

## TONTOGANY VILLAGE COUNCIL

### MEETING MINUTES FROM: April 15, 2024

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; Mark Smith, here; Robert Bergfeld, here; Lincoln Fox, here. Also present were Utilities Superintendent/Meter Reader Chad Johnson, Zoning Inspector Brian Owens, and Fiscal Officer/Utilities Clerk Ryan Harnishfeger. Minutes from the March 18<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved as submitted.

**FINANCE and CLAIMS:** A spreadsheet of the current invoices was reviewed and approved by members. Councilman Bergfeld made a motion that these bills be allowed and orders drawn for same. Councilman Smith seconded this motion. All were in favor; motion carried. Mayor Shanahan pointed out that former Councilman Damon Lee's pay for January, February, and March, the final three months that he served, was on the invoice list with other payrolls. Mr. Lee had made a request to receive his final pay and the mayor said that he told Fiscal Officer Harnishfeger that it would be fine to go ahead and pay him.

Mayor Shanahan did a first reading, by title only, of Resolution #973-24, A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE WOOD COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN.

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Fiscal Officer Harnishfeger reported that there is currently one hall rental reservation scheduled in April, on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>.

Fiscal Officer Harnishfeger read from a notice received from the Ohio Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control, regarding the renewal of retail liquor permits: "All Class C and D retail permits to sell alcoholic beverages in your political subdivision will expire on June 1, 2024. Every retail permit holder must file an online renewal application with the Division of Liquor Control to maintain permit privileges. Ohio Revised Code Section 4303.271(B) gives the legislative authority the right to object to the annual renewal of a retail permit and to request a hearing. This will be your only opportunity to object to the renewal of retail liquor permit premises that might be a problem in your community. If you decide NOT to object to any permit premises within your jurisdiction, then no further action is needed." After a brief discussion, members agreed that they had no problem with current liquor permit premises.

Mayor Shanahan reported that the 150<sup>th</sup> Committee has been doing the video taping of the residents with the Bowling Green State University (BGSU) students. The students who have been doing the recording and doing the project are about to graduate. The 150<sup>th</sup> Committee would like to, through the special 150<sup>th</sup> budget set up by the Village of Tontogany, give them a gift card as a Thank You. A new group of students will be coming in to finish the project. The mayor told members that he asked Village Solicitor Skaff if giving gift cards was something we could do through our \$5,000 150<sup>th</sup> Celebration Expenses budget. Mr. Skaff replied that it is an appropriate use of the money, but he recommended putting it to a Council vote, so that we have it on public record. The mayor commented that the gift cards would be about \$100 to \$125 apiece. Councilman Smith asked if we paid the school anything for this. The mayor answered that we did not. He added that it was originally a \$2,000 project and the students chose to do it for free, so the gift cards are just a small token of appreciation. Councilwoman Mackey asked how many students were involved. The mayor responded that it was three or four. Councilman Fox estimated that we were talking about around \$500 for gift cards, which he said he was fine with. Councilman Bergfeld made a motion to allow the purchase of gift cards for the BGSU students. Councilman Fox seconded this motion. All were in favor; motion carried.

Councilwoman Mackey asked if members wanted to discuss adding a new council member. Mayor Shanahan noted that we currently don't have anyone seeking the seat, although we had three interested parties who all declined. Councilwoman Mackey reported that A. C. Limes had said he would be open to considering becoming a Tontogany council member after he finishes another year and a half

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of serving as president of an organization in Perrysburg. Councilman Smith asked if Linda Meek might be interested. Ms. Mackey said she didn't know, but another name that came up to her was Mario Martinez. The mayor suggested Dylan Hefflinger, although he said he didn't know if he had been in the village for a year yet. Mr. Smith said he had been thinking about asking Bengy Willford if he might want to fill the vacant council seat, since he has been a resident for a long time and has an interest in the town. Mayor Shanahan asked Councilman Smith to talk to Bengy Willford, and he suggested that members also talk to the three others whose names were mentioned, to see if there is any interest there.

**ZONING:** Nothing to report.

**UTILITIES:** Mayor Shanahan asked Councilman Smith and Utilities Superintendent Johnson if there was any update from the meeting they had with Jason Sisco, the Road Project Manager for the Wood County Engineer. Mr. Smith answered that they sat down and talked and had a pretty good conversation. The county has been doing some drain work across Tontogany Road, in preparation for repaving the road. They discussed the village's big concern about replacing the section of water line from Main Street to Kellogg Road and came to the conclusion that it might be an easier thing, and we might be further ahead, to just abandon the old water line and change how the water is routed. Therefore, we don't intend to hold up the county's paving project in order to replace the water line first. We can later figure out an alternate routing of the water to serve the four customers along that section of Tontogany Road. Mr. Johnson commented that the similar idea we had for rerouting water on Broad Street will probably not be workable, due to the need to relocate several fire hydrants, and other complications. Mr. Smith commented that we don't have the same problem with the Tontogany Road water line, which doesn't serve hydrants from the section in question. Mr. Johnson said he had talked to former Utilities Superintendent Craig Spoore, who said it is already stubbed off in the right of way at Kellogg Road, because they were thinking they would be putting a brand-new line down the right of way eventually. Councilwoman Mackey asked how we would serve the four customers along the east side of Tontogany Road. Mr. Johnson replied that we would have to run temporary lines from somewhere. Members briefly discussed some ideas for how to serve the four customers on the east of Tontogany Road. Mr. Smith summed up by saying that we now know that we don't have rush out and spend a lot of money to do a costly water line replacement before the county's scheduled repaving project begins. Councilman Fox commented that we found out the time table for the repaving is mid to late fall.

**STREETS and ALLEYS:** Councilman Smith asked if we had had any more issues with the traffic at the school. Mayor Shanahan responded that we have not had any more issues since they blocked off the driveway right across from North Street.

**SIDEWALKS and TREES:** Nothing to report.

**DRAINS and SEWERS:** Councilman Fox commented that the drains seem to be working well. Councilwoman Mackey reported that she had noticed leaves and debris around some drains on Main Street, like in front of Doc's. Mayor Shanahan commented that he needs to get with Isaac to set up a spring brush pickup date. Councilman Smith recommended before Memorial Day, but not too close to it.

**CITY HALL and PARKS:** Councilwoman Mackey reported that the porta johns for the parks will be delivered tomorrow. Councilman Smith reported that the last fence post at Centennial Park is now done.

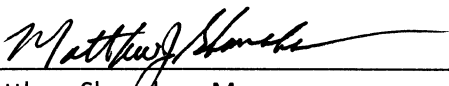
Councilwoman Mackey reported that she spoke with Renewed Outdoors regarding mulch for the playgrounds, and they discussed the necessity of performing some kind of weed control before laying down any new mulch. They suggested using something like Roundup, and they offered to come out and

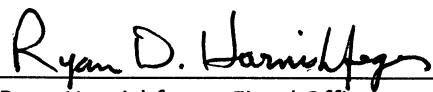
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give us a quote for applying the weed control, as well as a quote for mulch. Ms. Mackey didn't give them an answer yet, since she thought Council might want to offer the weed control job to Josh Heckerman. Councilman Fox suggested getting a quote from both Renewed Outdoors and Josh Heckerman for the weed control. Councilman Bergfeld suggested that we might want to use something a little stronger than Roundup, because Roundup doesn't seem to last very long. Members voiced agreement with Mr. Bergfeld. Ms. Mackey pointed out that mulching the two playgrounds costs between \$5,000 and \$6,000, so, we want the ground prepared properly before we go to that expense. Councilman Smith suggested that we ask TruGreen next year for an estimate for weed control on the playgrounds, when they come to do lawn treatment. Ms. Mackey said that she had asked Renewed Outdoors if we would need to rope off the playground area when treated for weed control, and they had answered that it needed to be roped off for 24 hours. Zoning Inspector Owens advised that it would be best for the village, for liability considerations, to have weed control applied by a company with special commercial licensing to do that. Mr. Smith suggested that it might be best to just have Renewed Outdoors do everything—the weed control and the mulching—so they could work everything together on their schedule and bill it together. Members agreed that this would be the best way to go this year, and then next year we could reach out for quotes from other companies to see what they offer.

Mayor Shanahan brought up the topic of veteran banners and stated that we had said that Bengy Willford would be a good choice. Councilwoman Mackey offered Nicholas Myers on Washington Street, who had served three tours in Afghanistan. She also suggested Grover Wires, Thelma's deceased husband. The mayor told members that Chad Johnson's father, Melvin Johnson, had been suggested to him. The mayor noted that we have four names and we don't necessarily have to choose six veterans; we just want to make a decision so we can announce the chosen veterans by Memorial Day. He asked if there were any objections to these four names. Members voiced their agreement with these names, and no objections were made. Councilman Smith said he would speak with Bengy Willford. Councilwoman Mackey said she would speak with Nicholas Myers and Thelma Wires. Chad Johnson was asked to give Melvin Johnson's information to Councilwoman Mehring or to any other council member.

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

  
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Matthew Shanahan, Mayor

  
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Ryan Harnishfeger, Fiscal Officer