

TONTOGANY VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FROM: March 4, 2019

Council called to order in regular session at 7:02 p.m. with President of Council John Heckerman presiding. Roll call of members: Brenda Mackey, here; John Heckerman, here; Connie Mehring, here; Jamin Roe, here; Jason Benedict, here; Matthew Shanahan, here. Also present were Village Administrator/Utilities Superintendent/Zoning Inspector/Meter Reader Chad Johnson and Fiscal Officer/Utilities Clerk Ryan Harnishfeger. Visitors present: Caden Martinez-Buehrer, working on a scout merit badge. Minutes from the February 18 meeting were approved as submitted.

FINANCE and CLAIMS: A spreadsheet of the current invoices was reviewed and approved by members. Councilwoman Mackey made a motion that these bills be allowed and orders drawn for same. Councilwoman Mehring seconded this motion. All were in favor; motion carried. Copies of the February Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status, Revenue Status, and Appropriation Status reports were given to Mayor Buehrer and the Finance Committee to review. A monthly Staples Credit Card Reconciliation report was submitted for review and signed by a council member.

Copies of the February incident report were made available for members to review, but no sheriff's deputy was present at the meeting to discuss the report.

Fiscal Officer Harnishfeger reported that he received a phone call from Melvin Mehring, complaining of an erroneous RITA tax penalty about a disputed \$2.00 owed from 2016. He was able to resolve the dispute, but he asked if Village Council might consider adding a clause to the village tax code that requires no payments due for amounts under \$10.00. Council members shared problems they had also experienced with RITA over disputed back taxes, penalties, and interest. After a little more discussion, members suggested that it might be good to invite a RITA representative to come to a future meeting and answer questions that members and the public may have about tax issues.

ZONING: Zoning Inspector Johnson reported that he spoke with the Washington Township Trustees. Since they found out they can expand on the property they have in town, they said that is the option they will probably go with, because the cost would be too much to build outside of town.

UTILITIES: Utilities Superintendent Johnson reported that he found several meter pit tops damaged by snow plows, including the one at Calvary United Methodist Church.

STREETS and ALLEYS: Councilwoman Mehring reported that there are lights out in town. Visitor Caden Martinez-Buehrer reported a light flickering. Councilwoman Mehring asked if the leaf vac is still sitting outside. Councilwoman Mackey confirmed that it is. It was supposed to have been picked up for repairs, but wasn't, so Mayor Buehrer had said he would follow up on it. Councilwoman Mehring reported that the concrete has not been poured yet to repair the spot in DeLuca's driveway on Lincoln Street. Utilities Superintendent Johnson commented that he had talked with the contractor a couple of months ago and they had forgotten it. They will get to it, but it is probably too cold right now.

SIDEWALKS and TREES: Councilwoman Mackey reported that she had been approached by a couple of people, asking if we will have a brush pickup. Councilman Roe commented that he didn't see enough brush piles to justify doing a special pickup before the normal time, which is usually right before Memorial Day. Councilwoman Mackey pointed out that we will need to find out who will do the brush pickup, since it is a township vehicle, operated by township personnel. Members also discussed how it would be paid for, now that Todd Buehrer is no longer doing it without charge. Since it is not an emergency, it was decided to wait and speak with Mayor Todd Buehrer to get advice from him on how to set up brush pickup services with the township.

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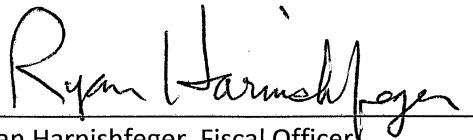
DRAINS and SEWERS: Nothing to report.

CITY HALL and PARKS: Councilman Shanahan brought some golf discs of various types for members to look at. President of Council Heckerman asked visitor Caden Martinez-Buehrer if he had any questions. He did not.

With nothing further to discuss, President of Council Heckerman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.



Todd Buehrer, Mayor



Ryan Harnishfeger, Fiscal Officer