

CITY OF TWINSBURG, OHIO
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JANUARY 10, 2017

ROLL CALL: S. Scaffide, J. McFearin, G. Sorace, M. Stauffer, B. Furey and B. Steele

ABSENT: S. Rodin

ALSO PRESENT: Ted Yates, Mayor
David Maistros, Law Director
Karen Howse, Finance Director
Shannon Collins, Clerk

CAUCUS:

The caucus meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm.

Presentations

No presentations this evening.

Items for Discussion

No items for discussion this evening.

Audience Participation:

No audience participations this evening.

Pending Legislation:

Ordinance 120-2016 – Award bid for Glen Eagles Clubhouse

Financing options for this project will be discussed further at the Finance Committee meeting scheduled for January 24th at 6:00 pm.

Ordinance 121-2016 – Amending appropriations for clubhouse

Ordinance 124-2016 – Award bid for Storm and Roadway Improvement Project for Ravenna, Richner & Charles Court

Resolution 01-2017 – Acknowledging receipt of finance reports for October – December 2016

Ms. Howse asked that council passed over until final reports for December are complete.

Resolution 02-2017 – Enter into an amended agreement with Chris Campbell

Ordinance 03-2017 – Dedication of Corbett's Farm Subdivision Phase 3

Ordinance 04-2017 – Dedication of Fox Hollow Subdivision

Ordinance 05-2017 – Award bid to Fechko Excavating, Inc. for the Crestwood Drive Improvements

Ordinance 06-2017 – Amending Fitness Center membership options and rates

Ordinance 07-2017 – Amending Fitness Center and Waterpark options and rates

Resolution 08-2017 – Application to OPWC Clean Ohio for land on Creekside

Miscellaneous:

Mr. Furey informed council that he had spoken to Mr. Maistros regarding the naming rights policy. He let Mr. Maistros know of some items he would like to be put in the policy and then sent to council for review.

No further miscellaneous this evening.

Adjournment:

This meeting unanimously adjourned at 7:22 PM

Regular Council Meeting:

Mr. Sorace called the Regular Council meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

ROLL CALL: S. Scaffide, J. McFearin, G. Sorace, M. Stauffer, B. Furey and B. Steele

ABSENT: S. Rodin

ALSO PRESENT: Ted Yates, Mayor
David Maistros, Law Director
Karen Howse, Finance Director
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INVOCATION & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:

Mr. Furey bestowed the Invocation and led Council in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the December 13, 2016 were approved as written.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Bob Thewes – 2229 Meadowood Drive

Mr. Thewes spoke regarding the proposed clubhouse and stated even though he is a golfer he said it will come at the expense of all residents. He stated that the clubhouse is already being subsidized and this will grow with a new clubhouse. He stated surveying the residents should be considered especially in this economic time.

Mike DiCillo – 11296 Palmer Lane

Mr. DiCillo spoke regarding the roundabout and all the signs. He stated if you are new to the roundabout there are way too many signs to try and read and make a quick decision. He stated polling the residents of Meadowood, Ethan's Green along with Glenwood and the side streets off would make sense. He then spoke about hearing that the safety forces are understaffed. He stated it is the administrations responsibility to make sure the city is safe. He stated government should not provide the jobs rather provide the environment for private companies to do so.

Mayor Yates replied to Mr. DiCillo's comments regarding the safety forces. He stated both police and fire are in the process of increasing the manpower. He recommended that if there are questions that residents please contact him or either of the chiefs.

Daisy Walker

Ms. Walker thanked all the first responders for their quick response to her neighbor's house. She stated they treated her neighbor like their own mother. Even though her neighbor passed away they were very compassionate and showed respect to her home as if she was still alive.

David Post – 3108 Kenningworth Lane

Mr. Post thanked the mayor and council for doing all they do for our community. He stated that no matter what council and the mayor do they will not be happy with what is decided. He thinks the city has been forward thinking it is plans. Building a new clubhouse may cost money but by making it better it could increase revenue and ultimately decrease the subsidy. It is ok for the city to subsidize some things.

Dwayne Smith - 10225 Darrow Road

Mr. Smith stated he wants what is best for the city. He said he encourages open, uncensored and respectful dialog on issues. He said residents to contact their ward councilperson and ask questions. Mr. Smith also stated that he loves the roundabout and would be fine with a second one going in. He also said he is the only resident in town that no matter which way he would turn to leave his home that he would hit a roundabout if the second one goes in.

