get closer to the exotic car show we will give more details. Right now, there are 35 cars confirmed. There is a whole other happening going on that we are not going to get into now. We are working on a thing tied together with a very large group that has five or six hundred cars. We are capping at 70 cars.

Larry Taylor rep from Trebel Energy we are a broker consultant for many municipalities in gas and electric aggregation. Scott Belcastro is the owner of Trebel Energy. Larry was given information from Scott regarding Regor Energy. Larry stated we are required by PUCO to file an annual report and then we are assessed fees. This is done every year. If that is not paid on time the brokers are placed on the PUCO list, what I will call the naughty list stated Larry. Regor Energy is on that list. PUCO then provides another list on June 29 of all the names that are delinquent. If they do not comply within the next three days, um they will receive additional fines, potentially lose their license and um.... I wanted to take this opportunity to say that if I were in your shoes, I would not be okay with that. Scott Belcastro knows the owner of Regor Energy, says he is a great guy, that is not what we are discussing what we are discussing is the responsibility as a company, the responsibility of representing the village residents to do what is best for them. Mayor Tarbet asked if he could interrupt. Mayor Tarbet asked who is Regor Energy? Atty. Battista answered that is the outfit John Ney represents, our current broker, that handled the village aggregation program. Mayor Tarbet stated you do understand we are not under an electric aggregation at this time. Atty. Battista stated we had it. Mayor Tarbet stated we had it, but currently today we are not under an aggregate program. So, we have no connection to Regor. Atty. Battista stated technically Regor is still our broker for our program. We lost our supplier. Atty. Battista stated I am sure Mr. Taylor is aware of that and that is why he is here I assume. Mayor Tarbet stated I was kind of getting the jist you thought we had an aggregate program now. And we do not. Mr. Taylor stated there may not be an active program. Mr. Taylor stated the village is certified, Mayor Tarbet stated yes, we are certified to have an aggregate, but we do not have an aggregate program today! Mr. Taylor stated there may not be an active one, but I believe there is still some type of an agreement with Regor even though the supplier is no longer in business. Atty. Battista stated right, we lost our supplier, now we do not have a current supplier. So, you know Trebel is the supplier for the Village of Carrollton stated Atty. Battista. Mayor Tarbet stated I want to be on the same page, I thought you were going down this path, but I just want to make you understand we really don't have an aggregate program today. Mr. Taylor stated I understand. Mr. Taylor stated I am almost done! I simply wanted to say that as the council mentioned Scott Belcastro is the broker for several entities in this area. Mr. Taylor stated I personally checked rates, I believe the rates Carrollton and others have received over the last few years have been consistently lower then what the rate was with Regor. We have over 160 communities at Trebel, he's been doing this since 2010. All I wanted to do is let you know this is what we do and it would be good for everyone to know the facts with Regor Energy and if you guys are so inclined to consider having me back to answer questions about what we could do for the village, that's why I am here. If there is an opportunity, we would like that opportunity to work with the village. Councilman Boldizar confirmed we only have an electric aggregate not gas. Atty. Battista stated Carrollton is in the process of putting the gas aggregation on the ballot. Mayor Tarbet stated we are not happy with any aggregates! Um... we kinda went through a couple that I think we had a good one to start, then when it came time to redo it there were some things said that didn't

