

## REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2020

### MINUTES

The Regular Council Meeting of the Village of Moreland Hills was called to order by Mayor Fritz at 7:01pm, via Zoom.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

Also Present: William Hanna, Law Director; Chief Kevin Wyant; Prashant Shah, Treasurer; Jeff Filarski, Village Engineer; Ted DeWater, Service Director; Lt. Todd Dietzel; Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council; Dr. Robert Hunt, Chagrin Falls Schools Superintendent; Ashley Brudno, Chagrin Falls Schools District Treasurer

Mayor Fritz asked if anyone had any corrections to last month's meeting minutes. Mr. Stanard stated that on page 6, the Roads and Safety motion was missing his name from the vote, and it should therefore be added. Mr. Spencer stated that on page 2, in the middle of the page referring to the House on the Hill, the word should be "demolished" not "demoed." Mr. Richman stated that in the fourth paragraph on page 1, it should state that "Mayor Fritz" asked if there were any corrections to last month's meeting minutes, and not "Mr. Richman."

Mr. Stanard made a motion seconded by Mr. Richman to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of August 5, 2020, as amended.

#### ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

#### **Resident Comments**

There were no residents present wishing to speak.

At this time, Mayor Fritz introduced Dr. Robert Hunt, Superintendent of Chagrin Falls Schools. He stated that Dr. Hunt has been the Superintendent in Chagrin Falls since 2012. Dr. Hunt has

taught graduate level courses at both Notre Dame College and Ursuline College. He also has a PhD from Kent State. Mayor Fritz stated that Dr. Hunt has been navigating some difficult times, as we all have, but he feels that Dr. Hunt has come up with a plan that is safe, practical and efficient for our community.

Dr. Hunt thanked Mayor Fritz and Council for giving him this opportunity and stated that he would echo the compliments to them for the way they have handled the pandemic challenges. He introduced Ashley Brudno, District Treasurer, and he stated that she is in her second year with the school district and has done a fabulous job helping to navigate them through some difficult waters.

Dr. Hunt started by giving some history on their successful 8.9 mill levy that was passed in 2017; 5.5 of that was for operating and 3.4 was for bond. He stated that they renovated and rebuilt the Chagrin Falls Intermediate School with that bond issue and were able to finish the project on time and under budget and extend those bond dollars into almost every building in the district. Dr. Hunt stated that they committed to their communities, at that point in time, that they would be off the ballot for three years. Last year in the fall, they started working on what their next ballot issue would look like in order to continue the operations of their school district. That analysis took them to about February when they were ready to put 7.9 mills for operating on the November ballot. That would have continued their operations for four years, potentially five years. When COVID hit in March, they took a big step back, realizing the economic impact it would have and the instability on all their communities. He stated that they decided that 7.9 mills was not an acceptable ask of their communities. Dr. Hunt stated that they analyzed various options with their finance committee, and so in November of this year, they will be bringing forth a 3.85 mill operating levy. The reason that amount was decided on was because in 2007, they passed a bond issue to build a new middle school, and that debt payment will be paid off in December 2020, which equates to 3.85 mills. Therefore, if they successfully pass this operating levy in November, it will not increase the taxes for any school district residents. He stated that they have obviously experience the state reductions and so have cut 1.2 million dollars from their budget the last two years to lower their millage, which they feel brings them into a place that they think is a lot more palatable with the uncertainty of the times. This will take them to three years and will not increase the taxes related to the school district.

Ms. Brudno pointed out that the 1.2 million dollar cut in their budget was for this year and next year, not the last two years as Dr. Hunt said. She stated that many of those cuts are not things

that can continue. Some are permanent improvement items that they are just trying to get by on until they can get back to normal, because they knew that the 7.9 mill levy was not a reasonable ask at this time. To get that millage down to the 3.85 to keep the taxes even, they did make several cuts; many of them are not things that will continue beyond those two years. Dr. Hunt stated that they have been able to maintain current programming levels, however.