Mayor Yates thanked the residents for their comments. He stated the city had spent a lot of time researching the clubhouse. The city is looking at this as new community building that can bring not only golfers but non-golfers to the building. He stated residents are always welcome to come in or call to find out more information.

Mr. Furey stated that seventeen years ago the city had a panel of residents and researched the need for a clubhouse. The outside company that helped the committee came up with a 225 person banquet facility with a bar at the cost of \$4 million. The city did not go forward with it then. The same recommendations are being made now. If the city took a loan it would come out to about \$330,000 a year for 30 years. If the carts were owned they would bring in minimum of \$135,000 a year. A bar and grill open year round with very conservative numbers would bring in about another \$135,000 per year. If there is a fee per person to utilize the 225 person banquet facility it would be \$155,000 per year. Once up and running, that would be about \$426,000 of new revenue.

Mr. Scaffide said he appreciates everyone that comes to the podium and speaks both the negative and the positive. He wanted to thank those that spoke positive because it is less common to hear those comments. He believes there is a lot of positive in our community and it is good to hear it.

Mr. Steele stated that the cost of a new clubhouse could be from \$300,000 to \$360,000. Rounds for 2012 33,247 in 2016 there was 33,000 starts even though the course was under construction with reduced greens fees. It still generated \$825,000 in revenue. Assuming the city has similar revenue numbers in 2017 and beyond the city would still not be able to cover the current subside

and new debt service of an upgraded clubhouse. The only way to recoup the money spend is to have a successful restaurant and banquet facility. According to some golf consultants, courses with just a pro shop and snack bar that can be run by no more than three employees at its busiest time, are more successful. The overhead costs would cut into the cash flow of the course. What will the city do if they are not successful? He stated he is an avid golfer and believes the current clubhouse needs to be torn down and a new one constructed but believes it should only include the amenities that meet the needs of the golf course. He stated new plans should be submitted for consideration.

Mayor Yates stated by eliminating the other revenue streams the city will be subsidizing the course for a long time. Bryan Mineard is getting calls already to book the banquet facility and it's not even approved yet. He is trying to work with Cleveland Clinic, UH and Cardinal Health for large outings but does not have the space to do so. The mayor understands the concern and that it a lot of money but would not go forward with it if he didn't think it could put the city in a position to add a tremendous amenity to what we have in the community already.

Mr. Scaffide stated he appreciated Mr. Steele's comments. He stated the Fitness Center went to the ballot three times and it was defeated all three times but the building was built anyway. It is probably the busiest building in the city with over 7,000 members. The 'interconnect road' (now Miktarian Parkway) was opposed but built anyway and it helps navigate traffic north without going all the way to the square. The city makes decisions using that forward thinking that has made Twinsburg what it is today.

Mr. Steele stated he's not against changes to the clubhouse he just wants to see a different approach. Maybe the city does not finance the full \$6.2 million by putting money down.

Mr. Furey stated when the Fitness Center was built the city put \$12 million towards the construction of the high school which included the auditorium, gym and cafeteria under the agreement that any losses would be covered through the capital fund of the schools because the city was advancing them a significant amount of money. That deal was re-negotiated early on and that did not happen. The city had to put an addition on at additional costs. Mr. Furey stated that when the golf course was purchased it was planned to be paid for by dues. However the course was in horrible condition. The original price was \$2.6 million and the city chose to do a 5 year arm where they only paid interest on the loan. After that point it was refinanced in the 6-7% range instead of paying it off with cash.

Ms. McFearin stated she thinks the Fitness Center is more like a community center. People go there and helps build comradery and with the emphasis of the clubhouse being more of a year round facility for the residents is a great idea.

Mr. Steele stated that there was conversation that there was \$1 million dollars that was earmarked for the clubhouse early on. Mr. Furey stated that about 10 years ago there was an inheritance that was donated to the city. The council at the time talked about putting this towards a clubhouse.

Mr. Scaffide said that all communities have subsidies some of their buildings and programs. It is not unique to Twinsburg.

No further public participation this evening.

AWARDS & PRESENTATIONS:

Finance Director, Karen Howse was presented with an award from Lindsay Kuhn Blair from the Auditor of State for exemplary financial reporting in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles for the year 2015.

Ms. Howse thanked her staff along with the mayor, law director and council for their help and support.

No further awards or presentations this evening.

