

Tuesday May 21,2024

COURTDALE COUNCIL MTG. MINUTES

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

Pledge of Allegiance

ROLL:

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

MINUTES READ:

Minutes from the April Council meeting were reviewed by all members of council. Joe Rish motioned to accept the minutes and Debbie Seconded the motion. All were in favor

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The April Treasurer report was read. Carl noted that the Misc. expenses were for the insurance that needed to be paid in full. Also noted was a refund of \$925.00 from the insurance company that was just received in today's mail premium adjustment). There was income from grant money that was spent in 2022 and 2023 that was reimbursed to the general fund. Joe B motioned to accept the treasurer's report and Joe Rish seconded the motion. All were in favor. Debbie made a motion to pay the tax collector \$737.00(GROSS) for 268 transactions in March and April. Joe Rish seconded the motion and all were in favor. Joe Rish made a motion to pay the bills for April and Joe B seconded the motion with all in favor.

MAYOR COMMENTS:

Jacki read the police report from April 2024. Mayor Degnan gave an appreciated thank you to all involved with the hanging of the Hometown Hero banners. There are 4 more banners to be hung as of the meeting date. Also mentioned by mayor Degnan, the request for the police Cruiser Grant was approved and is in the works. Chief Dan highlighted that Tony Smith received positive feedback from the family of a man who has dementia, that Tony had on a traffic stop.

PUBLIC:

No Public comments during this meeting.

COMMITTEES:

Police committee met 5/14/24 ; (Debbie, Carl, and Joe)--Joe Rish spoke to hiring Phillip Myers as a police officer in the Courtdale Borough. A roll call of Council was taken and all were in agreement to hire Phil Myers. Phil spoke to address the council with an introduction of himself.

“Electric” committee met on 4/24/24 to discuss the lowering and locking in of the electric rates for the borough. Debbie made a motion to have APPI as the Electrical Supplier for a period of 4 years, with Joe Rish seconding the motion. All were in favor, a roll call was taken and all were Yes.

OLD BUSINESS:

Pringle/Courtdale Sewer agreement will be drafted by Len and sent to Pringle—he will send a copy of the draft to Carl.

Park Project updates were from Scott Smith of HRG, Joe R made a motion to approve the change order for a rip-rap swale along Hoyt Street. Joe B seconded the motion and all were in favor of the change order.

Joe Rish made a motion to pay Don E Bower Inc a total of \$221,401.46 with Joe B seconding the motion. All were in favor.

Note: There is a certain amount held(\$65,295.00) till a final walk thru is done and the contractor is aware of the area on Hillside that needs to be repaired(“tread’ marks).

Bryden Court is next to be paved.

Final walk through will be Thursday 5/23/24.

Note: Carl and Council agreed that if Amy Yuhas’ water bill increases because of the contractor using her house water for the playground project, courtdale will reimburse her the cost.

NEW BUSINESS:

Carl started the discussion about Regionalizing the police Departments—Amy Yuhas was contacted by one of the Council members(Lisa Campbell) from Edwardsville indicating that Edwardsville and Larksville are looking to regionalize the police and would like to include Courtdale. Chief Dan was asked his opinion –In short, Chief Dan and others felt that the combined departments and resources would be mostly saturated by “high crime” areas which would lead to less priority for lower crime and traffic enforcement would be affected greatly including bus stop/school coverage. **If this regionalization was discussed a couple of years ago, Courtdale may have considered it but Chief Duffy has been vital to turning the Courtdale Police Department around within the past 8 months. Also, State Police coverage has been very minimal with the current. department availability.

Joe Rish made council aware of the balance of the WVSA Storm emergency fund. \$13,281.50

All council, street and police will sign off on the training videos concerning storm drain.

Joe Rish motioned for the Warrantless Arrest ordinance, and Joe B seconded the motion. All were in favor and the roll was taken. The ordinance was signed and will be effective May 21st, 2024.

Battery for street department tractor and safety glasses were purchased from Amazon.

Mark Romanowski spoke about opinions(negative) of the park project. Council asked Mark to tell anyone complaining to come to a council meeting.

Joe B made a motion to adjourn the meeting with Debbie seconding the motion. All were in favor. The meeting was adjourned at 7:48pm.