Mayor Fritz stated that the cuts from the state were staggering and the legislature then took it upon itself to work through a new bill to the Senate and the House to lessen the impact. He asked how that bill worked and if it has lessened the impact from the state and if so, to what degree. Ms. Brudno stated that it definitely lessened the blow; originally their cuts were going to be \$532,000 annually, which started last fiscal year. She stated that they found out about that on May 6, and their fiscal year ends June 30. Initially, she stated that she was going to have to send money back to the state, but once changes were made and they capped the loss at 6% of state funding, their loss was more like \$134,000. That is still a blow, but not nearly what it was and they do not expect their funding to come back up to pre-COVID levels. Dr. Hunt stated they would consider it a success if this levy goes forward because their residents carry the school districts.

Ms. Sturgis thanked Dr. Hunt and Ms. Brudno for coming tonight and sharing this information. She asked what their long-term plans would be, beyond what they are asking now. Ms. Brudno stated that all school districts have to be on a levy cycle because of House Bill 920; their revenue does not increase as property values increase. She stated that their millage is decreased from the voted millage, which is where they get the active mills. Every school in Ohio is on a levy cycle and in the past, the cycles have been a little bit longer and she stated that they realize that the three-year levy cycle is not as long as they would like it to be, which is why they were initially looking at a four to five year levy cycle. Because of this reduced millage, they made cuts to get it down, but the need is still not being met. While they will do what they can to stretch it longer than three years, they are only committing to three years. Beyond that, they would most likely have to go back on the ballot, but at what level and for how long, will have to be determined by what is going on in the community and with the economy.

Mr. Richman stated that our leaders of tomorrow are our schoolchildren of today and stated that our Village has two very well run school districts. He wished them and their district continued success.

Dr. Hunt and Ms. Brudno thanked the Mayor and Council for their time and left the meeting

at 7:24pm.

**Reports from the Mayor and Other Municipal Officials**

Mayor Fritz updated Council on the CARES funding. He reached out and spoke with Senator Dolan and Tim Cosgrove. He recapped that the Village has received their first allocation and the second one should be coming soon. That leaves roughly 600 million in the Ohio fund. Senator Dolan recently introduced a bill that passed the Senate and is now at the House. Senator Dolan's bill will take the rest of the funds and disburse them on a per capita metric. Early calculations suggest that would be about \$119,000.00 for Moreland Hills. He will keep Council updated accordingly.

Mayor Fritz stated that there was an article in the paper about the potential development on Miles Road, which has generated some residential input. Kudos to Julie Hullut from the Chagrin Valley Times, as the article was very well balanced and well done. He stated that it is always good to see the amount of work our local reporters put into their stories. There is nothing new regarding the development. The deadline to submit for the BZA/Planning Commission meeting would be this coming Monday, September 14. He will keep Council updated.

There have been flooding issues in the Village, which he is sure Mr. DeWater will discuss in his report. He is bringing it up because we got nearly 5 inches of rain and our infrastructure was taxed to the limit in some areas of the Village. Mayor Fritz stated that he went out with the Service Department who were called in that day. He gave special thanks to Mr. DeWater, Ron Sochinsky, and Rick Misterka who came in and helped residents deal with their issues. It is a great example of how we go above and beyond. It was a good eye opener to see the hard work the Service Department put in, on a holiday no less.

**Service**

Mr. DeWater stated that as Mayor Fritz reported, we had flooding issues because of the heavy rains. The Service Department received calls of high wet wells at the pump stations. Ron and Rick came in to deal with that and to clean some blocked storm drains on SOM. There was high water on SR 87 and it was closed because of a downed tree. Chagrin River Road by the Polo Fields was flooded as well. He stated that Ron and Rick left around 2:00pm. Not long after that, Mr. DeWater stated that he received a call from the Mayor informing him of a phone call he had just received from a resident who was experiencing sanitary water back up in his basement, therefore, Mr. DeWater stated that he called Ron and Rick back in and they all went

to that residence. He stated that they are still researching whether it was due to a failure of his own line or from something else. There were four basements in the Village that received storm water plus another one with sanitary flooding. The Service Department has been working with residents all week and most of what they are finding with the storm water backups are that the resident's footer drains are filled with tree roots, which is their responsibility. He stated that we see this type of thing more in drought years and when the rain comes back, the residents experience this type of failure.

It was discovered that the other resident with the sanitary sewer back was caused because their sanitary sewer line, out to our main line, was full of tree roots. Their plumber cut them out to get it flowing, but they are going to have to excavate to replace those lines. It seems as though most of these issues will fall on the responsibility of the homeowner. As Mayor Fritz stated, our infrastructure was taxed to the limit, but when they pulled manhole covers off, they saw that the water was flowing and running and did not appear to have any blockages in the lines.

