

TONTOGANY VILLAGE COUNCIL

MEETING MINUTES FROM: July 5, 2023

Council called to order in regular session at 7:00 p.m. with Mayor Matthew Shanahan presiding. Opening ceremony: Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag, led by Mayor Shanahan. Roll call of members: Brenda Mackey, here; Connie Mehring, absent at roll call, but arrived at 7:01 p.m.; Mark Smith, here; Robert Bergfeld, here; Damon Lee, absent; Lincoln Fox, here. Also present were Zoning Inspector Brian Owens and Fiscal Officer/Utilities Clerk Ryan Harnishfeger. Visitors present: Wood County Sheriff's Deputy J. Decker. Minutes from the June 19th 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. Councilman Smith seconded this motion. All were in favor; motion carried. Copies of the June Bank Reconciliation, Fund Status, Revenue Status, and Appropriation Status Reports were given to the mayor and the Finance Committee to review.

Copies of the June incident report were given to members to review. Mayor Shanahan asked if members had anything to talk to the sheriff's deputy about. Councilwoman Mackey reported that there is an old white Monte Carlo in the parking lot on North Street at Centennial Park, that has been there for several weeks. She asked the deputy if he would run the plates on it and see who it belongs to. Deputy Decker responded that he could certainly do that. Councilman Fox asked if the deputy knew what the "wire-pole down" was about on the incident report for 6/9/23. The deputy answered that he did not know. The mayor and fiscal officer noted that it was the tree at 18540 Main Street that fell across Main Street and took down a wire. The mayor commented that the incident report listed two 911 open line calls on North Street. The deputy explained that there are not as many landlines anymore and, due to the infrastructure, they get a lot of 911-prefix calls from landlines that no longer exist. With nothing more to discuss, the mayor thanked Deputy Decker and he left the meeting.

Mayor Shanahan reported that we received a Customer Service Agreement from Rumpke Waste and Recycling Services that needs to be signed, a copy of which the fiscal officer had sent to all members to review. Councilman Fox asked if most of the hall's trash is from hall rentals. Fiscal Officer Harnishfeger answered that trash from hall rentals makes up most of our trash when there are hall rentals. On average, there may be about two or three bags for each hall rental, but there have been times when there were a lot more bags, especially when there are two rentals on a weekend. When there is no hall rental, we have about one bag a week of office trash. The mayor suggested that we need to make Rumpke aware that hall rentals produce extra trash to haul, and, if there will be an extra charge, then that should be built into the hall rental price. Mr. Harnishfeger stated that he would be for just telling hall renters that they need to remove any and all trash, which is what the old hall rental agreement required. Councilwoman Mackey reported that she talked with Rumpke when they were picking up and she let them know that Centennial Park would have occasional trash, as well as downtown, Mehring Park, and the town hall. She said they told her that, if it is out, they will pick it up. She told members that she tells shelter house renters that, if it is going to be a large party, they are responsible to remove any trash that will not fit in our three trash cans. Mayor Shanahan pointed out that the service agreement shows a base rate of \$26 per month. Councilman Smith remarked that that is a good rate, considering that they will be looking to pick up any of our trash at the hall, both parks, and downtown. The mayor asked if Council was okay with him signing the Customer Service Agreement. Members approved, with no one voicing opposition. Mr. Fox asked if it was a one-year contract. The mayor responded that it just gives a service effective date of 6/16/23.

ZONING: Zoning Inspector Owens reported that he will be meeting tomorrow with the Head family on Broad Street, who are replacing a shed.

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UTILITIES: Mayor Shanahan reported that he sent Utilities Superintendent Johnson a picture of the drooping wire at Hefflinger's. Mr. Johnson had said it was maybe a cable wire, but it wasn't anything of importance for the village. Councilman Smith agreed that it is not our issue. The mayor said he was just trying to get an idea of who to call to send a service person out, before Hefflinger or someone accidentally hits the wire and pulls a bunch of stuff down. The mayor said he would call Spectrum. Mr. Smith commented that this would be something we could have mentioned to the sheriff's deputy, since they have an idea of who to call about such things. Councilwoman Mackey asked if we could contact the Wood County Sheriff's Office about this. Mr. Smith answered that we could.

Councilman Smith asked if there had been any progress on the backflow prevention matter. Mayor Shanahan answered that Mr. Johnson had reached out to get us on Feller, Finch's schedule for that project, but the mayor had not heard any more about it yet.