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happen. Um... then we went into the agreement with Volunteer. Volunteer fell apart which I understand, but then I will speak for myself. When we went from one thing to another, when we put our aggregate in place through Regor, all of our residents had the option. The contract stated all the residents were put into the aggregation with the option to opt out. Well on my personal side I found out recently my account was never put into the aggregate! When I asked questions of that, I was told we have no idea why. But, I don't why either. But all of sudden I am with a supplier for electric I never signed with! Who decided a month ago to double my rate? I called them and they had no answer. They are going to nail me two months until AEP can get the meter read. Mr. Taylor asked what AEP said. Mayor Tarbet stated AEP has no involvement in it. They are going to switch me to them, like I should have been from Volunteer to AEP, when the aggregate stopped. I didn't know I was with somebody else. So, of course they are all saying we can't do anything about it, just pay your bill! AEP is picking up my stuff. Myself, we are not big on aggregates! Especially with knowing how the electric rates are fluctuating all over the place, people are charging hidden fees, extra charges. In my book, it's just me I can't speak for these others, so you understand this Charter Form of government I have no more authority than these others sitting here. Alright we are all the same. I just run the Council Meetings. But we all, I think are on the same page about aggregation. Councilman Boldizar stated the hard part for us was selling the village into joining an aggregate, since there were so many people against it. We decided we would try this to help people save money and then getting bounced around. So, its maybe a 4-year piece of all of us getting beat up simply because it didn't work out like we had hoped. And, I am going to guess it was because of the company we chose. I would be willing to listen to more information, but just know that's kinda where we are at. It has nothing to do with you, we kinda jumped in and it didn't work. Mr. Taylor stated I know you know I have no idea on an individual basis of what happened. Other than it wasn't good. I understand. So, I cannot specifically address that. Please hear the fact we have 160 communities; some are right around here. Any of the communities around here have been around the 4cent per kilowatt hour. The price to compare now is .723. I know aggregation works, I know there are people that don't like it, I know the majority of people don't understand it. I would suggest maybe I share some emails back & forth. You can let it simmer. I think with an open mind we should at least listen and see if there is something we can do. Things happen, I cannot address what happened. Mayor Tarbet asked Mr. Taylor what the current Trebel rate is. Mr. Taylor stated electric & gas fluctuate every day. So, there is a lot that goes in to it to determine a price. Mayor Tarbet asked what Carrollton's rate was. Atty. Battista could not remember, but stated that is based on the luck of when you get in! I believe it was lower than yours, but I don't recall exactly. Mayor Tarbet asked how long the contract was. Atty. Battista stated I can't remember. Mr. Taylor stated that is determined by terms suggested. Rates are always fluctuating. I would like to email some information and I keep looking at you (clerk of Council) being the person to get the information to council. Atty. Battista advised Mr. Taylor; Phil Turske is the person that would be your email contact. You let me know what you would like to do stated Larry. Councilman Boldizar stated it wouldn't hurt to receive information. Mr. Taylor stated once people understand exactly how the program works, they get it, and then they understand the process.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the 13th Regular Council Meeting held July 12, 2022 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Kishman. All voted yea.

Administrator: Absent

Service Director: Street Dept.: Hauled salt to East Canton to store for salt bin repair. Received quote for replacing damaged traffic control box at RT 30 and N. Market. \$888.00 from Signal Service Company of Warrensville Heights, OH. Will be billed to owner of vehicle that hit control box. Ordered materials to replace storm sewer in Dunlap Alley on N. Market. Began replacement 7/25. Stark County Engineer completed co-op salt contract for 08/01/2022 to 07/31/2023 with second year option by county, \$67.09/ton delivered by dump truck. Repaired traffic light High St. @ Market St. Reviewed handicapped parking spaces in Mill lot. Suggest removing handicapped spot close to sidewalk and painting an access aisle so as parked car will not impede sidewalk. See aerial image. 5-ton hot mix used to repair water cuts and fill pot holes 7/21, will repair cut on N. Market week of 7/25.

Water Dept.: Flushing completed 7/16/2022, used 525000 gallons, stem on Dressler hydrant at 221 Edgewood Dr. broke, installed 1968, will order new hydrant due to age. Gathering metric data for EPA annual reporting. Stem on Mueller hydrant broke 7/11 at 211 S. Grant St. installed 2000, ordered repair kit. 6" water main break (cast) 7/13 200 block of N. Market, replaced approximate 10' section. Miller

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pipeline will loan us a large road plate to assist with road restoration. Concreted base of N. Market water cut 7/20, road plates installed Repaired hydrant at 211 S. Grant St.

Wastewater Dept.: Minerva Dairy May 2022 surcharge, 6 TSS violations in the amount of \$680.60. Having an issue with grit removal equipment, contacted manufacturer to diagnose problem week on 7/25. Received Minerva Dairy monthly reporting for June 2022, under review. New wall panels installed in clarifier #1. Clarifier #1 is offline/not needed due to low flow. Riser installed and concreted in Consumers Bank driveway on E. Lincoln Way. Flushed approximately 1000' sewer line to assist Miller Pipeline camera operations on Columbiana Gas project.

