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REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | OCTOBER 22, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rick Whetsel

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

ROLL CALL:

John Dierksheide	Mike Thomas	Dan Conner	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanieta Rodriguez
P	P	A	P	A	P

MOTION: Accept minutes from previous meeting September 24, 2024.

1st: Juanieta R. 2nd: John D.

All in favor – Y. Motion Passes

GUESTS –

Sara Whitta – Risingsun Ladies Auxiliary

- Read a statement and the cease and desist letter that was sent to the Ladies Fire Auxiliary. She expressed her longevity with the organization along with her frustration with the current situation.

Karen Gump – Risingsun Ladies Auxiliary

- Read a statement that outlined some of the history she has had within village. Expressed concerns with the way council handled the information and asked that council do research.

Mayor Whetsel – Advised the Street Comm. to look into this and report to council in November.

Denise Beck - Zoning

- Expressed her frustration with no improvement to 106 Salem St. property where there is a garage falling in. Also, that none of the zoning candidates had been notified in writing. **Mayor Whetsel** instructed her to contact the Wood County Health Dept. Also, that C. Speweik would be in for a kick off meeting for Zoning and that we would need to discuss the budget for Inspector compensation.

FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk

MOTION: To accept emailed reports/financials.

- 1st John D. 2nd Tim W.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

STREET COMM. – (Conner, Morse, Thomas) – Mike Cox “Town Man”

- Mowing has tapered off significantly.
- Curb cleaning on Main St. is complete. Need to look into replacing sections at a time.
- Street signs need attention. Replaced one at Main and Fostoria Rd. Dierksheide suggested getting with Wood Cty. Engineers office to order any supplies needed.
- Concrete from behind Street Dept. garage has been hauled out and have been organizing and grading it off with stone / gravel.
- Trees on boulevards several need attention or taken out.
- Gazebo in Central Park needs repaired or replaced.
- Underground conduit exposed at central park. Woodruff to have it looked at and get a plan to proceed.
- Park bathroom has been filled in. Thank you to Pine View Excavating.
- Holes at both parks are still being filled as I find them.
- Picnic tables at park are aging rapidly. Should look into repairing.
- Sugar Creek is set to be cleaned in 2025 per the Cty. Engineers office.
- Would like rebar to secure parking curbs. This would be a 2025 project.
- Old basketball hoops at park. No backboards and not used. Council stated take them down.
- 3 maple trees planted then we received a donation of over 40 trees from North Branch Nursery. Planted them on October 20th with over 30 volunteers. I feel it was a success.
- Self drop off of yard waste is going well. Two loads have been hauled away this year. We pay by the cubic yard.
- Jimmy Kline has been volunteering his time and painting park equipment. Still many items to go.
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- Lighting and wiring at Street Dept. garage is a electrical nightmare. Woodruff to look into this.
- Would like to install a welder plug.
- Ramp to shed needs replaced on Salem St.
- Cleaning of the Street garage building is ongoing.
- Tuck point is needed in the pump house at the Town Hall.
- Repaint bathrooms, organize the maintenance office and start servicing equipment this fall and winter.
- Dump truck starter fault message will take it to MD Auto Repair.
- Kubota needs a service and power steering pump.
- Would like to sell the finish mower and replace it with a brush hog.
- Catch basins are clean up to Main St. and Vine. Will map out catch basins.
- Thank you to everyone that helped with the tree planting from North Branch Nursery. Mike Cox, Lauren Raymond, Tyler Cox, Kyrst Myers, Dave Dauterman, Perry Hartley, Beth Decker, Bill Fraser – Joan Dauterman Fraser of Powell, OH., Juanita Rodriguez, Mattison Sigler, Carter Gallagher, Emma Holman, Meghan Przeslawski, Mary Stahl, Gena Rathburn, Mekenzie Rathburn, Waylon Hutton, Garren Westness, Leighlyn Delamotte, Mike Delamotte, Anita Leady, Rylan Delamotte, Erin Hartley, Jeff Skaggs, Sarah Skaggs, Jimmy Kline, Johnathan Roper.

FIRE DEPT. – Chief Mike Cox.

- Grass fighter is having issues pump motor is filling crank case with water. Will have it serviced.
- Burnt a hose at a grass fighter. Called to order, lead time is a year. Will purchase several next year.
- Working with PNR Communication to add Link Layer to Marcs Radios. Forwarded info to Gena.
- Drills went well. Worked on Ambulance operations.

POLICE DEPT. – Chief Shawn Beckley

- No Report

ZONE REPORTS –

- Candidates were all notified in person or by phone. Left Beth Decker a message on 10/15/24 at 1:56P.

FINANCE COMM. – *Nothing to report*

OLD BUSINESS:

- Robin Hindall restitution. Corey is still working on this.
- Gena R. and Juanita R. presented parade route and information to Mayor and Council.
- Route 23 property is still being worked on as Mayor Whetsel was recovering.
- Leaf Bags tabled until 2025. Paper would work better.


NEW BUSINESS:


- **MOTION:** To accept quote from Pine View Excavating of \$6,120.00 to put a new substrate on the ally from Oak St. to Railroad St.
1st Dierksheide 2nd Rodriguez AIF – Yes Motion Passed.
- Ordinance:2024-011 An ordinance amending 2023-12 as a supplement to the 2024 annual appropriations, and declaring and emergency
Motion: 1st Dierksheide 2nd Rodriguez AIF yes
No Vote / Abstain:
- **3rd Reading:** Resolution:2024-004 Resolution to adopt the Wood County Emergency management agency hazard mitigation plan.
Motion: 1st Woodruff 2nd Thomas AIF yes
No Vote / Abstain:
- **3rd Reading:** Resolution:2024-005 Resolution authorizing the assignation of certain debts and liabilities to the NWWSD
Motion: 1st Dierksheide 2nd Woodruff AIF yes
No Vote / Abstain:
- Formal THANK YOU!! To North Branch Nursery of their generous donation of trees to Risingsun. Also, THANK YOU! To all that came out and helped.
- Rodriguez mentioned there is interest in starting some type of Community Corp. to plan events, etc. Mayor Whets stated look into it and make it happen.

MOTION: To Adjourn 1st Dierksheide 2nd Rodriguez All in favor (yes) motion passed.

Next Meeting: Next Meeting November 26, 2024 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall

Finance Meeting: November 26, 2024 @ 5:45p.m.


Gena Rathburn
Fiscal Officer / Clerk


Rick Whetsel
Mayor