

Tuesday August 20, 2024

COURTDALE COUNCIL MTG. MINUTES

Meeting was called to order at 7pm by Carl H.

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL:

Carl Hodorowski, President
Jeff Ford-
Joseph Rish, Vice President-
Debra Youngblood-
Amy Yuhas-
Michael Waslin- absent
Joe Biniek
Mayor Degnan
Len Sanguedolce, Solicitor
Loriann Monto-Secretary/Treas.

MINUTES READ:

Minutes from the July Council meeting were reviewed by all members of council..Amy motioned to accept the minutes and Jeff seconded the motion. All were in favor

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The July Treasurer's report was read.A note was made that the money for the cost of the police vehicle was paid from General checking and will be replaced once the grant funds are received. Also noted was the funds in the American Rescue Account do not affect the overall budget—Funds were used to pay Elevated consulting for the park project and will be replaced once the grant funds are received. Carl mentioned that the funds for the “upgrades”to the police vehicle will be used to pay Kovitch and replaced once the grant funds are received and the difference will be paid by the borough. Debbie made a motion to take \$14,950.76 from the general fund to pay for the upgrades and Joe R seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Joe R motion to accept the treasurer's report with Amy seconding the motion. All were in favor.Amy motion to pay the bills and Joe R seconded the motion. All were in favor.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Jacki read the police report from July 2024.The mayor also recognized Greg Johnson Jr for all of his legwork and work with the police cruiser grant as well as obtaining the vehicle. Carl mentioned the totals of the DRE program and DUI program reimbursements, and how it affects the total of the police salaries on the budget—the total received for reimbursements can be deducted from the total of the salaries for the police department.

PUBLIC:

None

COMMITTEES:

Park Committee met on (Joe Rish, Carl, Jacki,) met on 8/1/24. Jacki reviewed the Park Grand Opening schedule and participants. (Ice Cream Truck, DJ Donnie Evans, Food Truck, Face Painter, Job Johnnie etc.) Carl will look into “favors” for the kids on amazon and will order for the “treat bags”) Total expenses for the entire event would be approx. \$600-\$700. The full expense will be discussed and approved at the next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Park Grand Opening was discussed as far as placement of vendors, guests, speeches, and other odds and ends that need to be completed before the grand opening on Sat. August 24th.

Debbie made a motion to pay the face painter for 1.5 hours at a cost of \$187.50, Jeff seconded the motion and all were in favor.

NEW BUSINESS:

No tax collector activity.

Right to know Policy; Len explained about FOIA buddy filing Right to know requests that are a “scam” to make money. Solicitors association is working on a solution; if a borough adopts a policy regarding right to know requests (specifically from foia buddy), and posts it on their website, this will insulate/protect the borough from these “scams”.

Amy made a motion to adopt a Courtdale Borough Right to Know Policy, Jeff seconded the motion and all were in favor.

Debbie made a motion to authorize a handicapped parking spot for Francis Yuhas at 2 Center St. Courtdale, Joe R seconded the motion, and all were in favor.

169 Courtdale Ave was discussed — determined that the fence was put on borough property (admitted by the homeowner)—the borough has no intention of selling this section of property that belongs to the borough. The issue was on the agenda to make the council aware —no further action may be needed.

Debbie mentioned about the rock wall on her street — further damage has occurred—Carl will send Scott to assess the situation.

Joe made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Debbie seconding the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:53pm

