

The Regular Meeting of the Apple Creek Council called to order on January 6, 2020 by Mayor Rodney Mackey with the following council members answering to roll call:

Rick Conrad-present, Paul Dillon-present, Mike Harwood-present, Robert McCarthy-absent, Charlie Lewis-present, and Steve Stoffer-present.

Motion to appoint Charles Lewis to Council by Councilman Conrad and the motion was seconded by Council President Stoffer. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Conrad-yes, Council President Stoffer-yes, Councilman Dillon-yes, Councilman Harwood-yes, and Councilman Lewis-yes.

Swearing in of Rodney Mackey as mayor and Rick Conrad & Charlie Lewis for Council.

Motion to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2019 meeting, as always, they are available for the public to review, motion by Council President Stoffer. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harwood. Roll call was as follows: Council President Stoffer-yes, Councilman Harwood-yes, Councilman Conrad-yes, Councilman Dillon-yes, and Councilman Lewis-yes.

Safety Tip: Check your home fire alarms & escape plan.

Motion to go into executive session for Personnel section 121.22 (G) (1) by Councilman Conrad. The motion was seconded by Councilman Harwood. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Conrad-yes, Councilman Harwood-yes, Councilman Dillon-yes, Councilman Lewis-yes, and Council President Stoffer-yes. At 6:38 pm.

Motion to come out of executive session at 6:53 pm by Councilman Harwood. The motion was seconded by Councilman Conrad. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Harwood-yes, Councilman Conrad-yes, Councilman Dillon-yes, Councilman Lewis-yes, and Council President Stoffer-yes.

VISITORS: None.

POLICE: Police Lieutenant, Matt Estacion gave month-end and year-end reports. In December 2019, there was the Tree Lighting Ceremony and Breakfast with Santa. Breakfast with Santa had the most plates served in comparison with previous years. In 2019 year-end, they got a new vehicle. There was 434.5 hours of department training. They were able to get two additional AED's. There were 867 calls in 2019; which was up from 732 calls in 2018. Councilman Harwood asked if there was access to accident reports online. Lieutenant Estacion explained that accident reports stay in house primarily and there has to be a records request for anyone that would like a copy of Apple Creek Police reports.

PARK: Nothing.

STREETS AND MAINTENANCE: Still interviewing for full time person. Street Superintendent, Kim Arwood, reported that the storm line on Mill and Park was fixed. There was a single wall plastic that was flat. It was replaced with 6-inch tile. Arwood also reported that the salt spreader on the dump truck was not working. Arwood got the spinner on the auger moving but the auger still wouldn't move. The next step is to find out where we got it and see where it can be repaired or replaced.

WATER & SEWER: Steve Wolfe of Wayne County is working with them at the water plant and Donny Hendershot working with them at the sewer plant. Mayor Mackey reported that the Village of Apple Creek will continue with Wayne County on a temporary basis until otherwise notified.

JEDD#1: Nothing.

JEDD#2: Meeting Jan. 8, 2020 @ 6:00 pm Village Hall. Continue with trying to achieve full Police authority at the school campus.

CORRESPONDENCE: Mayor Mackey reported that Shaffer, Johnston, Lichtenwalter & Associates (engineering group) sent him drawings regarding Fairlawn Church is adding addition on three buildings for water run-off. The water run-off will drain to the ponds that Fairlawn Church has on their property. The square footage of each addition is 1200, 7000, and 5000. The drain that runs down between Shannon and Spring Run does not go into Fairlawn property. Mayor Mackey is going to have someone look at the plans and verify that the two existing retention ponds that Fairlawn Church has can handle the additional water run-off because the engineering plan states that they can.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Mayor Mackey report that Fairlawn Church is in the Village of Apple Creek corporation limits. Therefore, the Apple Creek Police are in Village jurisdiction when they are sitting in the Church parking lot. Councilman Harwood asked if Fairlawn Church was paying Village income taxes. Laurie Busson, Fiscal Officer, stated that they annexed in around the time she started working for the Village of Apple Creek.

NEW BUSINESS: Mayor Mackey asked Village Solicitor, Jeff Musselman, if we can do tree assessments. The Solicitor stated that the Village of Apple Creek cannot assess trees. Musselman continued to say that the Village could take trees down and charge the resident for doing so; and if they don't pay the Village can charge a minor misdemeanor. There is nothing in Code of Ordinances that makes the resident responsible. Mayor Mackey reported a tree down across sidewalk. In the past, the Village of Apple Creek and the resident split the cost of tree removal. The tree removal situation is case by case depending on who owns

them. The Solicitor will work on an Ordinance regarding the trees in the Village. Mayor Mackey also reported the lot on Shannon (#437) owner and contractor contacted him regarding the 35-foot setback on deed restrictions. They are asking for a variance on that and the Village of Apple Creek does not have authority to allow variance. The owner has to get 75% of owners of allotment to approve the variance or the owner can ignore the deed restrictions and the owners of the allotment can put in an injunction and stop the building of the home. Mayor Mackey stated that the Solicitor needs to send letters to old slaughter house owners and the burned garage owner. Mayor Mackey stated that the Historical Society wants to put a sign at end of street. The Village of Apple Creek does not want a permanent sign in our right or way. Street Superintendent, Kim Arwood, reported a resident complaining about low water pressure. Council advised him to use a water pressure gauge to verify that it wasn't the Village having an issue.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: None. Mayor Mackey verified that the committees will be the same as last year. Mayor Mackey stated to send Council Committee list and updated phone number list to council members.

FINANCE:

COUNCIL BILLS 1-6-20				
A11A210 POLICE				
A11A243	Ohio Peace Officer Training	Police Training		\$100.00
			TOTAL	\$100.00
A17A240 Mayor & AD.				
A17A233	Wells Fargo	Copier Lease		\$205.45
A17A237	Taggart Law Firm	Solicitor		\$446.50
A17A238	Government Accounting Solutions	Software Support		\$1,500.00
A17A245	Crystal Clear Water	Water & Cooler		\$14.00
A17X275	East Union Township	JEDD #2		\$345.42
			TOTAL	\$2,511.37
B16B240 Streets O&M				
B16A245	Grace Services	Weed Control		\$383.00
			TOTAL	\$383.00
B43A240 PARKS				
B43A245	Grace Services	Weed Control		\$270.00
			TOTAL	\$270.00
E15A240 WATER				
E15A247	Coshocton Environmental	Water Testing		\$384.00
E15A245	Grace Services	Weed Control		\$265.00
E15A238	Dean's Backflow	Water Operations		\$1,400.00
			TOTAL	\$2,049.00
E25A240 SEWER				
E25A244	Coshocton Environmental	Sewer Testing		\$500.00
E25A245	Kimble	Trash Pick-Up		\$21.70
E25A245	Treasurer State of Ohio	Discharge Fees		\$1,050.00
E25A245	Grace Services	Weed Control		\$540.00
E25A238	Dean's Backflow	Sewer Operations		\$4,900.00
			TOTAL	\$7,011.70

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS: by Councilman Conrad. The motion was seconded by Councilman Lewis. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Conrad-yes, Councilman Lewis-yes, Councilman Dillon-yes, Councilman Harwood-yes, and Council President Stoffer-yes.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: by Councilman Lewis. The motion was seconded by Council President Stoffer. Roll call was as follows: Councilman Lewis-yes, Council President Stoffer-yes, Councilman Conrad-yes, Councilman Dillon-yes, Councilman Harwood-yes.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm.