

September 11, 2024 Council Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

Called to Order by Mayor Iudiciani

Moment of silence

Attendance: Joe Donatelli, Keith McCaughtry, Ryan McNicholas, Ron Rotunno, Bob Coppola, Don D'Onofrio

Request by Mayor to go out of regular order to hear from Engineer, Architect, Fire Chief, Zoning Inspector, Public Request

Moved by Donatelli – 2nd D'Onofrio

Roll Call – All yes

Motion to excuse Solicitor Lanzo

Moved by Rotunno – 2nd McCaughtry

Roll Call – All yes

Engineer (Zach) & Architect (Annisa) from MS Consultants

- Task 1 moving forward – will have updated GIS Map by MS4
- Received bids for the 2024 street improvements (for all 10 streets requested)– 5 bids all except 1 under estimate
- Will put together bid tabulations and recommendations (about a week). Lowest bid Lindy paving.
- There total project is \$248,269.50

Mayor request we move fast, would like to have streets & park work done around the same time

Will have all bid information next week

Loan of \$275,000.00 with 0% interest. (10year loan)

Joann – W Water Street – Grant \$200,000 given – no match required. Once we bid the project they will give us the money and keep it separated. Mayor-this would be from 1st Street down. Per Zach they would be repaving the existing road and extend it to the park.

Will need to look into parking & ADA ramp.

Will bid with the \$976,000 grant that we got for the rest of the park.

Fire Station completed 30% of design: size 88'x25'

- Don D'Onofrio - we need 30' W
- Per Zach not able to do unless we get fire rated walls, permit may not be issued since house is on our property (we need 5' from property line)
- Annisa (from MS) looking for best solution, not enough room

- Suggested attach to city hall, still need fire wall, however, masonry on city hall may be enough fire wall, need to look at window placements etc., that may save space. 45x50 is what they are looking at right now, with other options. Against bldg. will have to consider a single sloop into the bldg. Working on solutions. Home being on our property is causing design issues.

Public request:

Scott Olgie 230 E Walnut St. – wanted to inform council of an incident involving a police officer at his home while having company and shooting off fireworks on 9/7/24

Ron Hamrock 7363 Eisenhower Dr. Boardman – Regular rider on bike trail - disappointed in the bike trail quality. Looking for update on the improvement's projects.

- Mayor – Phrase I will be done next year, was delayed due to bridge by Greys Run – the beams where not available. Phrase I will be from Liberty St. to school, construction to start again next year.

Solicitor Lanzo arrived while Mr. Hamrock while speaking.

Fire Chief – Al Boggia

- EMS issues having no people to respond due to kids, work, etc.
- Spoke in past regarding doing a levy, would like to toss around again.
- Temp solution is talking with Coitsville about paying people to stay home oppose to staying at the station, take turns covering shifts.
- Poland invited to fire dept meeting-wants to charge us for sending a medic or EMT
- Issues with alarm system at Hi-Rise. Alerts residents but does not call out all the time since May.
- It's now been off for a few months-email ex-changes are done between chief and YMHA. Chief Al told them they had to do something or we will be forced to take action.
- Fire dept tested phone lines, including the phone lines in the elevators. Called AT&T while sitting there, they wouldn't help him without the account #, including sending someone out.
- Told Sandra, again, says it's the IT person that needs to fix it and not doing it.
- Once figured out Al wants to send letter to IT person – 30-45 days to correct or else we have to provide fire watch and pay our paramedics to be there 24/7. It's either that or shut down. We don't want that.
- Al is dealing with the manager of the building, Sandra. YMHA is aware of the issue. Al has the email thread with everyone on it.
- Gilmore security is the one sending the emails.
- Mayor wants Al to send him the email and he will reach to people tomorrow.
- All test are showing it's it the phone lines.
- YMHA not calling AT&T asking them to fix the phone lines, only they have the authority to do so.
- Alarm system will go off, alerting residences to exit building but it's not calling out to alert of a fire/emergency. No one to help them out of the building. Serious concern, ex: if someone in elevation and it stops, no phone to call for help. They will be stuck in there.
- Also, wants to be notified on next finance meeting, RE: pay ordinance, wants correction that he sent out in email.

