

REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE

Tuesday, September 7, 2021

7:00 p.m.

The Village of Silver Lake Council met in regular session on Tuesday, September 7, 2021, at Silver Lake Village Hall, 2961 Kent Road, Silver Lake, Ohio. The meeting was only in-person.

With Council President William M. Church presiding, the meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Mr. Church led the Pledge of Allegiance.

These members were present and responded to roll call: Mr. Dann Nivens, Mr. Tim Nichols, Mr. Matthew Plesich, Mr. William Church, Mrs. Therese Dunphy, and Mr. Christopher Scott.

Roll call of Council - 6 members present. Absent – 1, Mrs. Betsy Meyer. Council unanimously agreed to excuse Mrs. Meyer.

Mr. Church: Were there any additions or corrections to the minutes of the August 10th Special Council meeting? [There being none, the minutes were approved as submitted.] Any additions or corrections for the August 16th minutes? [There being none, the minutes were approved as submitted.] Assistant Clerk, first reading.

First Reading:

ORDINANCE NO.: 50-2021 AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF SILVER LAKE DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2021, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (*Finance & Appropriations*)

RESOLUTION NO.: 51-2021 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO COLLECT AND EXPEND DONATED FUNDS FOR THE PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION OF A VETERANS' MEMORIAL AT SILVER LAKE VILLAGE HALL, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (*Finance & Appropriations*)

RESOLUTION NO.: 52-2021 A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE TREASURER OF SILVER LAKE VILLAGE TO AID THE CITY OF NEWTON FALLS, OHIO, BY ASSUMING THE DUTIES OF INTERIM FINANCE DIRECTOR FOR THE CITY ON A PART TIME BASIS UNDER THE CONDITIONS HEREIN, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (*Personnel & Public Affairs*)

Second Reading: None.

Third Reading: None.

Comments from the audience: (3 minutes each)

Mr. Bill Sepe, Co-Director of Trail Advocates of Summit County (TASCforce): Hello. I'm here representing the Trail Advocates of Summit County. We've spoken before this Council twice about converting the Akron Secondary Line to a multi-purpose trail. I would normally give a status update of where we are, but many of you probably saw the article in the newspaper a few weeks ago. We're moving along at a snail's pace. We've had numerous government agencies involved in this: property owners, Metro RTA, Summit Metro Parks, Akron Metropolitan Area Transportation Study (AMATS), and the Summit County Executive Office. We've recently

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learned that Summit County is not interested in reserving the right-of-way north of Springdale Rd. for a trail, but have no issue with the rest of it. Right now, Hudson, Stow and Cuyahoga Falls, all along the right-of-way, have adopted resolutions requesting that a trail be built on this right-of-way. I've provided sample resolutions to Mr. Housley for reference. I'm here tonight on behalf of TASCforce to request that Silver Lake draft a similar resolution to be voted on and approved by Council, so the Village can go on record as supporting this trail.

Mixed discussion occurred regarding Summit County Executive Office's motivation and jurisdiction in the trail situation. Financing options were also discussed. Mr. Sepe stated the TASCforce had hard numbers that proved trails increased the value of nearby homes. Council decided to ask Mr. Heydorn to draft legislation on the issue.

Ms. Kristen Nervo Dowey, resident: Hello. My husband and I moved into the Colony Allotment about a year ago. We've been working with Councilman Nivens to add sidewalk to the southside of [Ohio State] Route 59 for better access to bike trails and parks, the arboretum, and the florist. Right now, you have to cross 59, which can be quite a bear, and when I think of adding a stroller or child to that ... Adding sidewalks would really help. I'm working on a petition about this.

Mayor: Petitions are always good, but I've already asked Mr. Lipan to put that in next year's budget, sidewalks from Thomas Dr. to Church St. It is a safety concern. I've tried numerous times to get a traffic light there on Kent Rd., but ODOT says there's not enough traffic.

PERSONNEL AND PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE – Mrs. Meyer (Mr. Nichols)

RESOLUTION NO.: 52-2021

Mr. Nichols summarized the legislation and stated his support for it. Mr. Nivens said allowing Mr. Housley to assist Newton Falls would be beneficial to all parties and the offer was a credit to Mr. Housley's ability. Mr. Heydorn stated this is a joint resolution, with a mirror resolution being passed by Newton Falls, similar to mutual aid agreements.

Roll call to suspend the rules	Yes	6	No	0
Roll call to adopt	Yes	6	No	0

FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Dunphy

ORDINANCE NO.: 50-2021

Mrs. Dunphy gave a brief summary of the legislation, including a \$2,242 cost for cyber security, a \$837 cost for omnibus items, and a \$12,000 transfer for fire hydrant and waterline parts.

Roll call to suspend the rules	Yes	6	No	0
Roll call to adopt	Yes	6	No	0

FINANCE AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE - Mrs. Dunphy

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The mayor stated that the veteran's memorial fund would be set up like the Centennial Fund to simplify things for donors. Mr. Housley stated there would be no agreement between the Village

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and donors, so the gifts would be trust-based, run through the general fund, and kept track of on a spreadsheet.

