

May 25, 2023

MINUTES OF MAY 25th MEETING

Commissioners were all present. Staff recited the pledge at 9:00. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

V109-373 Minutes of May 23, 2023:
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Crowe-yes, Striker-yes
V109-375 Reimbursement April Annex Utilities
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
V109-376 Bills
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
V109-377 Award CDBG Bid Ridgeway Resurfacing to The Shelly Co. \$197,025.20
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush roll call; Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes
Signed: DYS Juvenile Court Grant Agreement and Funding Application 7/1/23-6/30/25 for approximately \$185,000. Commissioner Striker to sign.
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes

Holli Underwood, Alliance, was present for the Enterprise Zone Agreement with **Robinson Fin Machines Inc.** Tax abatement is for 15 years at 100% to build a 12,000 sq. ft. building and add new equipment and machinery. Commissioner Rush moved to approve the Enterprise Zone Agreement with Robinson Fin Machines Inc. Commissioner Striker second. Roll call: Crowe-abstain, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. **V109-374** The Compensation Agreement was signed by the Commissioner.

Richard Lawson, **Maintenance Supervisor**, and Jonathan Manns discussed the full time opening. Commissioners offered him the Assistant Maintenance position full time with groundskeeper duties and duties as Assistant. Commissioner Crowe moved to promote Jonathan Mann as Assistant Maintenance with grounds-keeping duties, effective June 3, 2023 at \$15.50 per hour with a \$0.50 increase after a successful 120 day probationary period. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes. **V109-378** An ad will be run for a part time maintenance position with no benefits at this time.

Mayor Lynn Jones Webb and Cindy Murray, Safety Service Director. They participated in an ODOT grant online request for \$2 million for mitigation of traffic and applied for new signals at the main four intersections. These are only ODOT warranted signals-they will not fund any other signals. It was a positive interview. It is about reducing the amount of emissions. The Mayor plans to work strategically to get Hardin County out there. Cindy praised the Downtown group for working on the downtown plans working with both public and private. Their goal is to maintain the Historical Courthouse District. Commissioner Rush asked for documentation the City has used their America Rescue Funds. Cindy verified it has been used. Other entities have also asked for extra projects, to keep everything on an even keel, the commissioners discussed and will cap the amount they give to the City at \$100,000. This will be for the Main St area and spent in 2024. At 10:12 Commissioner Crowe moved to enter Executive Session per ORC 121.22 (G)(2) regarding to purchase of real estate. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes. At 10:19 Commissioner Rush announced the end of Executive Session.

Kara Brown, **Board of DD Superintendent**. A renewal levy is ready to place on the ballot. Kara shared a bigger picture as she plans to come back in the fall for a new 2.7 mill. There has been no new money since 2009. With PILOT funds they are making it further than the 2022 projected to early 2026. Commissioner Rush noted they now receive \$331,862 in PILOT funds, future is projected to be just under \$1 million estimated. Kara noted that could be a significant change. What she has, takes in consideration the \$330,000 projections. By November 2024 the intent is to ask to be on the ballot in March 2024 for 2.7 mill, if it doesn't pass, they will need to cut. That would be \$126 per year increase in taxes for a \$134,000

house. The 2.7 mill would generate \$1.8 million per year for seven years. Since privatized they still pay for all those services at 40%. \$4.00 of tax money can be turned to \$10 of service. They had a request to add a pre-school classroom and couldn't. New services have been added. Children with Autism that need to be evaluated is a 9 to 18 month wait to get into Nationwide Children's. Their EI Team is certified to assess in under 6 weeks. Commissioner Crowe moved to request the Auditor to certify the 4 mill renewal levy for five years. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes. **V109-379**

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
 President of the Board-Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
 Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
 Fred M. Rush

Attest _____
 Clerk of the Board

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