

Village of Roaming Shores Council Meeting
May 21, 2024

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jennie D'Amicone. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: Sally Fell, Steven Kaufman, Ed Koziol, Holly Mayernick, and Gary Meighen. Bob Cook was absent. Also present were Clerk/Treasurer Kerri Philips, Administrator Lukas Darling, and Solicitor Cris Newcomb.

MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion to accept the meeting minutes for the May 7 Council Meeting was made by Councilperson Kaufman and was seconded by Councilperson Fell. Roll Call: Cook – Absent, Fell – yes, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. May 7 meeting minutes were APPROVED.

VISITOR COMMENTS: Mr. Hiltz (1848) – Commented regarding the pump failure at 9E.
Ms. Fronk (1856) – Commented regarding the pump failure at 9E.

MAYOR'S REPORT: No report

TREASURER'S REPORT: Clerk/Treasurer Philips stated that the February financial report was provided in the previous council packet for review. She is continuing to work on the March financial report. UAN has not provided a conversion date for the payroll software, but she anticipates around July. A motion to accept the Treasurer's Report was made by Councilperson Mayernick and was seconded by Councilperson Meighen. Roll Call: Cook – Absent, Fell – yes, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. Treasurer's Report has been ACCEPTED.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: In addition to the report that was provided in the council packet, Administrator Darling stated that the group term life insurance renews in June. The Village will move forward with Hartford, which will save the village 72% and provide better coverage for the employees.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: A written report was provided in the council packet. Councilperson Fell thanked Chief Roskos for the additional data that was provided in the report.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: Solicitor Newcomb stated that it is preferable for the Clerk/Treasurer to specify in the meeting minutes what each councilperson's vote is. Also, regarding Ordinance 927-05-2024, he has no concerns with waiving the three-reading rule.

ROME ROCK ASSOCIATION LIASON'S REPORT: No report

FINANCE COMMITTEE: No report

PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE: No report

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE: Minutes were provided in the council packet.

HUMAN RESOURCES COMMITTEE: Minutes were provided in the council packet. The next meeting is 05/22/2024 at 10:00 am.

TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE: No report

PLANNING COMMISSION: Minutes were provided in the council packet.

RECORDS COMMISSION: No report

SCAD: Monthly/YTD Calls – Village 11/56, District 142/601. SCAD's new ambulance arrived. After some equipment is installed, it will be placed in service.

SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SELF-GOVERNMENT: No report

SPECIAL JOINT COMMITTEE ON STREETS: A written report was provided in the council packet. The committee is recommending an ordinance to change the composition of the committee. Councilperson Kaufman stated that the Association had a lot of volunteers that want to be a part of the committee. Solicitor Newcomb has concerns with having council members represent the Association. That brings on a chance for impropriety. Councilperson Mayernick stated that the committee is a Village committee and the village council has the say on the composition of the committee. Mayor D'Amicone stated that the ordinance passed stating 3 Village and 3 Association representatives. She asked if anyone on the Council was opposed to that. Councilperson Kaufman stated that he will resign as committee chairperson. The Public Works Committee elected Councilperson Cook, Larry Seymour, and Rick Gainar. Rick stated that he will find one member to replace Councilperson Cook as a Village representative. The next committee meeting is June 15 at 10:00 am.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Water Rates Study – Corey Timko introduced himself to the council. He works for Ohio Rural Water and he helps small rural communities. He started the rate study in January. Mr. Timko looked at the revenues and expenses. He stated that this was a complex study due to the different services and charges that the village has. The study provided three options that the Council can choose from and the outcome of those options for the next 4 years. Councilperson Fell thanked Mr. Timko for all of the work that he put into this study. She asked when the chosen option would go into effect. Mr. Timko stated that January 1 would be easiest for fiscal purposes. Councilperson Fell also asked if there was any discussion around simplifying the village's charges and services so it's not as complex as it currently is. Mr. Timko stated that what he normally sees in small villages is 1. Charges, and 2. Capital Projects. The village has base charges, usage charges, plus several charges surrounding vacant and consolidated lots. He stated that the village could simplify and it's not uncommon. Councilperson Fell suggested having the Public Works Committee look at the study in greater detail and make a recommendation to the council. Council was not opposed to that suggestion.

Mayor D'Amicone advised that Trevor Elkins with SiteStream was going to give a presentation so he didn't have to wait until the end of the council meeting. Mr. Elkins provided information to the Council regarding a speed camera program. He stated that photo enforcement is legal in Ohio. Any violations would be civil violations that would result in zero points on a driver's record and would not impact insurance rates. It would simply result in revenue to the police department.

OLD BUSINESS CONTINUED:

- Status Update for Water/Sewer Infrastructure Projects: Pending rate study recommendations.
- Funding Sewer Infrastructure: Pending rate study recommendations.
- Salary – Elected Official(s): Human Resources Committee is still working on this.

- Codification: Administrator Darling is waiting on a final quote from American Legal Publishing. He also had a phone call with CivicPlus this morning.
- Utility Garage: No update
- Purchase Expense Authorization: Administrator Darling and Solicitor Newcomb have spoken regarding this topic. They will gather additional data and will make a recommendation to the council.

ORDINANCE 922-04-2024: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) 2024 ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (3rd) – Requested by: Administrator Darling. A motion was made to declare Ordinance 922-04-2024 an emergency by Councilperson Kaufman and was seconded by Councilperson Meighen. Roll Call: Cook – absent, Fell – yes, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. A motion to PASS Ordinance 922-04-2024 was made by Councilperson Meighen and was seconded by Councilperson Kaufman. Roll Call: Cook – absent, Fell – yes, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. Ordinance 922-04-2024 PASSED as an Emergency.

ORDINANCE 926-05-2024: AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A REIMBURSEMENT RATE FOR THE CHIEF OF POLICE, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 1, 2024, AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (2nd) – Requested by Mayor D’Amicone

ORDINANCE 927-05-2024: A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROVING THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND AWARD FROM THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (OEPA) UNDER THE DRINKING WATER DISTRIBUTION EQUIPMENT GRANT (H2O OHIO GRANT) IN THE SUM OF \$10,000.00 AND NOT DECLARING AN EMERGENCY (1st) – Requested by Administrator Darling. A motion to waive the three-reading rule was made by Councilperson Mayernick and was seconded by Councilperson Kaufman. Roll Call: Cook – absent, Fell – yes, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. A motion PASS Ordinance 927-05-2024 was made by Councilperson Kaufman and was seconded by Councilperson Mayernick. Roll Call: Cook – absent, Fell – yes, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes. Ordinance 927-05-2024 PASSED.

OTHER TOPICS:

- Councilperson Fell advised that the Appalachian Community Development Grant was not awarded to Morgan Twp/Rock Creek/Roaming Shores.

BILLS FOR REVIEWS: Councilperson Mayernick asked for clarification regarding an Amazon order. Clerk/Treasurer Philips explained the breakdown.

VISITOR COMMENTS: No comments

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Not needed

ADJOURNMENT: A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Councilperson Mayernick and was seconded by Councilperson Meighen. Roll Call: Cook – absent, Fell – yes, Kaufman – yes, Koziol – yes, Mayernick – yes, Meighen – yes.