COMMITTEE AND/OR COMMISSION REPORTS:

Mr. Scaffide – BZA, Capital Improvement, Public Works, Compensation

- Public Works met earlier this evening and Ms. Mohr stated she applied for highway safety funds for projects. The city received \$13,000 towards our tree planting program. Ms. Mohr would like to take a look at the intersection of Cannon, Ravenna and SR82 in the future to help align it better. The FEMA program regarding homes in the flood plain was discussed and will continue again for 2017.
- BZA met on December 14th at 6:30 pm. Next meeting date 1/11 @ 6:30 pm.

MOTION: TO WAIVE THE THIRTY DAY WAITING PERIOD FOR APPEAL 15-2016

Moved by S. Scaffide, seconded by G. Sorace

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

- Nothing report this evening

Mrs. Stauffer – ARB, Safety, Fitness, Vol. Fire

- ARB met on December 15th and approved two Ryan homes as noted, one detached garage as noted and a Pulte home as noted
- Volunteer Firefighter Fund Board met on December 21st and discussed beneficiary forms. Their next meeting will be February 7th at 3:00 pm
- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Furey – Finance, Parks & Rec, Treasury, Compensation

- Parks & Recreation met on December 22nd. They discussed the statement of cash, budget and capital projects for this department. Member Debra Peltz is researching starting a non-profit 'Friends of the Parks' as a possible booster organization to help support the city's parks. Discs were handed out that had the Comprehensive Plan for the Fitness Center. The commission was asked to review and it will be discussed at the next meeting which will be held on February 23rd at 6:30 pm.

- Community Relations met in December. It was a smaller meeting due to weather. Reminderville reported their Fitness Center is going well. The Schools talked about the Shop with a Cop program that benefited many Twinsburg students, the Blue Ribbon School award and the potential upcoming levy. No future meeting date was set.
- In Mr. Rodin's absence, Mr. Furey reported on the Environmental Commission: 2017 meeting dates are 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11, 9/14 and 10/12. Earth Day will be 4/22, Clean-up Day will be 5/6 and Community Shredding will be 9/23.
- Daisy Walker attended the Community Board Relations Meeting in December and extended an invitation to Twinsburg Township and Reminderville residents to participate in the City of Twinsburg's annual events, Earth Day, Clean-up Day and Document shredding. Twinsburg Township will contribute again this year and Reminderville will get in touch with me.
- The Environmental Commission is working on a proclamation for John Seese, a Twinsburg resident who recently passed away. Mr. Seese was one of the residents to meet with a previous Mayor, to establish an Environmental Commission.
- Nothing further this evening

Ms. McFearin – Fitness, Chamber, Safety, Community Relations

- Chamber of Commerce Board meets on January 11th. Their Women's Expo is on January 26th from 4:30-7:30 at the Hilton.
- Reminded residents that there are boards and commission positions that open. To apply go to the city's website and submit an application.
- Attended the ARB meeting on January 5th for Mrs. Stauffer
- Nothing to report this evening

Mr. Rodin – Environ. Commission, Finance, Safety, Public Works

- Not in attendance this evening

Mr. Steele– Finance, Planning, Compensation, Golf

- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Sorace – Community Relations, Twins Day, Charter Review, Public Works

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE 2017 BID TO INCLUDE:

Infrastructure

2017 Tree Program

City Sidewalk program

2017 Road Program

2017 Road Striping

SR91 Sanitary (Ravenna to Richner) {to be bid if OPWC funding awarded}

Lila and Joann Place {fall bid if OPWC funding awarded – award Jan. 2018}

Soil Remediation/Landscape/Sign on corners SR91/Glenwood

Asbestos mitigation and demolition - Old School

HVAC Unit Replacement - Community Center

Roof Replacement - Community Center

Catch Basin and Culvert Replacements
Fitness Center Locker Room Rehab/Replacement

Vehicles

Year 1 Vehicle Lease 8 cruisers (1st payment)
5-Ton Dump Trucks (3); final year of lease
Senior Van

Moved by G. Sorace, seconded by B. Furey

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

Nothing to report this evening

MAYOR'S REPORT:

- Wished everyone a Happy New Year
- Stated that 2017 is the Bicentennial of Twinsburg and there will be lots of activities surrounding this. For more information you can check out www.twinsburg200.com
- The city will be trying something new and holding quarterly Community Meetings. The proposed dates are February 7th, May 2nd, August 1st and October 17th
- Congratulated Ms. Howse on her award. Thanked all the employees for the great job they do each day.
- Nothing further this evening

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS:

Timothy Morgan – Fire Chief

CALL VOLUME

- Total call volume for the month of December was 234. Total calls for the year were 2559 which is 5% higher than last year.

