

The Regular Meeting of the Apple Creek Council called to order on February 5th, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. and then for with the following council members answering to

ROLL CALL: CM Adkins -present, CM Conrad- present, CM Harwood -present, CM Lewis-present, CM McCarthy - excused, and CP Stoffer-excused.

Also in attendance: FO Miller, Interim Police Chief Spademan, Street Superintendent Swysgood, Solicitor Jeff Musselman

Motion to approve the minutes of the January 15th meeting. As always, they are available for the public to review.

MOTION by CM Lewis, seconded by CM Conrad.

ROLL CALL: CM Adkins -yes, CM Harwood -yes, CM Lewis -yes, CM Conrad, and CM McCarthy-excused and CP Stoffer-excused

SAFETY TIP:

Scott Swysgood: Winter is not over yet, so be sure to keep a minimum of a quarter tank of gas, if not a half tank of gas in your tanks. This is especially important if you are stuck or in an accident, as the gas cools your fuel pump.

VISITORS:

None

POLICE:

RESIGNATION: Full time patrolman Caleb Anderson tendered his letter of resignation. He was thanked for his service to the village.

Monthly Report

Information to sign up for the text notification from the village was put on the website near the police.

Training was completed for domestic violence/strangulation that is now a felony offense.

LEADS Audit- passed with no issues

PARK:

Painted floors in restrooms and put latches on women's restroom doors.

Received a check from JAS of \$3500.00 towards funding a new pickleball court. Mayor Mackey stated he is looking at getting another quote for the courts. CM Adkins asked if the plan was to solicit money for the pickle ball courts from the community, and he was informed that was the plan. Money can be donated to the CIC and dropped off at the village hall. The JAS committee would like to see a sign documenting how much donations increase and how close they are to the goal for the project. The mayor said he will get with SS Swysgood about a sign for the donations.

STREETS AND MAINTENANCE:

Broken pieces of sidewalk from Villard Street Waterline upgrade were used to shore up bank along the Apple creek at the old headwall from former wastewater plant. CM Conrad asked if they back filled on Villard Street with gravel. SS Swysgood informed him that they indeed did, using the required stone requirements. Mayor Mackey stated they are doing a good job, and any complaints that have been received have been answered within hours. Replaced 2 fire hydrants and added two more for a total of 4 with the upgrade. The fire department was notified of this. There are also more valves to isolate and select smaller sections of shut off locations when needed. CM Lewis asked the depth of the new line and he was informed it is 4' deep. Mayor Mackey stated they replaced a 4" with a 6" line. Pictures of the project were shown.

Did not sign up for Grace weed kill this year. 14% increase over last year and weed and grass has been killed back 3 feet in areas.

Toro lawn mower on hold by Kubota – Kawasaki Engine had a recall due to the charging system and regulator and Schlabach Engine is right on top of it and knows what they need to do.

Patching pot holes with warm weather, Scott is going to be getting to cold patch to deal with them.

Scrap was taken to recycling and we received a check for \$331.10.

WATER & SEWER:

Scott and Cory cleaned up water and sewer plant buildings and area.

Continued to work on Villard Street Water Line project – 6" line with shut off valves, new taps and new hydrants. Pictures of the progress on the project thus far were shown.

Water and sewer bills receipts are really in good shape. Shut offs are to a minimum and we no longer have large outstanding payments owed. Many who were repeats on shut off no longer are on the list. The most anyone on the list is behind is about 60 days.

Online payment in process. Hoping by the end of the week to be up and running. Mayor Mackey showed an example of what the online site pages look like, with the balances and a sample of a bill.

2011 EPA Response to be completed tomorrow. Requires Public Notification

JEDD#1:

TBA – Mayor Mackey spoke with Dan Hodge to get a meeting scheduled.

JEDD#2:

Set dates for 2024 meetings at the village hall at 6:00pm: April 3rd, July 10th, October 9th, January 8th, 2025

CORRESPONDENCE:

Received notice from Congressman Max Miller that village is on the list for assistance from the Local Water Resource Development Act, for dealing with the water drainage on Park Street. 15 communities are on the list to receive money from the \$17 million dollar community project funds.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

NEW BUSINESS:

Following up on burned out house. Has been in touch with Cheryl Deeds the owner.
New mayor of Mt. Eaton stopped and introduced herself – Melissa Irwin
Spring clean-up – Trying to figure out a way to deal with residents along the creek by the old BP station, to not to throw their limbs, leaves and grass clippings in the creek, as it gets caught up in the screen, which then impedes the water flow.
Mayor Mackey also brought up the issue of junk cars on lots within the village. He stated that our ordinances need to be reviewed so that this issue can be addressed. It was discussed that vehicles need to have a current plate/sticker to be on the properties. Right now, we have an ordinance that allows vehicles to be on property covered by tarps/covers, but that doesn't help with these situations.
Attended East Union trustee meeting: Candidates for offices present, also asked for letter of support of our funding request that Max Miller is working on.
The Township is looking for information about the house on the southwest corner of Rt.44 and Rt. 250, currently owned by the Troyer's. That curve is somewhat dangerous. CM Harwood asked if they are wanting to put in a round-a-bout. It was mentioned that would be up to the state since that is on a state highway

