

Approved

October 16, 2017

REGULAR MEETING VILLAGE OF PIGEON COUNCIL

The regular meeting of the Village of Pigeon Council was held on Monday, October 16, 2017.

President Michael LePage called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

Members Present: President Michael LePage, Trustees Dale Collison, Michael Wehner, Rob Chandonnet, Kent Shetler, Matthew Esch and Marc Hill.

Members Absent: none

Also in attendance: Pigeon Police Chief Eric Wissner, Pigeon Department of Public Works Superintendent Thomas Buschlen, Village Superintendent/Clerk Steven Corrión and Ken Licht.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion was made by Hill; second by Wehner to approve the minutes of the September 18, 2017 Regular Meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Public Input:

Ken Licht complained about a derby car parked at a home on Hartley St.

Police Operations Report:

Chief Wissner gave highlights of some ongoing investigations by the department.

Chief Wissner explained that the Police Committee had discussed Chapter 22, Businesses-Article III, Medical Marijuana Dispensary of the Village Code of Ordinances by conference call with Huron County Prosecuting Attorney Tim Rutkowski. After the conversation it is the recommendation of the committee to rescind the ordinance.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Wehner; second by Shetler to rescind Chapter 22, Businesses-Article III, Medical Marijuana Dispensary of the Village Code of Ordinances All Ayes. Motion Carried.

DPW Operations Report:

Village DPW Superintendent Buschlen highlighted some of the month's activities.

DPW Superintendent Buschlen explained that the current generator at the N. Main Sanitary Sewer Pump Station is not big enough and needs to be upgraded.

Following Discussion

Council advised to get pricing for a Generator at the N. Main Sanitary Sewer Pump Station that would meet the needs of the village.

President LePage reviewed 5 recommendations from the DPW Committee

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Collison to approve McCarty Repair, to repair the Ford Dump Truck at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Collison; second by Hill to approve upgrading the Dust to Dawn Light at the Water Plant at cost of \$1,560.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Esch; second by Hill to approve repairing the Salt Shed at a cost of \$2,945.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Hill; second by Chandonnet to approve Shetler Plumbing & Heating to replace a 175,000btu Furnace at the DPW Garage at a cost of \$2,495.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Abstain-Shetler

A motion was made by Hill; second by Esch to approve selling a 3-pt Weight Box and Grader Blade to Tom Buschlen for \$150.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage reviewed paving quotes for Rollie Smith-between Paul & Park, Merrick St-between Campbell & Davis and the Alley behind Pigeon Hardware and Thumb National Bank-between James & N. Main.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Hill to approve increasing the amount for paving Rollie Smith-between Paul & Park, Merrick St-between Campbell & Davis and the Alley behind Pigeon Hardware and Thumb National Bank-between James & N. Main from \$60,000.00 to \$65,500.00. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Finance Report:

President LePage explained that because of Public Act 152 the Publicly Funded Health Insurance Contribution Act villages, townships and cities have 3 choices for funding employee health coverage, the "Hard Cap", the 80/20 and the Complete Opt-Out. If a municipality chooses to go with the 80/20 or the Complete Opt-Out, they need to vote to do so by a 2/3rds vote every year before the start of the health insurance contract. There is no penalty for going with the 80/20 or the Opt Out.

President LePage read aloud "A Resolution Electing to Comply with the Provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by exercising the Village's right to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the next succeeding year".

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Wehner to approve the Resolution Electing to Comply with the Provisions of Public Act 152 of 2011 by exercising the Village's right to exempt itself from the requirements of the act for the 2018 year. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage explained the Finance Committee had reviewed new Blue Cross Employee Health Insurance Plans. As of December 1, 2017 the village's Federated Insurance Plan will be no more. Federated is ceasing carrying Health Insurance.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Hill; second by Esch to approve Blue Cross Blue Shield Simply Blue 1300 HSA, with the village contributing \$1,750.00 for Families and \$875.00 for Singles in a HSA Account. The village will continue the employee Health Insurance participation of 15% of the total cost of premiums, on a weekly basis. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Corrion explained that in 2016 the village received funds as part of PA 84 of 2015. Part of the funds were put into the Trunkline Fund which was approved by MDOT. While MDOT was reviewing the Act 51 Report Fiscal Year End February 28, 2017, now they do not want the monies in the Trunkline Fund and they have to be removed. If they are not removed Act 51 payments will be suspended. In order to correct this the 2016/17 Audit has to be reissued. Nietzke & Faupel estimate the changes will cost up to \$1,000.00.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Wehner; second by Collison to approve Nietzke & Faupel reissuing the Financial Year Ending February 28, 2017 for the Trunkline and Major Street Funds. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Corrion explained that the Deficit Reduction Plan had been rejected because the State of Michigan wants the village to amend the plan submitted in 2014, essentially giving the village 15 months to eliminate the deficit. If not then financial penalties would be imposed. Once it was pointed out to the state that the 15 months was a impossible feat, they have come back with the village can use the Deficit Plan to out by 2022 with no financial penalty to the village.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Collison; second by Shetler to approve staying with the Deficit Elimination Plan approved at the September 18, 2017 Council Meeting, eliminating the deficit by FY 2022. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Accounts Payable:

Corrion presented the Accounts Payable Report of \$100,719.95 to council for September 19, 2017 to October 16, 2017.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Wehner; second by Hill to accept the Accounts Payable of \$100,719.95 to council for September 19, 2017 to October 16, 2017. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (See Accounts Payable Ledger)

Other Business:

President LePage presented an Estoppel from Sempra Energy for the Apple Blossom Wind Farm. He explained Village Attorney John Ferris had reviewed the estoppel and approved the village signing it.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Esch; second by Shetler to approve President Michael LePage signing the Estoppel from Sempra Energy for the Apple Blossom Wind Farm. 6-Ayes. Collison-Abstain. Motion Carried.

Corrion presented the 2017 Treasurer Report. The village had a collection rate of 94.08%.

Following Discussion

A motion was made by Shetler; second by Hill to approve the 2017 Treasurer Report as presented. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

President LePage reviewed the progress of what was being done at the Pigeon VFW Hall.

A motion was made by Collison; second by Esch to adjourn the meeting. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:34pm

Michael LePage, President

Steven Corrion, Clerk