NOTABLE EVENTS

- Event #16-26327, 12/20: While on scene of oven fire on Camden Ln, in the Township, that evening, one of our members and a Paramedic student rider, witnessed a neighborhood juvenile interact with and ultimately punch in the face, the Sherriff's Deputy that arrived at the scene. Our firefighter/medic and the student rider, during a brief struggle, assisted the Deputy in detaining and cuffing the assailant.
- Overdose/Intoxication: responded to 2 heroin/drug overdose or intoxication events

FIRE PREVENTION/FIRE INVESTIGATION

- Total inspections for December were 91. There were 8 fire investigations which were all closed.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

- There were 540 personal contacts made for December.

POINTS OF INTEREST

- Weather Warning Sirens: Following the monthly system test on January 7, it was determined that all sirens were functioning properly.
- Winter Operations: The Fire Department would like to encourage residents and business owners/operators to be aware of where their piles of snow accumulate. Please make

reasonable efforts to keep fire hydrants cleared and uncovered from snow, and direct their snow clearing contractors accordingly

Chris Campbell – Public Works Director

- **Roadway Maintenance** – 6 pot holes were patched during late December. In 2016 the department patched 2,490 holes. The 2015 total was just over 17,000.
- **Animal Control** – Crews removed 9 dead animals from the streets. We will be working with A & S Animal Control for trapping etc.
- **Storm System** – The December inspection was completed with no debris removed
- **Leaves** – Rounds 5 and 6 were completed during the month of December. The 2016 totals were 5,946 stops and 5,111.5 yds. of debris removed. The 2015 totals were 5,570 stops and 4,614 yds. of debris.
- **Microturbine** – The compressor has been replaced and the unit placed back into service.
- **Winter Projects** – The winter building maintenance projects are well underway with 2 offices completed.
- **Ice Control** – Crews have completed 8 rounds of snow and ice control. 2,511.5 tons of salt and 8,700 gallons of brine have been applied to the area roads. We have used 1,300 tons of our 5,040 ton commitment for salt for 2017.
- **Tree Pruning** – Tree pruning will begin sometime in January.
- Dangerous tree limbs along the Laurel Bike and Hike Trail have been removed. Crews will return in the spring to complete all of the necessary pruning and tree removal.

Chris Noga – Police Chief

- During the month of December the City of Twinsburg Communications Center generated 2,218 calls for service among the Twinsburg Police and Fire Departments and the Reminderville Police and Fire Departments. The total call count for 2016 is 26,334.
- Twinsburg police officers arrested and/or cited 112 suspects into court on 146 different counts. The arrest counts include: (6) Theft/Fraud charges, (10) Drug Abuse/Possession charges, (17) for Driving under Suspension or Without a Valid License, (7) Operating a Vehicle Under the Influence of Alcohol and/or Drugs of Abuse charges, (1) Open container charge, (3) Disorderly Conduct/Drunkenness charges, (10) Warrants Served, (3) Domestic Violence charges, (1) Charge of Improper Handling of a Weapon in a Motor Vehicle, (1) Aggravated menacing charge, and (1) Harassing Communication charge. The remaining charges were various other criminal or traffic related charges.
- Twinsburg officers issued 123 written warnings and 18 parking citation.
- Officers investigated 42 Traffic Crashes of which 11 were injury crashes, 8 were on private property, and none were fatal.
- Congratulated Detective Brian Donato for receiving the Summit County Prosecutor's Top Cop award.

Karen Howse – Finance Director

FINAL DECEMBER 2016 LOCAL TAX COLLECTIONS

- City Income Tax receipts for December 2016 total is \$ 1,514,808.39 compared to December 2015 receipts in the amount of \$1,809,920.08. This reflects a decrease of 16.31% or down by \$295,111.69 compared to last year.