### **Police**

Chief Wyant reported that the Community Kids Fishing Day is this Saturday, September 12. The morning session is full but there are still spots available in the afternoon, and after the video was posted on Facebook this afternoon, he received a few more sign ups. He stated that he suspects that all the spots will be filled by tomorrow. Mayor Fritz informed Council that if they have not seen the video yet, it is on the Moreland Hills and Police Department's Facebook pages and Mrs. Arrietta will be getting it on the website tomorrow. He stated that Chief Wyant did a great job and informed Council that the Village purchased inexpensive software to help produce more of these vignettes to help message things from our Police Department, recycling information, and the virtual run for the parks in the near future.

### **Finance**

Mr. Shah reported that our income tax is 2.1% higher than it was last year at this time. It may stabilize for the rest of the year or we might see a slight decline when the estimates are paid at the end of the year. As discussed previously, there are a lot of rules and regulations surrounding the ability to spend the COVID funds, and there is going to be an audit on them. The Auditor of State said that he would not be going too deep with it as long as there is some reasonability associated with the expenses. He stated that he has seen circulars from Ohio Business Management Offices, and there is some turn around now regarding the discussion to be able to use the funds for safety forces; mostly salaries and fringe benefits. Therefore, that

may be a possibility for us as well. Mr. Shah stated that he believes that we are close to spending all of the initial allocation of \$29,000.00. If we get the second allocation, we should not have a problem spending that, however it may be difficult to spend the \$119,000, but it is not subject to the same time limits (it needs to be spent by next February) and there are less stringent protocols associated with it. He stated that other than that, everyone is doing well with their budgets and we are holding steady.

Mayor Fritz stated that we have a two-tiered approach with this funding. As Mr. Shah mentioned, we have almost all the receipts for the \$29,000.00 and the second allocation which will be about half the amount of the first round, should not be a problem to spend, but the \$119,000 may be difficult. That is where our two-tiered approach comes into play. If we get this money but are not able to spend it on safety forces, then we need to have a “Plan B,” which would be to purchase “things” that benefit the Village. There is a balance between being realistic and not wasteful of tax dollars, while still trying to get the greatest benefit out of that money. He stated that our hope is that we will be able to supplement this with our Police, Fire, and Dispatch services. If we can use it, then that helps our budget to the best benefit possible because they are actual dollars that we budgeted for. If it has to be used for “things” related to COVID and able to be applied towards our safety forces, then we need to get creative. He stated that we are starting to research some items that would be considered direct-COVID money. We are looking at and making plans for both options. Mrs. Bossart has been really helpful with that and has come up with some ideas for things that would be really beneficial to the Village.

Mr. Shah informed Council that some other communities are considering purchasing an electronic message board that can be put in front of the schools and/or high traffic areas to message updates from the Health Department related to COVID. He stated that he checked with the State and it would be considered a permissible use, so that may be something to consider. Mr. Shah also suggested the purchase of new defibrillators that help distance you more from the patient, which would also be a permissible purchase. Mayor Fritz stated that he has had a conversation with a Councilmember in South Russell to brainstorm items that we can use this money on to benefit the fire department that we contract with, if we cannot use it for safety forces. There have been discussions of “moonbeam” technology inside the squads, which is a UV light that will disinfect the squad after every call, similar to the smaller versions we have purchased for the Village Campus. He stated that he would have to discuss it further since they are an agency that we contract with, and not our own personal fire department. Mr. Shah stated that another item considered a permissible use would be defogger, which is a piece

of equipment that disinfects an area by spraying out a disinfectant.

**Law**

Mr. Hanna updated Council on Senate Bill 357 and informed them that it was introduced in the House yesterday, but there has been no report of any further activity since then. As Mr. Shah stated, the deadlines for the use and encumbrance of those funds are relaxed. The current date that monies that are not encumbered need to be returned by is October 15, but it is getting pushed out to November 20. With respect to the actual expenditure of those funds, the December 28 deadline is going to be extended until February 1, 2021. The interim period between December 28 and February 1 is basically for accounting purposes so that we can true up the expenses that were made. It is moving in the right direction and they also stated that we do not need to pass additional legislation pledging to use those monies for CARES Act qualifying purposes; the legislation that the Village has already adopted meets that standard.