Councilman Bergfeld reported that he ran into Mr. Johnson, who had told him that the power cable for the meter reader was broken, so he had to manually enter readings. Utilities Clerk Harnishfeger added that Mr. Johnson ordered a new power cord for the radio-read device a couple of weeks ago and didn't receive it in time for this month's meter readings. Therefore, he rushed out at the last minute and worked late to get about sixty percent of the readings with manual entries. The remainder of meters had to be estimated. Mayor Shanahan said he would ask Mr. Johnson if he needs any help in reaching out to make sure we get that power cord.

STREETS and ALLEYS: Mayor Shanahan asked if anyone had had a chance to take a look at the alley between Crom and Washington Streets that he had brought up at the last meeting. Councilman Smith answered that he didn't think we need to be spending a lot of money paving it, since it is railroad property and we don't know how they might react to our efforts. They could decide to tear it up, simply because it is their property. It just needs to be gone over by the township, which is something they do for us anyway.

SIDEWALKS and TREES: Councilman Smith reported that Cody Donaldson and he will be meeting tomorrow, sometime after five o'clock, about the two sidewalks that we need to get done. Councilman Fox asked if we are going to do the sidewalk on Broad Street when we take the tree down. Mr. Smith answered that that is not part of the plan right now. He also reported that we received two estimates for tree work, one from Rowe's Tree Service and one obtained by Councilman Fox from Roque Tree Service. Mayor Shanahan read the quote of \$4,500 from Roque for removing the maple tree at 18423 Broad Street, removing the maple tree at 18665 Crom Street, removing the dead half of the tree at the corner of Wall Street and Broad Street, plus grinding stumps, leaving wood, and hauling away excess stump chips. He then read the quote of \$3,000 from Rowe's Tree Service for removal of the same three trees and the same grinding, leaving wood, and hauling away excess chips. Councilman Fox made a motion to accept Abe Rowe's \$3,000 bid for tree work. Councilman Smith seconded this motion. All were in favor; motion carried. Councilwoman Mackey and others thanked Mr. Fox for getting the competitive quote from Roque, which helped get a quote from Abe Rowe and bring the matter to a decision for action. Mayor Shanahan asked Mr. Smith to follow up with Abe Rowe and see when we can get on his schedule. Councilwoman Mehring asked if it would be possible for Abe Rowe or Cody to cut down about five trees for a resident, at their expense, while in town to do our tree work. Mr. Smith answered that he and Cody could go and look at those trees. Ms. Mehring also reported that Linda Meek has a problem with a tree across the street from her. When it rains, the tree hangs in her driveway, right on top of her car. The tree is in front of Jack Hain's home at 18705 Washington Street. The mayor commented that we have needed to trim that tree in the past too. The mayor also commented that he would see if he could get Eric and his son into town tomorrow so they can talk with Cody about getting the caps on the sign posts at the park.

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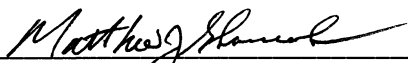
DRAINS and SEWERS: Nothing to report.

CITY HALL and PARKS: Mayor Shanahan asked if there was any word from Morlock about work on the basketball court. Councilman Smith answered that there is no word yet and he expects it to be about four to six weeks out. The mayor reported that Fiscal Officer Harnishfeger set up an account and ordered the pickleball net. Mr. Harnishfeger added that he received an email today saying it has been shipped.

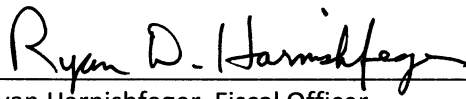
Councilman Fox reported that he recently came across something he thought might be a good idea for an Eagle Scout project for the park. It was an oversized checkerboard, painted on a cement slab between two benches, with black and red round wooden pieces used as checkers. Councilwoman Mehring asked if there wasn't an Eagle Scout project that we had been considering. The mayor answered that we were considering a GaGa Ball pit. Councilwoman Mackey reminded the mayor that the Scout is supposed to come and touch base with Council before doing that project. The mayor said he would follow up on it.

Councilwoman Mackey asked if she was correct that Rumpke will begin picking up Tontogany's recycling beginning this week or next week. Councilman Fox answered that he received an email that they won the bid and they will be picking up on Fridays beginning in July.

With nothing further to discuss, Mayor Shanahan declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 p.m.



Matthew Shanahan, Mayor



Ryan Harnishfeger, Fiscal Officer