Roll call to suspend the rules	Yes	6	No	0
Roll call to adopt	Yes	6	No	0

Mrs. Dunphy called Council’s attention to the general fund’s end balance and the American Rescue Plan revenues received by the Village. Mr. Housley called Council’s attention to the new American Rescue Plan fund he created as required by law. The Village collected \$130,000 in August, and will be collecting at least \$130,000 within the next 6 months. Mr. Housley was unsure of the exact amount and whether it would come in 1 or 2 installments. Mr. Nichols asked about projections for the rest of the year. Mr. Housley replied that he was not projecting the end of the year, but rather showing Council last year’s data. Mr. Nivens inquired about the motor vehicle tax fund, and Mr. Housley said he would look into it.

The statement of cash position dated August 31, 2021, was approved as distributed with 7 ayes. The payment of claims dated August 25, 2021, was approved as distributed. The payment of claims dated August 31, 2021, was approved as distributed.

REPORTS OF VILLAGE OFFICIALS

Mayor Hovey: Mr. Sepe, I will be calling [Summit County Executive] Ilene Shapiro about the trail. Mayor Pribonic [Stow] has not gotten back to me yet about Englewood. If I don’t hear from him soon, I’ll call him. I have a report from Mr. Lipan.

Mr. Mark Lipan, Service Director (given by the Mayor): Asphalt patching is complete and crack-sealing the streets will start next Monday. We started jetting the problem sewers and should be done next week. This is done twice a year because these sewers are flat and have little fall. We’ll begin preparing treesites for spring planting within the next few weeks. This year’s leaf and limbs program will be Oct. 25-Dec. 5.

Mr. Robert Heydorn, Village Solicitor: No report.

Chief Jamie Norris, Chief of Police: Next Tuesday, Cuyahoga Falls school is holding a meet n’ greet and we’ll be there. Next Wednesday, the Citizens’ Academy starts, and I believe we only have 19 people total. We had a weather siren malfunction. Mitchell Communications went out to check, and found a battery had exploded. It was quite a mess; they’re marine batteries, and they have acid inside. They cleaned that up, and fixed and tested things. It is a good system though; it wasn’t down for long, and the batteries are just a backup. [Mr. Church inquired about the Don Sitts Car Show. The Chief replied that it was Sept. 19th 11 a.m.-3 p.m.]

Mr. Sean Housley, Clerk-Treasurer: QualityIP has installed new anti-virus software and a smart firewall. They can now shut off all international traffic. I dropped the Software Solutions network service fee for next year, about \$1,500, Software Solutions hardware maintenance costs, about \$4,500, and Clearwater Compliance remote backup, about \$1,800. Nothing else.

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Miscellaneous Business:

Mr. Nivens supported Ms. Nervo Dowey's comments about putting in a sidewalk. He stated there's approximately 1,600 ft. from the Thomas and Kent intersection to Village Hall with no easy way to walk it, and cutting through Colony Allotment means trespassing on 2 lots. On the north side of Kent Rd., there's sidewalk up to the Stow border, but hardly any on the south side. Mr. Nivens said getting a traffic light is unlikely and there was past discussion that the state could take out the lights at Route 59 and Silver Lake Boulevard and Graham Rd. and Dover Rd. Mr. Nivens mentioned that outside District A, there's a little area near Graham Rd. with no sidewalk. He inquired about the existence of a sidewalk program that may help and cited Stow's recent sidewalk extension. The mayor said Mr. Lipan would search for any such program.

Mr. Nivens also mentioned a house in District A that's been under construction for a while. The mayor replied that the construction has been approved by the Planning Commission, has been following all ordinances, and is completely legitimate.

Lastly, Mr. Nivens said that other municipalities have a different crosswalk design, and asked the chief if there had been an official redesign. The chief was unsure, but said he'd check.

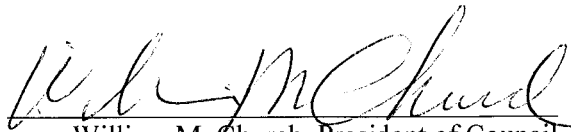
Mr. Church moved on to the sign ordinance, and asked Mr. Heydorn if Council could amend it to allow yardsale signs. Mr. Heydorn confirmed that Council could amend the sign ordinance. Various councilmembers voiced potential limits for yardsale signs. Mrs. Dunphy expressed concern that residents on conveniently located lots may have to deal with a disproportionate number of signs, and suggested that signs be put on Village land, rather than in the devil's strip in front of residents' homes. Council agreed to consider legislation by Mr. Heydorn on the issue.

Mr. Church moved on to the discussion of the Charter Review Commission (CRC) procedures. Mrs. Dunphy suggested involving Council's clerk in CRC scheduling, so Council can be informed of CRC meetings. Mr. Church and Mr. Nichols voiced support.

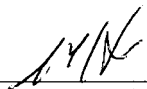
Mrs. Dunphy stated that budget season was approaching, and suggested Council take some time to address salaries, stormwater mitigation, and Englewood assessments. The mayor clarified that the Village had the final numbers on Englewood, but did not know the extent of Stow's involvement. Mr. Church lauded Mrs. Dunphy's efforts as Finance Chair.

There being no further questions or comments, Council adjourned at 7:53 p.m., until the next regular Council Meeting on Monday, September 20, 2021, at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVED:


William M. Church, President of Council

ATTEST:


Sean M. Housley, CPA
Clerk-Treasurer
prepared by: Kathryn Kleinhans, Assistant to the Clerk-Treasurer