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

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23RD REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

DECEMBER 6, 2022

The 23rd Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Timothy N. Tarbet after the Lord's Prayer & The Pledge of Allegiance were said.

Guests: Denise Freeland & Aaron Stoller.

Denise reported the seats are being removed from the Roxy and the new ones are being cleaned and will be installed. Denise stated this was the biggest Christmas Parade the village has had. She announced holiday events. The Chamber will be closed December 19 through January 1.

All Council Members present with the exception of Councilman Kishman.

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

Motion to approve the Minutes of the 22nd Regular Council Meeting held November 22, 2022 was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Motion to approve the Minutes of the Budget Meeting held November 29th, 2022 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

Motion to approve the financial statement for the month of November was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

Motion to approve bills totaling \$221,026.33 for the month of November was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilman Boldizar. All voted yea.

Administrator: No report

Service Director: Street Dept.: Leaf pick-up continues. Repaired traffic light Market St. and Line St. Contacted Wenger Excavating about water issue on N. Market St. Work order issued to install caution sign on N. Market. Set-up & take down detour for N. Market Road closure.

Water Dept.: 11/22/2022 US RT 30 east of N. Market St. Source Water Protection Area sign installed by street dept. 11/22/2022 SR183 north of N. Market St. Source Water Protection Area sign installed by street dept. 11/23/2022 119 Park Flushed hydrant A063 for 25 minutes at 1338. 2000-gal water loss. 11/23/2022 724 McDaniel Main break 724 McDaniel Ave. 6" sandcast, repair clamp. 480000 gal. water loss, began noticing unaccounted for water output 11/19. Working with RCAP to update mandated lead mapping which is due at end of year.

Wastewater Dept.: Received Minerva Dairy Monthly Reporting for October 2022, under review.

Park Dept.: White Lightening Fence repaired fence at Brock tennis court.

Zoning: Lot split request for 102 W. 1st St. Portion to be included with parcel at 100 W. 1st St. Packet prepared for Planning Commission

Permits: 103 permits/cases YTD.

Nuisance: 123 cases YTD. 841 Lynnwood Dr. - Zoning 133 Bonnieview Ave. - Zoning

Law Director: No report

Mayor:

Motion to enter Executive Session @7:40 PM to discuss employment or compensation with no action taken was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Motion to reconvene @8:41 PM into Regular Session with no action being taken was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

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Old/New Business

Ordinance No. 50-22 an Ordinance to make appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village of Minerva, State of Ohio, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, and Declaring it an Emergency.

Motion to have first reading of Ordinance No. 50-22 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilman Boldizar. All voted yea.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 50-52 was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Motion to suspend second & third readings by title only and for passage of Ordinance No. 50-22 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilwoman Meadows. All voted yea.

Ordinance No. 51-22 An Ordinance Accepting the Proposal of Executive Computer Management Solutions, Inc (ECMSI) for IT Managed Services, and Declaring It an Emergency

Motion to have first reading of Ordinance No. 51-22 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilman Boldizar. All voted yea.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 51-22 was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Motion to suspend second & third readings by title only and for passage of Ordinance No. 51-22 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Ordinance No. 52-22 An Ordinance Approving the Memorandum of Understanding with Visit Canton to Accept the Wayfinding Signage Grant, and Declaring It an Emergency.

Motion to have first reading of Ordinance No. 52-22 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 52-22 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Motion to suspend second & third readings by title only and for passage of Ordinance No. 52-22 was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Councilman Boldizar. All voted yea.

Ordinance No. 53-22 An Ordinance Authorizing Expenditure of American Rescue Plan Act Funds, and Declaring It an Emergency.