Park Dept.: Kishman Field turfed 7/23 reported to PD by citizens at park, trash cans dumped in Bicentennial Park evening of 7/23. Have had issues with homeless people sleeping/camping in park at night, removed by PD when park personnel observe them. Fuel issue Jacobsen mower has been resolved by replacing all fuel filters. No bike/skate signs replaced on Brock tennis court with tamper resistant hardware. Winter flowers re-powder coated. Storm damaged trees cleaned up. Preparing for rodeo.

Pool: Attendance 6/27 – 7/17: 1662

Zoning: Removing advertising signs from power/phone pole as necessary.

New Permits: Sign 1035 E. Lincoln Way Fence 1065 Morningside Dr. Fence 1012 E. Lincoln Way Fence 805 Ike St.

Nuisance: See Report

Miscellaneous: Received vegetation removal request (trim/remove trees) from ODOT district 11. Property owner on McKinley was upset and requested tree blocking ODOT sign not be removed. Working with county manager to attempt to resolve the issue. Prepared lot split packet for Planning Commission & council on Hosterman properties on E. Lincoln Way. Prepared packet for alley vacate request received.

Mayor Tarbet asked how the zoning guy inspector is doing. It stated he is catching on and taking more on each and every day. I feel he is doing a great job.

Law Director: No report

Mayor: No report

Old/New Business

Ordinance No. 25-22 an Ordinance enacting Sections 735.01 through 735.08 and 735.99 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Minerva, Ohio regulating Food Trucks in the Village. Third reading.

Motion to hear third and final reading by title only and for passage of Ordinance No. 25-22 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilman Kishman. 4 yeas 1 nay. Councilman Boldizar voted nay.

Councilman Meadows stated ice cream trucks will be included. Effective date will be January 1, 2023.

Ordinance No. 31-22 an Ordinance establishing Revenue and Expense accounts for the Local Government Share of OneOhio Opioid Settlement Funds, requiring that said funds be used only for approved purposes under the OneOhio MOU, and declaring it an Emergency.

Motion to hear first reading of Ordinance No. 31-22 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 31-22 was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Councilman Kishman. All voted yea.

Motion to suspend statutory rules and have second & third readings by title only and for passage of Ordinance No. 31-22 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Ordinance No. 32-22An Ordinance authorizing the payout of vacation carryover prior to the implementation of the new pay structure, and Declaring It an Emergency.

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Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 32-22 was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Councilman Kishman. All voted yea.

Motion to suspend statutory rules and have second & third readings by title only and for passage of Ordinance No. 32-22 was made by Councilman Kishman seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Ordinance No. 33-22 an Ordinance amending Ordinance No. 44-21 (annual appropriation ordinance) in order to make appropriations for expenditures of the Village of Minerva, Ohio during the current fiscal year ending December 31, 2022, and Declaring It an Emergency.

Motion to hear first reading of Ordinance No. 33-22 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Kishman. All voted yea.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 33-22 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Kishman. All voted yea.

Motion to suspend statutory rules and have second & third readings by title only and for passage of Ordinance No. 33-22 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilman Kishman. All voted yea.

Motion to accept the quote of Hidden Valley Construction to replace the Brock Pavilion at Brock Park in an amount not to exceed \$24,278.00 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilman Kishman. All voted yea.

Councilman Kishman announced a Park Board Meeting August 8 @ 6 PM. Two new members are Linda O'Brien & Dan Weiss.

Councilman Meadows announced a Planning Commission Meeting will be August 11 @ 6 PM. Hosterman Lot Split and an alley vacate.

Mayor Tarbet announced the Rodeo, Exotic Car Show, Stockers & Streeters Car Show. All are huge events.

Motion to adjourn was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Kishman. All voted yea.

The next Regular Council Meeting will be August 9, 2022.

Attest:

Brenda Albaugh Clerk of Council

Timothy N. Tarbet Mayor