- Refunds are also reflective in the December collections. Total refund amount is **\$6,853.26**.
- Total year-to-date receipts collected for 2016 is **\$20,739,170.80** compared to 2015 collection of **\$19,651,388.22**. This reflects an increase of **5.54** or up by **\$1,087,782.58** compared to last year.
- The total combined net change distribution for withholders, net profits and individuals applied due to rate change is: **\$178,787.68**

LEGISLATION

ORDINANCE 120-2016 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF CAVANAUGH BUILDING CORPORATION FOR THE GLENEAGLES GOLF CLUB PROJECT (Stands on First Reading)

Read by S. Collins

ORDINANCE 121-2016 - AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CURRENT YEAR APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE VARIOUS GENERAL AND SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNTS AS ESTABLISHED IN ORDINANCE 108-2016, THE APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF TWINSBURG FOR THE YEAR 2017 (Stands on First Reading)

Read by S. Collins

ORDINANCE 124-2016 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF MILLER CURB & PAVING, INC. FOR THE STORM AND ROADWAY IMPROVEMENTS ON RAVENNA, RICHNER AND CHARLES COURT (Stands on First Reading)

Read by S. Collins

RESOLUTION 01-2017 - A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING COUNCIL'S RECEIPT AND REVIEW OF THE MONTHLY FINANCIAL STATEMENT SUBMITTED BY THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT FOR OCTOBER, NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2016

Resolution 01-2017 was passed over at the meeting due to December reports not being ready.

RESOLUTION 02-2017 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A PROFESSIONAL SERVICES CONTRACT WITH CHRISTOPHER CAMPBELL TO PROVIDE THE SERVICES OF THE PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 02-2017

Moved by S. Scaffide, seconded by B. Steele

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 03-2017 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LANDS AND IMPROVEMENTS DEDICATED TO PUBLIC USE FOR THE CORBETT FARM PHASE 3

SUBDIVISION; ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE BOND AND REDUCING THE PERFORMANCE BOND ACCORDINGLY

Read by S. Collins

ORDINANCE 04-2017 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE LANDS AND IMPROVEMENTS DEDICATED TO PUBLIC USE FOR FOX HOLLOW SUBDIVISION; ACCEPTING THE MAINTENANCE BOND AND REDUCING THE PERFORMANCE BOND ACCORDINGLY

Read by S. Collins

ORDINANCE 05-2017 - AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE BID OF FECHKO EXCAVATING, INC. FOR THE CRESTWOOD DRIVE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: SUSPEND THE RULES AND PLACE ORDINANCE 05-2017 ON THIRD AND FINAL READING DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Moved by G. Sorace, seconded by B. Furey

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

MOTION: TO ADOPT ORDINANCE 05-2017 AS AN EMGERNCY

Moved by G. Sorace, seconded by S. Scaffide

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

ORDINANCE 06-2017 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP FEES AND RATES FOR THE FITNESS CENTER IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Read by S. Collins

ORDINANCE 07-2017 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MEMBERSHIP OPTIONS AND RATES FOR THE FITNESS CENTER AND WATERPARK IN THE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

Read by S. Collins

RESOLUTION 08-2017 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR CLEAN OHIO CONSERVATION PROGRAM FUND

Read by S. Collins

MOTION: TO ADOPT RESOLUTION 08-2017

Moved by G. Sorace, seconded by M. Stauffer

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS

Ms. Howse

- Nothing further this evening

Mrs. Collins

- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Scaffide:

- Public Works meeting the street program was approved
- Nothing this evening

Mrs. Stauffer:

- Congratulated Ms. Howse on her award
- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Furey:

- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Steele:

- Nothing further this evening

Ms. McFearin:

- Congratulated Ms. Howse on her award
- Wished all the residents a Happy New Year
- Invited residents to the next council meeting on January 24th
- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Rodin:

- Not in attendance this evening

Mayor Yates:

- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Maistros:

- Nothing further this evening

Mr. Sorace:

MOTION: EXCUSE MR. RODIN FROM TONIGHT'S MEETING

Moved by G. Sorace, seconded by B. Steele

Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

- Nothing further this evening

MOTION: TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION REGARDING PENDING LITIGATION

Moved by G. Sorace, seconded by B. Furey

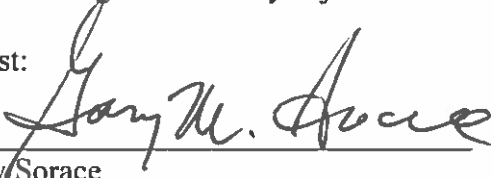
Upon roll call motion passed unanimously

Mr. Sorace reconvene from executive session and reported that pending litigation was discussed.

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting unanimously adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Attest:



Gary Sorace
President of Council



Shannon Collins
Clerk of Council