Motion to have first reading of Ordinance No. 53-22 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 53-22 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Discussion-Aaron asked if he may ask a question. So, nothing in that ordinance is going to fix a waterline. That whole \$300,000 is going for water meter replacement? So how does that need an emergency? Don't they already owe you how many meters from \$78000 you already have set aside to full fill the order from last year. If this is all going to water meter readers remote testing his reason for emergency is for replacing piping. That is not what this ordinance says. Clark is that correct you are not replacing piping? But the whole ordinance says replacing meters. You are having this one emergency reading with no input from the village and spend all \$300000 of ARPA Funds in one night passed as an emergency. I don't think its right! I think it a way around input. We all know what the biggest complaint in this town is. The water lines. This isn't replacing a water line. Not a single one of those \$300000 is for a waterline its all for meters. Att. Battista stated the expedited enhancement of water revenue collection would position the village to replace water lines. Councilman Boldizar stated that's how it was sold to us. Aaron stated ARPA Funds do not need spent until 2024, so it not like its an emergency! Phil stated \$380,000 would replace essentially one water line of a decent size. Aaron stated I agree. But if you correct your revenue enhancement portion and correct and do accurate billing, we could put people on a monthly billing cycle. It could help the residence be a more friendly

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billing cycle. We could increase the fund and start replacing more lines. We are doing one to one and a half water lines a year. With increasing that fund we will be able to after more loans and grants and start leveraging our money better. Aaron stated you have to look from the resident, tax payer stand point Mr. Turske. This Everything on the agenda tonight I have heard is an emergency, so there is no public input. I get the budget. The time we got a grant that we didn't know we had to have three reads to get turned back. That doesn't sit right with me as a taxpayer. Phil asked which grant. Aaron responded the Visit Canton Grant. Phil stated loudly that is not on us that is on them, so please don't throw that at their face, because they gave us a short turn around. We got that a week and a half ago! Do not use that as an example for this!! If you are the person sitting here tonight and not being explained to what is the perception asked Aaron. The perception is everything is being passed without public input and this to me, I get what you are saying, I understand revenue collection, but the way that reads it states meters not pipe replacement. So, it's a discussion as a taxpayer I just don't think that reads properly. Phil stated if you read the entire thing yes you are correct, but if you read all of it is explaining it is enhancing the revenue. Councilman Boldizar stated that's how we took it in the discussion. Aaron stated I am not a fan of emergency measures because it takes away the public input. Councilman Boldizar stated I agree, but with one meeting left in the fiscal year is the reason we are seeing a lot of emergency reads. Phil stated the water meter replacement project isn't going to happen next year. Aaron stated because they owe you meters from last year, correct? Phil stated which we are going to get to. Phil stated about this we have to bring on a consultant to evaluate where we are at and what needs done is going to take time. Then you have to bid out the project. The installation. We are looking at 2024 if we are lucky. Aaron stated this discussion helps explain that. However, just pushing it through a term I will use, without a good explanation doesn't sit well with people at home that post on FB every time their water is brown. Until we fix those its never going to go away. From what I have heard, hidden in the budget right if my water line still (yelling back & forth) Aaron stated let me finish my comment Phil. When people find out there is going to be a sign on the corner and their water is still brown, and I get part of that money is coming from a grant, but Mason how do you look at that person and tell them that was a better way of spending money to enhance the corner than fixing water lines to have clean water or our community building we are going to inherit that is falling apart. These are all things in the community people have to understand. Perception is not always good. If we do something that looks as beautification and our water lines are still not good, I get it. This back and forth here of what this truly means is good explanation for people watching on YouTube. But, just to read something and move it through. I get the time lines. I just think better explanation is all that it needs! I don't want to use hidden in the budget. I take offense to that stated Phil! I apologize stated Aaron. I just ask for a better explanation stated Aaron. Councilman Boldizar stated Aaron I will be very honest with you. I voted for your wife when she ran due to her being very vocal on water in the village and I think it is still an issue. To me this is a way to help that issue. Replacing the meters is the first step to apply for grants, billing our residents stated Councilman Boldizar. Aaron asked if the consultant to be hired will have a plan to show the public. Is this revenue going to allow the village to hire a consultant that will have a plan to say we are going to do 2000 feet of pipe every year. I understand this will with cost and so on. If we are going to guarantee every year 1000 foot of pipe every year there is a dim light at the end of the tunnel that will get brighter every year goes by. Look how long fluctuate. Union went with patching. We need a better road map as to how we get there! We have to let the people know better via social media however this is the plan. Councilman Boldizar stated we have that plan; I feel the communication is the problem. We can all do a better job at that. We realize that there are issues with waterlines. Councilman Boldizar stated we did a great job on N. Market. Aaron stated, but look where the complaints are coming from. The complaints are not coming from those areas. McDaniel Allotment is a place we have not worked on. They are the loudest people getting everyone else stirred up. I get it different areas qualify for CDBG money determines funding. I remember the project on Murray. Residence did not fill out the paperwork to determine the funding and the project stopped. As fire chief I benefit from new water lines. We have to get rid of the 4-inch lines. As a tax payer I am asking it is communicated better. I feel if we would publicize the agendas to let residents know what is on that would be beneficial.

