

**REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING – 7:00 P.M.**

The Council of the City of Cortland met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. at the City Administration Building, 400 N High St, Cortland, Ohio with Council President Dennis Linville presiding. Members of Council present were James Edwards, Patti Keller, Don Moore, Deidre Petrosky, Kevin Piros and Scott Rowley. Also present at the meeting were Mayor Woofter, Law Director Wilson, Fire Chief Rea, Police Chief Andrews, Service Director Wittman and Clerk of Council Horn; absent was Finance Director Moyer.

A motion to approve Council Minutes from the September 6, 2016 Regular Council Meeting was made by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilwoman Keller. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, abstain; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

A motion to approve Schedule of Bills to be paid totaling \$68,371.94 was made by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**ORDINANCE O-37-16** – An Ordinance amending O-11-07 the purchasing procedures for the Municipality of Cortland, Ohio was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Moore and seconded by Councilman Rowley. **ROLL CALL O-37-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

**ORDINANCE O-38-16** – An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with the Trumbull County Combined Health District was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Edwards. **ROLL CALL O-38-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, abstain; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

**COUNCILMAN PIROS** - I abstained because of my relationship with the State Dept of Health.

**ORDINANCE O-39-16** – An Ordinance amending O-08-13 to update the Civil Service Laws in the City of Cortland, County of Trumbull, and State of Ohio was read and moved for second reading by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL O-39-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **ORDINANCE PASSED SECOND READING**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION R-32-16** - A Resolution supporting the City of Cortland’s application for Federal Surface Transportation Program (STP) Funds programmed by the Eastgate Regional Council of Governments to improve a portion of St Rt 46 within the corporation limits was read and moved by Councilman Rowley and seconded by Councilman Piros.

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** - Is the 80/20 split normal?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN** – Yes. This will be for the design as well as construction.

**COUNCILMAN ROWLEY** – Don, this isn't going to happen until 2019? Is that it?

**MAYOR WOOFER** - Isn't it 2021?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN** – The schedule starts in January of 2019 which falls within ODOT's fiscal year 2020. Their project will be sold in Quarter 2 of their fiscal year 2021. We are looking at multiple years out on this project. This is something Eastgate Regional Council of Governments is requiring when you are making application for funding because they have to program all these highway funds out in advance. So, they don't want four years to go by and no one on city council has any idea that we have to pay 20%. This is just the first step in the application process. The plans for funding this down the road if we have to pay the local match will be through state highway funds but I fully anticipate us getting the local share paid through OPWC.

**COUNCIL PRESIDENT LINVILLE** - Very good. Any other questions?

**ROLL CALL R-32-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

**RESOLUTION R-33-16** - A Resolution accepting the amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission of Trumbull County and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor was read and moved by Councilwoman Petrosky and seconded by Councilman Moore. **ROLL CALL R-33-16** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

**FINANCE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**  
*(FINANCE DIRECTOR MOYER ABSENT)*

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS** – We are moving into grant season for us. Next month there will be two good grants we will be looking at. It has been very fruitful for us through the State Dept of Ohio, OCGS.

Towards December, you will see a new ordinance for a cruiser. This is what we do every year. We try to get it done towards the first reading in January so we can move and get it ordered. These things usually take about three months, plus the equipment to go with it. So, you will see that in a couple months.

Other than that, everything is running very smoothly and you should have my monthly report. I'd be happy to answer any questions you have.

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** – How is the Pokémon stuff going?

**POLICE CHIEF ANDREWS** – It seems to be abating quite a bit. Maybe the curve has come down. It's not as much.

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** – Good.

**FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT:**

**FIRE CHIEF REA** – You may have noticed, if you follow us on Facebook, this past week we had rope training. It was from Monday through Thursday, four day training of about 32 to 36 hours. It was provided by the Ohio Fire Academy. There were several departments, Cortland, Howland, Champion and other departments from around the area that participated. It was free of charge to all the participants. The Direct Delivery Program of the fire county puts it on and the State Fire Marshal sponsors. It was excellent training and we hope to do another one again next spring either a rope to or another rope rescue so we can get more people trained in that. We will hopefully be better prepared should we ever need to use it. I'd like to thank the Service Dept Director, Don Wittman for allowing us in the water tower. We had a great, one day training in there. The second day we got a lot of stuff done, a lot of repelling. We also need to thank the City of Warren and Warren Water Treatment Plant because they let us use their tower for 1 ½ days to hoist and lower and practice putting people in baskets to get them off the high angle areas. It was great training.

As Chief said, I'd like to reiterate for us that grant season is coming up for us also. I am currently working with Fran. There is a grant out there that is a grant and a low interest loan all wrapped into one. They will give us so much money with the addition they will finance the rest of the project that you are doing. So, right now we need to get some quotes from around the area to make sure they are indeed the lowest interest rate. They want to make sure we are not just going to them with our hand out. They want to make sure we did our homework with whatever we are at. We will see where that turns out. That would be next year and I'm hopefully looking at a new fire truck and probably a new ambulance as well. It's a 10 year, low interest loan. No early pay pack penalties. Usually they give \$50,000 in the grant to get you started. We will also do the AFG Grant that we do every year and ask for another fire truck. I'll remain hopeful. We keep asking for it and they keep telling us no but it's still there. It's worth the ask.