Although no action could be taken on the following, due to not having a quorum, the following were discussed:

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-03

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2023-07 PASSED JUNE 5TH, 2023, TO CORRECT THE RECEIVING FUND OF THE TRANSFER OF MONIES FROM THE STREET LINE ITEM TO THE STATE HIGHWAYFUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

The council was informed that because this money was not put in the correct account for the jobs for the streets that were done last year, the State Hwy fund is in a deficit. This is just correcting the fund in which it should have gone in to last year for the work on 250.

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-04

AN RESOLUTION AMENDING THE 2024 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE 2024-01 PASSED DECEMBER 4TH, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This is transferring money from the sewer fund to the sewer debt. This is due to the loan payments that were taken out for the loans at the beginning of the year and will be done again in July.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-05

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SEWER AND SEWER DEBT CODIFIED ORDINANCES 52.45; 52.47 PASSED APRIL 20TH, 2015; JULY 6TH, 2015 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

This ordinance will re-allocate the monies coming in to the sewer debt on the water/sewer bills, so that sewer debt will have money to pay for the loans it needs to pay. Right now, we only get in about \$30,000/year in this account, which needs to pay out \$122,785.76/year in payments. This will hopefully stop the need to transfer money each year from the sewer fund to pay for the bills.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Should be ready to go with new software to view bills/payments. Online payment will be set up this week.
Still working on aggregations for gas and electric. We now have 9 LED street lights.
Continued: update ODOT billing for sidewalk; we are still trying to settle this.

FINANCE:

1st RITA pay in from \$16,736.60 on February 1st.
Reconciliation of January 2024

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

VENDOR	AMOUNT
ADVANCED WATER & WW	\$10,886.42
AEP OHIO	\$12,601.79
BERGREN ASSOCIATES	\$ 30.00
BISSNUSS	\$ 292.50
CINTAS CENTRALIZED LOC 31	\$ 146.72
DOMINION EAST OHIO	\$ 340.99
GOVERNMENT ACCTG. SOL.	\$ 750.00
JACOBS TREE SPECIALISTS	\$ 1,500.00
JOHN DEERE FINANCIAL	\$ 24.45
LEXIPOL LLC	\$ 2,078.01
LOWE'S	\$ 104.06
MAGIC GARAGE DOOR	\$ 280.00
MCTV	\$ 320.14
OHIO DEPT OF JOB & FAMILY	\$ 2.06
OPERS	\$ 1.75
PLANT ELECTRIC	\$ 1,015.00
QUILL CORP.	\$ 99.13
SANTMYER ENERGY	\$ 727.87
SHERWIN-WILLIAMS COMPANY	\$ 87.19
US SAFETY GEAR	\$ 260.00
VERIZON WIRELESS	\$ 377.34
VISA	\$ 232.91
WAYNE COUNTY COMMISSIONER	\$ 9,285.65
WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER	\$ 18.00
WOLFF BROS SUPPLY	\$ 35.30
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$ 243.07
	\$41,740.03

MOTION by Charlie Lewis, seconded by Steve Stoffer.

Roll Call: Gary Adkins - yes, Rick Conrad – yes, Mike Harwood - yes, Charlie Lewis - yes, Robert McCarthy – excused and Steve Stoffer - excused.

MOTION TO go in to Executive Session for Property Security Matters ORC 121.22 and Personnel Section 121.22 (G)(1)

Hiring

Motion by CM Harwood, seconded by CM Conrad. Time: 7:25pm

Roll Call: Gary Adkins - yes, Rick Conrad – yes, Mike Harwood - yes, Charlie Lewis - yes, Robert McCarthy – excused and Steve Stoffer - excused.

MOTION TO come out of Executive Session:

Motion by CM Conrad, seconded by CM Lewis. Time: 7:41pm

Roll Call: Gary Adkins - yes, Rick Conrad – yes, Mike Harwood - yes, Charlie Lewis - yes, Robert McCarthy – excused and Steve Stoffer - excused.

No motions conducted after Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Conrad, seconded by CM Harwood.

Roll Call: Gary Adkins - yes, Rick Conrad – yes, Mike Harwood - yes, Charlie Lewis - yes, Robert McCarthy – excused and Steve Stoffer - excused.

Next Meeting is scheduled for February 20th, 2024 at 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:42 pm.

Rodney Mackey, Mayor

Dorrie Miller, Fiscal Officer