- Looking for options for getting more people to respond by increasing pay and/or replacing basic salary by replacing with transport money with the money bring in.
- Still wants to save money for equipment, switched to Marcs system, now digital. Collecting old radios & pagers- Interested in possibly selling those to another Fire/EMS/Police station that could use them. Al is doing research.
- County did meet with COGS (the police use this) and signed a letter of intent so everyone will be switching to MARCS.
- Attached is the Dispatch Service Agreement with increase of cost. We have all equipment already. \$500 increase. Looking for council to pass contract for 2025. ** NOT SIGNING UNTIL REVISED COPY IS RECEIVED.
- Needs 20gal hot water tank for South Side station. Mark will build platform. Need someone to install. Rough guess is \$1500-2000 for install, Joann will get estimate.
- Civil liberties email he sent (last month) – has to do when applying for grants.
- Looking over appropriation reports to see if money available for hot water tank. Al is not sure since already short on \$1,500.00 for communication & \$2,000.00 on maintenance.

Motion to approve up to \$1,500.00 for hot water tank Ryan McNicholas 2nd Bob Coppola

Mayor – highly recommending levies be put on the ballots. Fire, Police, Road Maintenance, or Income tax increase. We need to generate revenue. Requesting council to start addressing this issue. A suggestion of an income study was mentioned.

Ryan – looking at waste water rates-will discuss in special meeting.

Zoning – Nick Ruozzo

- 321 W Wood St sold at auction- \$6,300.00 coming to us from liens.
- Spoke with Boardman & Poland regarding Pickleball courts – would like for Lowellville, Struthers & Campbell to do courts and start leagues.
- Mayor would like to have basketball courts & pickleball courts, it's a matter of funds.
- Wants clarification, is it a public request if resident asking for another person's building permits copy? Per solicitor yes, it is. Building/Zoning permits are public records.
- Mayor states anyone who request by letter/email requesting zoning permit is public record.
- D'Onofrio wants to know if property next door requested a permit for building their deck, No, they didn't.

Motion to return to regular order of business – Moved Keith McCaughtry 2nd Ron Rotunno

Roll call – yes

Reading of correspondence by fiscal officer

OEPA directors' findings & orders

- Administrator states this is the contract for the work we agreed to do.
- Needs approval to sign. \$9,500.00 was approved, then next year budget needs set aside.
- All numbers were presented in previous meeting and approved.
- The document says we agree to what it states or will have penalties/fines.

- Mayor hopes MS Consultants will work on the numbers and get us grant monies.
- Motion by Bob Coppola to have administrator enter into contract with OEPA Findings & Order
- Approve moved by Joe Donatelli 2nd Ryan McNicholas

Roll call - yes

Community grant

- Administrator: Eastgate meeting on 9/18/24, approved to finish up paving up to the pavilion, should be done by 11/5/24.
- They will meet with MS to sole source design contract, different kind of funding, then scope meeting will take place to discuss money left, what to do with it. Hoping to get gazebo included.
- Still in discussion to purchase property by river. Engineering for this project is funded by Eastgate not village.

ARC grant instead of us owing \$75,000.00 we only owe \$5,000!!!

Mayor asking what is interfund advance/transfer listing report

- Fiscal officer: this is when we move money from one fund to another to cover a bill since revenue is not received yet. Transfers need to be paid back before year end & are considered temporary only.

Mayor concerned about money that was used from sewer capital improvements fund, in the past, to the general fund.

- Was told auditor was contacted regarding this but no record of that being done.
- We have an audit coming soon. Question for auditor, siphon grant can we use that to pay back sewer fund? \$116,500
- Coppola says they did know and explained it can't be done but done anyways. They found out after it was done.
- Mayor wants auditor to know about this since it was unknown by council.
- Administrator explained we are calling state auditor to let them know we are expecting a short fall of funds.
- Mayor wants us to call Sherri and Manual to let them know, as well.
- We do put \$2,500.00 in sewer capital improvements account each month.