As far as the new truck, I was asked twice about my new vehicles and I can tell you what the guy told me today when I called him. He said "soon." I don't know what the window of "soon" is but he said he should be getting them in this month and go right to work on them and get them out to us.

Other than that, I don't have anything else to report. You have my monthly report and I'd be happy to answer any questions.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

**SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN** – Just to be consistent, it is that grant time of year. I will be going to Eastgate tomorrow to present our 2017 Asphalt Resurfacing Project which is kind of ironic considering we haven't completed 2016. I have made calls to the company. They are still within the time of completion according to the contract. So, I will reach out further this week to see if I can pin them down on an exact start date. They do have until the 1<sup>st</sup> week of October to complete the asphalt resurfacing.

The new International truck has been delivered, been paid for and functioning. We did have to call them back for a hydraulic hose issue, but that has been fixed. So, we will be anticipating the arrival of winter so we can go out and test out the new equipment. Along those lines, we will be having a snow and ice symposium with ODOT in the second week of October. So, don't get fooled by this indian summer, its right around the corner.

Other than that, I don't have anything else to report and I'll entertain any questions Council may have for me.

**COUNCILMAN ROWLEY** – Don, what's the status on the sled hill now?

**SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN** – It is looking good.

**COUNCILMAN ROWLEY** – I saw something on Facebook that.... I wasn't sure if it was complete or what but...

**SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN** – Don't trust Facebook.

**COUNCILMAN ROWLEY** – Well, that's why I asked.

**SERVICE DIRECTOR WITTMAN** – That's a rabbit hole you don't want to go down, believe me. I've chased my tail several times trying to respond to people. It's best just to let them call here and get a straight answer. The majority of the dirt has been brought in and has been shaped and has been final graded. The Trumbull County Metro Parks representatives came out and performed an inspection. They are happy with it. The State Park manager has come out. She says it a thousand times better than what we had before. We had an opportunity to get it hydro-seeded last Friday but with the coming rain we felt it best to hold off until the beginning of this week where we have a better chance for the grass to grow before we have any additional rain. I reached out to the contractor. It's going to be around \$2,200 to \$2,400 for hydro-seeding. I think it's a cost well worth spending to get the area seeded rapidly. So, that's the official sled hill update.

**COUNCILMAN ROWLEY** – Thank you.

**MAYOR WOOFER** – So, if mother nature cooperates we will have grass there. Of course we will need snow. Last year there was no snow but maybe one time it could have been used. I invite you all to go out and take a look at it. It looks very nice. I have a lot of thanks to give to Dave Grayson from Miller Yount Paving for providing almost three full days of bulldozing out there. They did a great job. Plus, the dirt we have to thank Lakeview High School which Miller Yount trucked over to us and applied the fill dirt and the top soil. So, without their help this wouldn't have happened this year. Kudos to them.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:**

**MAYOR WOOFER** – Splash Pad update: The My Splash Pad Company was out here today and discovered a couple of the leaks. If you drive down there you'll see they cut through the concrete and dug up areas and fixed some of the PVC pipes that had the leaks in them. They were to have filled that back in and concreted today. I'm not sure if they did. I didn't drive back down late this afternoon. I was there around 3:00 and they were still replacing in-ground piping at that time. They think they have the situation well in hand. His next dilemma is how to reapply the surface so that it looks like it.... because through the UV lights, etc., what was there at the beginning of the summer of course has changed color a little bit. So, there would be a difference if they just filled in the areas where they dug up. He's going to try a different shade of the rubber surface and try to make it look like it's supposed to be there. So, that's where we are with that.

Some Announcements:

Fall Clean Up – Sept 29 and 30<sup>th</sup> – Items will be collected with your regular garbage pick-up.

2nd Annual Taste of Cortland - Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> - 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. - Country Porch Winery. This is a fundraiser not only for the splash pad but Pearl Park in general. Reminder, the Splash Pad is closed for the season.

Halloween Trick or Treat - Monday, October 31<sup>st</sup> - 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Curbside Brush Pickup – They guys are doing the south section this week and then in October: North Section - Week of Oct 10<sup>th</sup>, South Section - Week of Oct 17<sup>th</sup>. October is the last month for this program.

Community Pride Award winners for August were Sal and Carol Caronite. We presented them with a nice sign and plaque. There is one award left this year, a commercial business. That will be given out the last week of September.

Mosquito Spraying is done for the season.

**NO COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**NO QUESTIONS OF COUNCIL FROM THE AUDIENCE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**COUNCILMAN MOORE** - I'd like to commend the Department Heads on seeking grants. I think that's great to conserve the funds and extend the funds we have in the city. Thank you for pursuing those avenues.

**A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilman Piros and seconded by Councilman Edwards.**

**ROLL CALL** - Edwards, aye; Keller, aye; Linville, aye; Moore, aye; Petrosky, aye; Piros, aye; Rowley, aye. **MOTION PASSED**

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 p.m.

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