December 26, 2018

Scio Village Council met in regular session on December 26, 2018 at 6 pm with Mayor Michelle Carpenter leading the Pledge to the flag.

Members present were Erin Thompson, Ron Wright, Andrew Turner, Carol Davy, Heidi Trice and Betty Gotschall. Others included, Water/WW & Income Tax Adm Janeen Scott and Clerk-Treasurer Trish Copeland as well as Village Administrator Jason Tubaugh. J.D. Long of the News-Herald was present. Attorney Jason Jackson attended his last official meeting as Scio’s solicitor.

Visitors were J.T. Thompson and Scio’s Operator of Record for the water & wastewater; Brian Jurosko.

 Turner moved to approve minutes from the previous meeting as presented and Gotschall seconded; all present voted yes. Motion carried.

 Mr. Thompson said he was attending as the Fall Festival rep for 2019 and that the fair will be held August 7 through the 10th. J.T. said the rides are contracted and some entertainment already booked. There will be eight inflatable piece, a rock wall and bronco bull for rides. He asked that anyone interested in helping could come to the next Street Fair meeting to be held on the third Tuesday in February. He said he would be sure to let council know when it is. He also said the “Horse Race” is February 9th at the Scio Firehall.

**Clerk-Treasurer**

Called council’s to the letters from the Ohio EPA in their packets and suggested Jake Tubaugh be congratulated for his hard work in making sure the Water Treatment Plant improvements were completed to specifications.

**Solicitor**

 Attorney Jackson informed the group he had nothing pending to turn over to the new lawyer (Jack Felgenhauer). Mayor Carpenter thanked him for his service over these last years to Scio and wished him good luck.

**Village Administrator**

-On December 13 the Village of Tuscarawas toured the Scio water treatment facility. The tour was conducted to assist the Village with preparations for their new water treatment plant and types of filter media available.

-Annual cost of testing requirements for 2018 is $2415.00.

**WWTP:**

-The NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit). The VA and ORC have had a meeting to review and start the application process.

-A new chain was installed in the clarifier building, additional work will be needed in 2019.

-Per the OEPA inspection report from 2018 on the WWTP, the Village is required to have portable generator power available for the lift stations by 2021. Recommend a committee meeting to start the process to allocate funds and identify what all the requirements will be for a portable system.

-Annual cost of testing requirements for 2018 are $11,508.00.

**OEPA**

-Please read both letters from the OEPA located in your packets. These are very good news for the Village.

-A conference call is being scheduled for Jan 4th to discuss the ortho-phosphate feed at the WTP. Jake suggested the Water & Sewer Committee meet to look at rates early in 2019 due to chemical costs and electricity rates increasing [among other expenses]

 **RCAP**

-Webinar training is offered at no cost to the Village.  The VA highly recommends that council and other elected officials attend these sessions at their leisure. RCAP 301 February 26-28 Asset Management, Budgeting, and Rate Settings for local officials is a three part webinar series. Elected officials and employees can sign up for classes at [www.OHIORCAP.ORG](http://www.ohiorcap.org/), sign-ups are on the training page.

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**Buildings**

**-**Disposal of the old Village building in 2019; recommend a Land & Business Committee meeting in early 2019 to discuss whether it should be sold or demolished.

**Quicksall and Associates**-A phone conference was held on December 17 at 10:30 with Erin at Quicksall. The Village has made it past the first round and is pending at the small government grant.

More details and information will be known in late January.

**Roadways and Structures**

RUMA- The RUMA is projected to start in Spring 2019; traffic is limited to Cemetery Road. Times will be limited to 6am to 10pm.

**General**

-Water/ waste water rates for 2019- a 2.5% increase will be effective Jan 1, 2019 as per the Village Ordinance. Depending on testing and chemical costs, the set increases are recommended to be reviewed in August of 2019 for the 2020 calendar year.

-Clothing allowance for employees: a $400 annual allowance is recommended per employee for work clothing and foot wear since the Village has canceled the contract for work clothing as a cost savings measure.

-Legal; Mr. Mathews is preparing paperwork for the Village, called and anticipate something after the holiday season.

-Indigent persons, Village ordinance: Koch funeral home request

**MAYOR**

Told everyone of the sad news that one of the deputies who worked part-time for Scio, Dale Resor, died in a tragic car accident on Christmas Day.

Said the T-Mobile rep had told her the phones would be $33.00 for each monthly-she has not heard back from the rep since then.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Turner asked if new meters are being installed. Tubaugh informed him that some new had been installed as we are getting people at home.

Tubaugh told those present that probably due to the holidays, no salesmen have returned calls he place asking about available truck for the village.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Turner asked about the uniform allowance mentioned – It was decided to have a Personnel Committee Meeting at 5:30 pm on Jan. 9th to discuss the issue.

 The deplorable condition of the former Flower Chalet building was brought up – Scott told council she had called Eddy’s today about the area needing to be cleaned up.

Wright moved to approve the Financial Report and Davy seconded. Roll call: Thompson, yea; Turner, yea; Gotschall, yea; Wright, yea; Trice, yea; Davy, yea. Motion carried.

 Wright moved to pay the bills as presented and seconded by Trice. Roll call reflected:  Thompson, yea; Wright, yea; Turner, yea; Davy, yea; Gotschall, yea; Trice, yea, motion carried.

As there was no further business Thompson moved to adjourn the meeting.

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Turner moved to enter executive session “To consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual, unless the public employee., official licensee, or regulated individual requests a public hearing.”