**Engineer**

Mr. Filarski reported that the Willey Creek Bridge on Chagrin River Road would be open on time (September 18). He thanked the Service Department for all the work they did related to the flooding. He stated that he would like to look at our sanitary sewer system, which he will bring to committee next month after discussing further with Mr. DeWater. Given the magnitude of the storm, he feels overall, we fared pretty well.

Mr. Spencer asked if there is a way to assess what is going on with septic tanks in the Village when we have a storm like that to determine if there are any failures. Mr. Filarski stated that there is no way to tell when it comes to septic systems. We have 900 septic systems, and he is sure that many of them are taxed to the point that they are not providing the treatment they should because of all the storm water leaking into them. Hopefully there are no storm water direct connections of downspouts going into those systems, but again, there is really no way to assess that.

Mr. Richman asked if there is any other way for residents to see if their lines need to have roots removed and if there is anything they can do proactively to prevent water from coming into their home. Mr. Filarski stated that the main thing would be for those residents that have had issues with roots, to have a plumber come out every 2-3 years and clean the line out because they do grow back. Mr. Emerman asked about root destroyer and whether it is approved. Mr. Filarski stated that there is an EPA approved periodic treatment, but for sanitary, not storm sewers. Mayor Fritz stated that Mr. Richman brought up a good point asking what residents

can do. Perhaps we can discuss some messaging, with Mr. Filarski, which we can put out to the residents on that and inform them on how to keep a better eye on it.

**Reports of Committees -**

**Roads & Safety Committee**

The Roads and Safety Committee did not meet on September 1, 2020. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 6 at 8:00am.

**Facilities Committee**

The Facilities Committee did not meet on September 1, 2020. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 6 at 8:30am.

**BZA**

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on August 31, 2020, and Mr. Stanard gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next meeting will be on October 5, 2020 at 6:00pm.

**Planning Commission**

The Planning Commission met August 31, 2020 immediately following the BZA meeting. Mr. Stanard gave a report based on the meeting minutes, which are attached. The next regularly scheduled meeting is October 5, 2020.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance 2020-53- Introduced by Mr. Stanard**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 1151.07(f) "SCHEDULE 1151.07 MINIMUM SETBACK REQUIREMENTS," OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS TO CORRECT A TYPOGRAPHICAL ERROR.

Mr. Stanard stated that it was discovered in 1151.07(d), where it should read "150 feet is required," the "1" was missing making it incorrect at just "50 feet." He asked Mr. Hanna if it would not be required to put this ordinance on three readings even though it is a zoning ordinance, because it was just a typographical error. Mr. Hanna stated that was correct and when walking back through the legislation, it is clearly a case of a missing number because there was no indication in the intervening legislation where it went missing, that it was intentionally missing. It was just a typographical error and not a substantive change.

Mr. Stanard made a motion seconded by Mr. Emerman to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-53.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Stanard made a motion seconded by Mr. Richman for passage of Ordinance 2020-53.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

**Ordinance 2020-54-Introduced by Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 509.11, “NOISE,” OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS, OHIO, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart stated that this ordinance amends Section 1(a) to add a Subsection 7 under that section, specific to landscaping equipment; with the same days and times already stated in the ordinance. She stated that before she makes a motion to suspend the rules, she believe Mr. Richman has a comment. Mr. Richman stated that in Subsection 6 “Heavy Equipment,” the regulation referring to “heavy earth-moving and construction equipment,” there is no definition of “heavy” versus “light.” He stated that his thought is to amend it to be “earth-moving or other construction equipment” in order to be more inclusive and not to leave any wiggle room that was not intended. This would also include an amendment to the title of Subsection 6 and other references of “heavy earth-moving and construction equipment” to be changed to “earth-moving or other construction equipment.” Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart asked Mr. Hanna if that amendment could be made within this ordinance or if they would need to do it separately. Mr. Hanna stated that since the title of the Ordinance states “amending Section 509.11,” without specifying the addition of a new sub-section, it could be done within this ordinance, but he stated that he could prepare it and edit it to form for Council’s further consideration if they did not want to move forward tonight. He stated that there is a reference

in the title of Subsection 6, to “heavy equipment” and he asked if that is something Mr. Richman would want to leave, because it may be more broad than “heavy earth-moving equipment.” Mr. Richman stated that he had mentioned that should be changed as well; his thought was to either say just “equipment” and lose the word “heavy” in front of it or to say “earth-moving equipment.” He stated that if everyone else agrees, he thinks it makes sense to make a motion to amend it tonight.

