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VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH
Committee Meeting before Council

Held February 9, 2021

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The Village of Plymouth convened in committee meeting on February 9, 2021 at 48 West Broadway Plymouth, Ohio 44865, at 6:37pm. Members and visitors present:

Mrs. Susan Moore	Present	Mr. Matthew Patrick	Present
Mrs. Joan Felver	Present	Ms. Susan Broderick	Present
Mr. Dwayne Cassidy	Present	Mrs. Elaine Root	Present

EMPLOYEES: Cassaundra Fryman, Mayor; DiAnn Jamerson, Fiscal Officer; Rebekah Fearing, Administrative Assistant; and Tom Rusyntyk, Administrator; Rich Metzger, Fire Chief; Chris Kelbley, Devin Ramey, and Lester Ramey.

VISITORS: None

Items discussed were:

Motion – Circuit rider program with Amp

The Administrator reduced the hours from 192 in 2020 to 96 for 2021.

Resolution – UAN E-Services

The Fiscal Officer stated this was regarding the information presented at the last committee meeting. A memo was sent by the State Auditor stating 323 UAN entities did not perform timely bank reconciliations. They are asking as a form of internal control that Council pass a resolution stating that the Fiscal Officer turn on the notification function in e-services. The notification would send a message to the governing body the bank reconciliation is delinquent by 60 days or more. She stated it has already been turned on for the Village.

Resolution – Cummins payment

The resolution is being done because at the time of the accident and due to the holiday, the quote was not received until after the work was performed due to the emergency nature of accident. The accident happened on Black Friday and the power was out for most of the day. It could not be estimated due to the various areas it affected. Since it was over \$3,000.00 it is required for Council to approve the expenditure by resolution.

It was asked if it could be turned into insurance. It was stated it would be looked into.

Mr. Cassidy stated he met with Fire department personnel regarding a proposal for the fire department. He turned it over to lieutenant, Devin Ramey. Devin introduced himself and read the following:

The Plymouth volunteer fire department for many years has had issues covering calls and responding. Volunteerism in America is slowly deteriorating, over the years we have had issues recruiting and keeping people on the fire department. It's a sad topic to think about but it is a fact in today's time. Literature has been provided throughout the years concerning this. The Plymouth volunteer fire department along with Shiloh volunteer fire department are the only ones left in all of Richland county that are volunteer departments. The solution to fix these problems staffing the fire department with two part time firefighter/ EMT's for 8 hours a day Monday-Friday, and not staffing during state recognized holidays. The care we promise to our citizens in the village can be fulfilled with this staffing. Our call volume reflects a volunteer department, but we can't put our families and our citizen's lives at risk waiting for a mutual aid department to show up. Last year alone we as a department we had 60 incidences where we used mutual aid on our own calls, between not being able to bill those calls and mutual aid contracts going up we gave up over 13,000 dollars. If we don't make this change now we are afraid something drastic will happen in the future and our ems will be contracted out and our citizens will have to pay more for the care they will receive. This is the inevitably future of the fire service, we have to get with today's time or be left behind. The money to cover these part time wages will be taken out of our ems billing account, with the billing

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account making up for 35-40,000 a year and the money to be saved from not paying mutual aid, and billing dropped calls the costs of the part timers will be cover. Starting at a wage of 11.00 dollars per hour for a 36/EMT, 11.75 dollars per hour for a 36/ advanced-EMT, and 13.00 dollars per hour for a officer/paramedic the maximum cost per year Monday-Friday for two part time officer/paramedics is approximately 54,000 dollars. Taking into account this is the maximum pay with two people on shift Monday-Friday for a calendar year this does not include not working state holidays, level of certification of person(s) signing up to work shifts. We are looking at having these two part timers cover our station from 8:00am-4:00pm statistically our busiest times for calls. Attached are some graphs and statistics from our fire department of times of calls and when they are during the week. As a fire department we truly hope you consider this and make the right choice for our citizens and our families, the majority of us live in this village. The village is growing because of PIC's efforts and dedication to make this town a better place for the citizens and small business, help the Fire Department grow as well and forever put your names in history as the council that saved this village, and help the fire department flourish.

Discussion took place regarding the funding and hoping if approved it could start the first of May.

Mr. Cassidy thanked everyone for coming in. Council will get the ball rolling.

Discussion took place on the part-time utility position. It was discussed that a temp-service could be used. It was also stated that if the long range plan was so have someone in place to take over when Deb retired then maybe we should not use a temp service. It was stated to send this to service committee to discuss.

The event committee would also need to meet to discuss food truck Friday's. Also Village Roots would like to have a food truck uptown this weekend for an event they are having for Valentine's day. Committee was paused so that council could met and will continue after the Council meeting at 7:11pm.

Returned at 7:35pm

Service committee to meet on Wednesday the 10th at 11:30 am.

Discussion went back to the Food truck on Saturday, February 13th. It was stated it would be parked closer to the museum. It will be in the middle on the southwest side, where the Carriage rides took place during CIV.

Mr. Patrick spoke with the owners of the Hardware store and Sally's beauty salon. Sally had told Mr. Patrick she had talked to Denny Tuttle about having customer's park in the back parking lot on Friday's. Mr. Tuttle told her she could not. The Administrator, Fiscal Officer, and Administrative Assistant all stated that Mr. Tuttle did not own the back parking lot; It is owned by the Village.


Ms. Broderick thought we should only be discussing the event on Saturday, and discuss the other at a different meeting.

Parking was discussed.

Mr. Patrick stated he felt we need to consider all businesses.

It was decided to allow the Taco Food truck this weekend. In addition, get with Katie and PIC for a plan moving forward on the food trucks.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.


DiAnn Jamerson, Fiscal Officer, MMC

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.