

Tontogany Village Council, Meeting Minutes from April 1, 2019

Council was called to order in regular session at 7:00 p. with Mayor Todd Buehrer presiding. All Council members were present, as well as Village Administrator Chad Johnson, Village Solicitor Paul Skaff, and Sheriff's Deputy. Fiscal Officer Ryan Harnishfeger was absent.

Finance and Claims: Mayor read Ordinance #900-19, as an emergency, which establishes guidelines to retain a qualified person to serve as an interim fiscal officer. This would be for the duration of Ryan's absence, due to illness. Councilman Heckerman moved to suspend the rules, seconded by Mackey. All in favor; motion carried. Councilman Roe moved to adopt the ordinance, seconded by Mehring. All in favor; motion carried.

Lisa Heft, who is fiscal officer for the villages of Haskins and McClure, has been contacted, and has agreed to fill in temporarily for our village, at the rate of \$25.00/hour. Mayor Buehrer will direct her to be in communication with Ryan regarding everything she will need to fulfill this position, i.e. passwords, keys, programs, etc. She will be authorized to write checks and have them ready for council approval at the April 15 meeting.

Sheriff's deputy was present with a copy of the monthly incident report. Council had no issues to report or ask him about.

Zoning: Councilman Heckerman asked about the legality of raising chickens/ducks in a backyard of a residence in the village. Solicitor Skaff stated that the village must have an ordinance in place in order to ban chickens or any other farm animals within the village.

Utilities: Chad reported that he is obligated to read master and demand meters by April 4, which he is doing. The meter at the curb stop at the Greenhagen property on Tontogany Creek Rd. needs to be dug out by Palmer. He also reported that the meter pit on Kellogg Road is full of water, and he will also direct Palmer to check that.

Chad has started implementing the valve exercise program to fulfill *Asset Management Program* requirements. 25% must be completed in this year.

Streets and Alleys: Nothing to report.

Sidewalks and Trees: Village Brush pickup was set for Monday May 20. Mayor will contact the township regarding doing the work. Carol Martinez has reported that the bottom of the tree trunk in the right-of-way in front of her house on Washington St. looks like it is rotting. Councilman Mackey noted that the ash tree in front of the old Fouts property on North Street may need to be removed. Mayor will have Rowe Tree Service check on both.

Drains and Sewers: Chad reported that Matt Lambert, Crom St. asked if he can run drainage from his property into the catch basin on Broad St. Mayor and Chad will follow up with him.

City Hall and Parks: It's unknown at this time if we have received the park grant money. Todd is to contact Palmers about drainage work that needs to be done soon at Centennial Park. It was reported that the portajohn surround shelter at that park has been damaged, and needs to be replaced. Mayor will contact Rusty Nail, the company that built the new shelter at Mehring Park, to build a new one. After brief discussion about town hall rentals, meeting was adjourned.

Minutes approved by council at regular meeting, 04/15/2019.