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart asked Mr. Richman if he feels that it would accomplish the same goal if just the word “heavy” were to be removed. Mr. Richman stated that his understanding of “earth-moving equipment” is that it is a type of “construction equipment,” so the thought is why not be more clear. However, if Council and Mr. Hanna thought deleting the word “heavy” was enough, then he is okay with that too. Mr. Emerman stated that he feels that keeping the word “heavy” is important because it implies that both the earth moving equipment and the construction equipment are “heavy,” especially since the heading is “Heavy Equipment.” He stated that he feels it is important because it is prohibited on Sundays, so if someone were to use a circular saw on a Sunday, we would not want to prohibit them from doing so. He stated that his thought is that they would be changing the meaning of it and not necessarily clarifying it, which he does not agree with. Mr. Richman stated that he sees Mr. Emerman’s point and does not feel that a saw would be considered “construction” equipment, but rather “maintenance” or “landscape” equipment. He deferred to Mr. Hanna for his thoughts on this. Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart stated that there seems to be enough discussion on this that they may want to consider that as a separate ordinance and move forward on voting on this one (the addition of Subsection 7) tonight. Mayor Fritz suggested placing this on first reading and Council could ultimately pass it “as amended” if it is decided to make this change, but he stated he would defer to whatever Mr. Hanna thinks is best. Mr. Hanna stated that Mr. Emerman raised a good point that Sundays and Holidays are treated differently. He feels it best to put it off until next meeting, if there is no sense of urgency. Mayor Fritz stated that he would leave that up to Council to decide.

Mr. Stanard stated that he is in agreement with Mr. Emerman’s point and feels that the restriction of heavy equipment on Sundays and holidays is what was intended. He stated that as written, the new Subsection 7 would address the landscaping equipment (saws, lawnmowers, etc.). He feels this ordinance, as presented to Council, will satisfy their objective. Mr. Stanard stated that he wonders if the “wobble room” that Mr. Richman referred to has been taken advantage of by anyone. Mayor Fritz stated that the two concerns that were voiced to his office would both be specifically addressed by the ordinance that is before Council this

evening. Mr. Richman stated that he is in agreement with Mr. Emerman's comment and therefore withdraws his suggestion to make revisions to Subsection 6.

Ms. Sturgis asked if there are any other changes to this ordinance that Mr. Hanna would recommend. Mr. Hanna stated that there are not and feels that it is good as it is written. It could always be revisited later if any other issues arise. Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart asked if Council would agree to pass it or to place it on three readings. Mr. Emerman stated that if residents have an interest in this, then he feels that they should probably put it on three readings. Mayor Fritz stated that this is a minor clarification to further define the ordinance, and does not feel that there will be any controversy with the residents about that, however, it is still the decision of Council as to how they want to proceed. Ms. Sturgis stated that she is torn because she feels that there has been a lot of discussion around what should and should not be included, now and in the past. In order to enforce something like this, she stated that she would like for residents to have the opportunity to know beforehand what changes are being made to the ordinance, so she would prefer to have more than one reading of this ordinance. Mayor Fritz stated that it seems as though several members of Council are in agreement, so we should default to that.

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard to place Ordinance 2020-54 on First Reading.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

**Ordinance 2020-55 - Introduced by Ms. Sturgis**

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE VILLAGE OF MORELAND HILLS CREDIT CARD POLICY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Sturgis stated that this ordinance would amend the current Village credit card policy, which is a policy that ensures that the credit card accounts are closely monitored to guard against any misuse.

Ms. Sturgis made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard to suspend the rules of Ordinance 2020-55.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Sturgis made a motion seconded by Mr. Emerman for passage of Ordinance 2020-55.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

**Ordinance 2020-56- Introduced by Ms. Sturgis**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A COMMUNITY COST SHARE AGREEMENT WITH THE NORTHEAST OHIO REGIONAL SEWER DISTRICT FOR THE 2019 CULVERT AND DRAINAGE PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Sturgis stated that the Village entered into a share agreement in 2013 with NEORS D regarding regional stormwater management. This ordinance is part of the community cost-share part of that agreement, therefore the Village is asking for \$25,000.00 to be allocated for the 2019 Culvert and Drainage Program. Mr. Stanard gave accolades Mr. Filarski for how organized and professional he is with these applications, and he would suspect that is what helps these applications sail through the process and ultimately be approved to help provide the Village money to put towards these projects.