Motion to suspend second & third readings by title only and for passage of Ordinance No. 53-22 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. Mr. Turske stated if council would like to appease Chief Stoller I would suggest pushing the emergency back to next week that way we give more time for people watching. Aaron stated I appreciate that, but it was further explains it. I just

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think that when we need to explain the emergency measure. I agree the end result is going to be what its going to be. We have to quit having a person come into your house to read your meter, people are not home. This project is going to go on for years and hopefully it will be communicated better. However, you choose to pass this legislation the end result will be the same. The explanation has to come from this point forward. This is not going to be a quick fix! Mayor Tarbet asked if a message could be placed on their water bill. Not enough room. Mayor Tarbet asked Phil we passed the first read what effect does it have if we have the second read next week and the third in January? Phil stated a time line and I will not be here for the execution of it. Which could hamper it. I am not sure. Options were to replace a small water line that would only impact a small group or choose the meters that would totally effect everyone. Monthly billing to start revenue. Mayor Tarbet stated we have to vote this down to hold it off for a week. Does everyone understand. Mayor Tarbet and Councilman Boldizar voted nay. Councilwoman Jordan and Councilman Meadows voted yea. Motion failed. Atty. Battista stated we do not have 2/3 vote motion fails.

Ordinance No. 54-22 an Ordinance Accepting the Proposal of Whitaker-Myers Group for Renewal of the Property, Casualty and Automobile Insurance Policy, and Declaring It an Emergency.

Motion to have first reading of Ordinance No. 54-22 was made by Councilwoman Jordan seconded by Mayor Tarbet. All voted yea.

Motion to approve first reading of Ordinance No. 54-22 was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

Motion to suspend second & third readings by title only and for passage of Ordinance No. 54-22 was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

Motion is in order to ratify the purchase order dated June 28, 2021 to accept the proposal of Core & Main, LP for the purchase of 498 water meters and 996 rubber meter washers in an amount not to exceed \$49,919.52, for current delivery of the product was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Motion not to request a hearing on the transfer of the liquor permit from Minerva Classics Inc. DBA Minerva Classic Diner 317 E. Lincoln Way Unit B Minerva Oh to Johns Bakery & Café LLC 317 E. Lincoln Way Unit B Minerva Oh was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

Motion is in order to set January 3, 2023 @ 6:30 for the Reorganizational Meeting was made by Councilman Meadows seconded by Councilwoman Jordan. All voted yea.

Motion is in order to take the months of January & February 2023 premium holiday from our healthcare was made by Councilman Boldizar seconded by Councilman Meadows. All voted yea.

The purpose of this is to pay for balance of the grant I applied for through Visit Canton originally, I applied for a \$96000 grant to do the entrance sign and landscaping and signage throughout the town. This is to pay for the remainder of the entrance sign.

Councilman Meadows announced Planning Commission will be Thursday @ 6 PM.

Mayor Tarbet stated Buckeye Tree Farm donated the community Christmas Tree. Brian Hilliard Builders donated the money to purchase decorations for the tree. Amanda Sinay from Minerva Perk has contacted Williams Energy and they are going to donate the funding to replace the gazebo in the Mayors Park!

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

Attest:

Brenda Albaugh Clerk of Council

Timothy N. Tarbet Mayor