

The Regular Meeting of the Apple Creek Council called to order on February 20th, 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 - present, and CP Stoffer - present.

Also in attendance: FO Miller

Motion to approve the minutes of the February 5th 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 – yes, CM McCarthy-yes and CP Stoffer-yes

SAFETY TIP:

FO Miller – Be sure to watch for sun glare with the changing direction of sun’s position. Use your visor/sunglasses especially at dawn and dusk.

VISITORS:

John Weaver – Application for placement of farmland in an agricultural district- two parcels behind Bellstore Gas Station: 28-00424.001 and 28-00152.000 –

MOTION by CP Stoffer, seconded by CM Harwood to approve:

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

Josh Hlavaty – Ohio House Candidate

Introduced himself, spoke about the concerns of the coming solar power project between Smithville and Apple Creek. When asked about what he thought about the raise in property taxes, he stated he was concerned and is wanting to make sure that seniors/those on fixed incomes will not be taxed out of their homes. Also wants to see a total re-vamp for property taxes in general. He is fighting Columbus values coming to Wayne County and would like to have Wayne County values go to Columbus.

Joel Bender – Whitaker Myers – Ohio Plan Coverage

Brought the 2024 proposal to the council for insurance coverage for the village. He said the new cost for 2024 is \$15,215.00 which is an increase of \$192.00 more than last year. He also needs to get with the mayor concerning the replacement costs listed on the Ohio Plan for the Town Hall, Town Garage, Pole Building, Mayer Carson Hall and Storage building on 46 Mill as the amounts listed are considerably lower than what they should be. The amounts of replacement costs are based on areas of Tusc Co, East North East/Central building costs, where Amish are available to re-build at a different cost than other areas of the state. Discussion was held about the school buildings and the elementary school. CM Harwood asked about the playground area of the elementary school if the village would acquire that and what the cost for coverage would be. Mr. Bender stated it would be minimal, but a lot would depend on the playground equipment.

POLICE:

Posted position for Full-Time Officer.

PARK:

Removed fountain from MCH and made a bench there – pictures were shown. Graffiti removed from bench/tables at upper “A” pavilion

STREETS AND MAINTENANCE:

Contractors finished with staging area on Park Street – Scott and Cory cleaned the area after they construction company removed their supplies.

Mayor Mackey showed more pictures of the Villard Street waterline replacement project. He informed council that they couldn’t find the 6” main from Mill St over. Water Watts was brought in to assist and they got inconsistent readings. They then brought in Steiner who had the next level equipment and theirs did the same. Water Watts then got in a piece of equipment that was better than what either company had previously and they were finally able to locate the line, and it was dug by hand. Mayor Mackey contacted Engineering Associates to let them know it was finally located to see when they are able to get the last valve and T put in place. All connections otherwise have been completed and they will be coming back to seed and finish the job. A few council members stated that they had some issues with grit in the lines but they were able to just change their filters and clean their screens to fix the issues. Mayor Mackey stated that the office received no phone calls of any issues and this was the first he was hearing of this.

SS Swysgood and asst. Orr got some cold patch and fixed holes on the following streets: Mill St Ext., Villard, High, Clay, Glasgow, Apple Lane and school, Grange, Church, Park and Mill. He still has a little patch left for any more.

WATER & SEWER:

Getting 2nd quotes on roof at blower building. It is leaking inside the walls and down to the basement where the pumps are. Pictures were shown. It was discussed that the rood should have been replaced when the building was upgraded.

JEDD#1:

TBA

JEDD#2:

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

CORRESPONDENCE:

MCTV \$508.89 for 1% gross revenue for video services
Received notice that the Ohio EPA/Federal EPA has reviewed the documentation that was provided and determined the Apple Creek Village PWS has now resolved the January 20,2014 type 65 violation for failing to issue education materials for lead action level exceedance triggered in 2013.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

No reports

NEW BUSINESS:

Interviewing for Fiscal Officer position
Working with Engineering Associates on evaluating drainage on Park, High and Mill streets.
Posted position for Full-Time Officer.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

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.

MOTION by CM Harwood, seconded by CP Stoffer to suspend the rules:

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

MOTION by CM Harwood, seconded by CP Stoffer to advance to second and third reading by title only:

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

MOTION by CM Harwood, seconded by CP Stoffer to pass ordinance 2024-03:

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

RESOLUTION NUMBER 2024-04

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

MOTION by CM Harwood, seconded by CM Conrad to suspend the rules:

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

MOTION by CM Harwood, seconded by CP Stoffer to advance to second and third reading by title only:

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

MOTION by CM Harwood, seconded by CP Stoffer to pass ordinance 2024-04:

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

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.

MOTION by CM Harwood, seconded by CM Conrad to suspend the rules:

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

MOTION by CM Harwood, seconded by CM Conrad to advance to second and third reading by title only:

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

MOTION by CM Harwood, seconded by CM Conrad to pass ordinance 2024-05:

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

FINANCE:

Rita sending a check to the village for the JEDD in amount of \$17,205.91 because they didn't have the ACH info.

MOTION TO PAY THE BILLS:

VENDOR	AMOUNT
BONDED CHEMICALS	\$ 1,276.82
CORRPRO	\$ 1,210.00
CTL ENGINEERING	\$ 331.23
DOMINION EAST OHIO	\$ 486.31
GANNET OHIO LOCALIQ WOOST	\$ 26.44

GERBER LUMBER & HARDWARE	\$	25.50
GOVERNMENT ACCTG. SOL.	\$	7,000.00
GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES	\$	293.78
HOLMES SUPPLY	\$	412.50
KIMBLE RECYCLING & DISPOS	\$	28.14
KNOX TECHNICAL SERVICES	\$	25.00
QUILL CORP.	\$	236.88
REAM & HAAGER ENVIRONMENT	\$	1,056.00
SANTMYER ENERGY	\$	1,064.91
SCHLABACH ENGINE	\$	1,042.32
TREASURER STATE OF OHIO	\$	100.00
TRICOR INDUSTRIAL	\$	107.15
WAYNE COUNTY TREASURER	\$	130.36
XEROX FINANCIAL SERVICES	\$	243.07
	\$	15,096.41

CM McCarthy asked if the Schlabach bill was for the Toro Mower. Mayor Mackey stated it is for both mowers and the recall issue with the Kawasaki motor.

MOTION by CM Conrad, seconded by CM McCarthy.

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

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 Conrad, seconded by CM McCarthy. Time: 7:34pm

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

MOTION TO come out of Executive Session:

Motion by CM Conrad, seconded by CM McCarthy. Time: 7:47pm

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

No business conducted after Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT:

Motion by CM Conrad, seconded by CM Lewis.

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

Next Meeting is scheduled for March 4th, 2024 at 6:30pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:47pm.

Rodney Mackey, Mayor

Dorrie Miller, Fiscal Officer