Fiscal officer requested approval on:

- Revenue supplemental
- Interfund advance
- Interfund transfers
- Appropriation supplemental
- Motion to approve all – moved Bob Coppola 2nd Ryan McNicholas

Roll call – yes

Fiscal officer requesting approval on Rate Resolution from for 2025 from County Auditor Office. Will be done in legislation.

Administrator – Generator

- St John Electric quote received \$98,564.
- Questions rather other quotes included concrete slabs.
- St John will want half down and will accept monthly payments at 10% interest.
- Previous quotes-Generator Systems \$128,488 Generator Specialist \$91,850 – no one offers financing.

Fiscal officer asking for assistance for 2025 Temp Budget, what do you need?

- Need spreadsheets at a finance meeting.
- Spreadsheet should include the fixed amounts.
- Coppola thinks we just send in last year's temps appropriation.
- Dept heads need to start preparing.
- They will schedule a finance meeting.

Administrator requesting rate increase

- PT equipment operator/laborer Street Dept. to \$15.70 24hr/wk from \$14.00 for 32hr/wk
- Needs amended salary ordinance passed.
- Requested approval from solicitor to hire at the rate and will retroactive the ordinance.
- Move to amend salary ordinance by Donatelli 2nd Coppola

Roll call – yes

Administrator applied for cyber security grant

- No match required. Tom Reevely assisted in writing grant.
- Documents attached.
- After we hear back about the grant will need to enter into contract.
- Security software & services, .gov migration

Previous months minutes move to suspend the readings Coppola 2nd D'Onofrio

Roll call – yes

Mayor asked about last months meeting regarding Durban/Cruiser accident

- He was absent from meeting.
- Explained that insurance is handling.
- Mayor also informed council that workers compensation claim has been submitted by officer involved in incident.

Committees

Claims – moved to send the claims to the claims committee for approval by Coppola 2nd D'Onofrio

Roll call – yes

Motion to have claims approved by claims committee placed on the pay ordinance Coppola 2nd
D'Onofrio

Roll call – yes

Improvements Ron Rotunno

- Improvements meeting Wednesday 9/18/24 at 6:00 to discuss rules & regulations for the pavilion.

Finance – Joe Donatelli

- Asking how does it work when call state auditor to tell them potential short fall.
- Told before to notify them ahead of time about short fall, it's possible they will help.

Safety – Keith McCaughtry (left early)

Utilities Ryan McNicholas

- Special meeting 9/18/24 with improvements committee

Ordinance – Bob Coppola

- Nothing

Claims – Don D'Onofrio

- Nothing except closing Water St from 1st to 3rd on 9/21/24 8am – 3pm for craft show
- Motion by Don D'Onofrio 2nd Joe Donatelli

Roll call – yes

Halloween Oct 31 5-7

Solicitor report – Lanzo nothing to report

Mayor report – advised council to decide on what bid to choose for paving. Will need to have special meeting.

Old business – is there a date for completion on Enbridge project? Concerned about Halloween.

New business – when will guard rail be fixed on McGaffney?

Legislation

- Rate Resolution from County Auditor Office
- Move on suspension of the rules by Coppola 2nd Donatelli

Roll call – yes

Comments – Lanzo sent info:

- Section 5705.02 explains the inside/outside 10mil language in resolution.

Roll call – yes

Authorizing Administrator Joann to enter into contract/sign OEPA contract

- Moved by D'Onofrio 2nd Coppola

Roll call – yes

Pay ordinance Move to suspend the rules on ordinance by Bob Coppola 2nd Don D'Onofrio

Roll call – yes

Move on passage by Coppola 2nd Donatelli

Roll call – yes

Motion to go into executive session about personnel by Bob Coppola 2nd Don D'Onofrio

Invite mayor, solicitor, council

Roll call – yes

Motion to return to regular session Bob Coppola 2nd Don D'Onofrio

Meeting adjourn – Don D'Onofrio 2nd Bob Coppola

Mayor

Fiscal Officer