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VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH

Committee before Council

Held July 11, 2023

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The Village of Plymouth convened in Committee on July 11, 2023 at 6:47PM in person. President Pro-Tem Broderick called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Mrs. Susan Moore	Present	Mr. Matthew Patrick	Present
Vacant	-	Mrs. Hannah Carter	Present
Mr. Jeff Brown	Present	Ms. Susan Broderick	Present

EMPLOYEES: James Burton, Administrator; DiAnn Jamerson, Fiscal Officer; Tom Hintz, Police Chief; Rebekah Fearing, Tax/Court Clerk and Solicitor Burton .

OTHERS: Morgan Gayheart

Ms. Broderick stated tonight we have one motion and one resolution and one ordinance to consider.

Ms. Broderick went over the following legislation:

Motion – Authorize payment to Thompson Asphalt

This motion to authorize the Fiscal Officer to pay Thompson Asphalt, LLC.

Mrs. Carter stated she feels they need to talk about it. Carter then stated there should have been service meeting, and asked if there was any reason there was not a service meeting to Mr. Patrick.

Mr. Patrick stated no, he was busy and is talked out. He feels the road is fine. Patrick then stated not to be mean but with her expertise if she thought she could do a better job, she had plenty of time to do it.

Carter responded she did give her opinion prior to the quote. Patrick interjected he appreciated that. Carter responded that he did not because he did not do anything about it. Carter stated it would have been an easy fix to go to Thompson asphalt and have them revise the asphalt accordingly.

Mr. Patrick asked why he should do that, he is not the Administrator. Carter replied you got the quote. Patrick then responded he got the quote but council passed it. He then asked what did she mean by him. Carter stated it should have been revised before council passed it. Patrick asked then why didn't you bring it up. Carter stated she did, and she voted no. She did not want to pass it as it was. Carter responded that at the meeting, but that is not the point. The point is that it is done, and she does not think we should pay for it until we get a high-quality job. Carter stated there are some issues that should be addressed. Carter was unsure how to go about this legally. It would probably be a question for the Solicitor.

Mr. Patrick spoke up and stated the Village needed to pay him. Carter stated she did not feel we should pay it before they discussed it, and before it was fixed.

Ms. Broderick stated that it is a motion for tonight, so it will pass or not pass tonight. Broderick stated Matt was done there the whole time and Jeff was there most of the time. Numerous people have checked it out. We had a contract with them and they did even more than they were supposed to do. Mr. Patrick stated absolutely.

Mrs. Moore asked what did they do that and Mr. Patrick interrupted and asked if she would like to see some pictures. Moore replied yes, she would. Moore again stated she wanted to know what and again Patrick interjected they tore it up all the way to the base. Carter responded that is not good, that is even worse than milling a couple of inches. Patrick responded no. Carter replied yes, it is. Patrick responded did you see the street prior to this. Carter stated yes. Patrick then responded there was no asphalt on it. Carter stated that is also why the quote for only two inches was not sufficient. Patrick rebutted that is why he did it the way he did.

Mr. Brown asked Carter how many inches should have been done. Carter responded we should have done three inches but I also think we should have had them quote a full depth repair, that was loosely stated in the contract to fix the potholes. The whole street needed a full depth repair, which is not what they did. Brown asked by her definition what is full depth repair. Full depth repair should have torn all of the asphalt down in sections, put in all new base, then a base layer of asphalt, then an intermediate layer of asphalt and then the surface layer. Patrick stated so your talking the

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difference between \$60,000 and \$30,000. Carter responded no, it was included in the basic engineers estimate that she did and shared with Patrick after he got his estimate for comparison, which was about \$40,000 to do it the right way. Carter continued, that was an engineer's estimate, not from a contractor, it would not have been terrible to have it done the right way, and thinks it would have been possible. Regardless it is done, there are things that should be at least addressed before we pay them, such as the man hole covers, they should be adjusted to grade, or milled down to be at the level of the manhole covers.

Brown stated since that was brought up, he has been checking out our Village and other community's manhole covers and he finds very few that are to grade. Most are counter sunk or they would use concrete to build it up to the cover. Brown further stated at least 90% of everything is counter sunk not more than a half inch or something like that. Carter stated it is more than a half inch. Its like driving over a pothole when you go over them.

Administrator Burton stated normally the covers are flush with the road. Brown stated on the State routes you do, but on the side streets, not so much. Brown stated that could be part of the issue as well. Are we comparing apples to oranges with the state routes and the side streets, or is it all under the same umbrella.

Carter stated she wanted to clear something up for everyone, there was a rumor that she is over qualified to be working on streets, and that she only works on state highways, which is completely untrue. Anything that has to do with our Village and the is storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water lines, streets, that is what she does every day.

Several discussions broke out at once and it was hard to follow any of them.

Carter further stated before the street was done it was pretty low almost flush with the manhole. It was her understanding they were going to come out with a planer, which is usually the width of a lane, and it planes the asphalt all at once, not a skid steerer.

Patrick interjected Thompson's machine was the size of half the street. They did one swipe down and one swipe back. Patrick also stated all the asphalt was brought in while he was there and Jeff was there also.

Broderick stated we should move on.

Carter asked do we want to fix it or are we just going to vote. Broderick stated it is a motion set for tonight.

Mrs. Moore asked what needs to be fixed. Carter replied the lip around the manholes, it is almost like a pothole now when it was flush prior, exposed aggregate which should definitely be looked into, an area which is not completely smooth. Carter restated the exposed aggregate is a big issue when it comes to the freeze and thaw. Carter continued by saying she is all about doing projects in the Village but they need to be done right, and if things only last a year or two what are we spending our money on, we have a responsibility to the residents to spend the money wisely. Carter further stated since she has been on council it seems as if there is a history of not discussing things just voting on them, and she does not like it, because things like this happen.

Broderick continued with the legislation.

Resolution – Completion of Andrus and Shafer probationary period.

This is to approve the final appointment of Andrus and Shafer as full-time employees.

Broderick asked for discussion.

Moore asked if they were going through a probationary period. Chief Hintz stated they completed their probation.

Patrick asked if they were being hired full time now. Chief Hintz stated they were already hired full time but they had a probationary period which is now complete.

Ordinance - Consent agreement with ODOT for snow removal.

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Broderick stated it is a housekeeping item. Patrick asked if that was for State route 61. Administrator Burton stated it was for St. Rt. 61, 98, 603.

The Fiscal Officer stated there is one other motion but there is not a typed-out motion. It is for the acceptance of the 2024 budget after the close of the budget hearing.

Committee adjourned at 7:02 PM.



DiAnn Jamerson, MMC, Fiscal Officer

All formal actions of the Village of Plymouth concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.