Ms. Sturgis made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-56.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Ms. Sturgis made a motion seconded by Mr. Richman for passage of Ordinance 2020-56.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

**Resolution 2020-57- Introduced by Mr. Richman**

A RESOLUTION PROCLAIMING SEPTEMBER 11-18, 2020, AS *WELCOMING WEEK*; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richman stated that to celebrate the diversity that the City of Cleveland was built on, Global Cleveland, a non-profit organization that is dedicated to embracing inclusion and diversity, is having its second annual *Welcoming Week*. It is occurring September 11-18 and Global Cleveland and Rep. Phil Robinson have asked that we join other local communities and the City of Cleveland in embracing the diversity of the week and participating in *Welcoming Week* activities, which can be found on the Global Cleveland website.

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Ms. Sturgis for passage of Resolution 2020-57.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

**Resolution 2020-58- Introduced by Mr. Spencer**

A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER TO MAKE ADVANCES FROM THE PROCEEDS OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LEVIES AND SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS DURING THE FISCAL YEAR 2021 PURSUANT TO THE OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 321.34 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Spencer stated that this is a resolution that we are required to pass and provide to the county in order for the county to disburse real property taxes back to the Village in a more expedient manner. We get two tax bills per year; one at the middle of the year and the other at the end

of the year. Once we deliver this resolution, the county would then be permitted to provide us with six tax payments, instead of two. This will be for the next fiscal year, 2021.

Mr. Spencer made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard for passage of Resolution 2020-58.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mayor Fritz stated that he believed Council had a conversation earlier in the year regarding the passage of resolutions. He stated that he thought that the determination was made to pass all resolutions by suspending the rules first just as a blanket measure. Mr. Richman stated that he remembered that conversation as well. Mr. Hanna stated that he might have made that recommendation from the standpoint of being conservative. Mayor Fritz agreed that it would keep it easy to do it that way. Mr. Hanna stated that the previous resolutions passed tonight are fine with the way Council passed them. Mr. Stanard stated that in looking at his notes from the July Committee of the Whole meeting, they show that Mayor Fritz said that it may or may not be absolutely necessary, but in order to keep things standardized, resolutions were to be passed with the suspension of the rules first.

**Resolution 2020-59- Introduced by Mr. Emerman**

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER.

Mr. Emerman stated that after we pass our tax budget and provide that to the county; they prepare this resolution for the Village that authorizes them to collect the millages that are shown in Schedule A (second page of the resolution).

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Mr. Spencer to suspend the rules for Resolution 2020-59.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Ms. Sturgis for passage of Resolution 2020-59.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

**Ordinance 2020-60- Introduced by Mr. Emerman**

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATIONS, TRANSFERRING ITEMS ALREADY APPROPRIATED AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Emerman stated that there are three items for additional appropriations; Engineer Study which is for miscellaneous work done by the Village Engineer, Coronavirus Fund which gives the authority to spend the CARES Act funding; and Engineer's Study, but in the second column where it reads "WWTP Capitol," it should be "Guaranteed Deposits." It is a deposit reimbursement fund for those who have made deposits and are owed money back.

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Mr. Stanard to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2020-60.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Emerman made a motion seconded by Mr. Spencer for passage of Ordinance 2020-60, with the amendment to replace the words "WWTP Capitol" in the second column under "Engineer's Study" and replace them with "Guaranteed Deposits." Mayor Fritz asked Mr. Shah and Mr. Hanna if they were okay with this amendment. Mr. Shah stated that he was and explained that the account number was the correct one, so that is more important than the

account name. Mr. Hanna agreed and would defer to Mr. Shah in any event.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

**MISCELLANEOUS**

There were no items for discussion.

Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart made a motion seconded by Mr. Emerman to adjourn the Regular Council Meeting at 8:36pm

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Emerman, Mrs. Kozminski-VanderHart, Mr. Richman, Mr. Spencer, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: NONE

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36pm.

Attest:

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Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council

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Steve Richman, Council President