

Minutes of the Village of Holland Council Meeting Held Tuesday, April 6, 2021

(Clerks Note: Due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, the village offices are closed to the public at this time. Following State of Ohio Emergency guidelines, this meeting was held in person at the Holland Community Building with all appropriate social distancing recommendations in place.

At 7:30 pm Mayor Irons called the meeting to order. Council members Mike Bettinger, Scott Brown, Roger Burditt, Chad Smith, and President of Council Ryan Spangler were in attendance. Acting Clerk-Treasurer Leslie Ferman along with Village Attorney Paul Skaff were also in attendance. Council member Terry Nachtrab was absent.

Minutes of the March 16, 2021 meeting were approved as presented on motion by Mr. Bettinger with Mr. Brown second. Roll call carried five ayes.

Mayor Irons and Attorney Paul Skaff advised Council of an issue with Northwest Ohio Aggregation Coalition and Volunteer Energy. Mark Frye of Palmer Energy, the NOAC consultant is requesting community support in possible litigation involving Volunteer Energy. During the time that Volunteer Energy was the gas supplier for the NOAC, Mr. Frye believes they have charged fees to households and businesses that are not permissible under their contract. Two fees, totaling approximately \$35 per household, were charged for pass-through of an increase in their transmission rate by Columbia Gas of Ohio (\$25) and a polar vortex fee (\$10) for excess use during a recent cold snap. Businesses were charged approximately double the household fees. Volunteer has agreed to refund the approx., 1-million-dollar polar vortex fee via credit to customers who were charged that fee. Credits have not been issued as of this date. Volunteer is refusing to refund the approx., two-million-dollar pass through overcharges. Mr. Palmer advises that NOAC has \$40,000 in gas account funds to assist with litigation costs. There is also approx., \$200,000 in electric account funds that will be available for this purpose upon approval by the NOAC membership. Mr. Palmer is working with the County Commissioners Association and American Municipal Power for their support. Cost to the NOAC member communities will be less with the inclusion of these two entities in the litigation. At this time, the Village is not being asked for any monetary contribution. Mr. Spangler made motion to advise Palmer Energy that the Village of Holland supports pursuing the recovery of both the pass through and polar vortex fees charged by Volunteer Energy. Mr. Bettinger second the motion with roll call carrying five ayes.

Mr. Spangler advised Council that the wage and hiring committee has recommended that Council adopt two new job descriptions for the Holland Police Department. Job Descriptions for the Sergeant and new Lieutenant position were reviewed by the Public Safety Committee with recommendation for approval. Mr. Spangler made motion to accept the Sergeant job description with Mr. Brown second. Roll call carried five ayes. Mr. Spangler made motion to accept the Lieutenant job description with Mr. Brown second. Roll call carried five ayes.

Mayor Irons reminded Council members of the required Sunshine Law training required for elected officials.

Mr. Spangler made motion to read Ordinances 5 & 6 2021 and Resolution 7-2021 by title only. Mr. Bettinger second the motion. Roll call carried five ayes.

First reading of ORDINANCE 5-2021 AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RE-ENACTMENT OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO'S 1, 2 & 3, 2021 was read by title only. Mr. Spangler made motion to suspend the regular rules of council and approve the ordinance on the first and final reading with Mr. Bettinger second. Roll call carried five ayes. Mr. Spangler made motion to approve the first and final reading with Mr. Bettinger second. Roll call carried five ayes.

First reading of ORDINANCE 6-2021 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2021 was read by title only. Mr. Spangler made motion to suspend the regular rules of council and approve the ordinance on the first and final reading with Mr. Brown second. Roll call carried five ayes. Mr. Spangler made motion to approve the first and final reading with Mr. Brown second. Roll call carried five ayes.

A RESOLUTION JOINING THE TOLEDO REGIONAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE IN STRONGLY URGING THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE (USPS) TO CONSIDER RETURNING MAIL PROCESSING OPERATIONS TO ITS SORTING FACILITY IN TOLEDO, OHIO was read by title only. Mr. Spangler made motion to suspend the regular rules of council and approve the resolution on the first and final reading with Mr. Bettinger second. Roll call carried five ayes. Mr. Spangler made motion to approve the first and final reading with Mr. Bettinger second. Roll call carried five ayes.

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Mayor Irons advised Council that the June Picture in the Park has been cancelled. Planning for the July and August events is ongoing. There will be no rain dates for either of these events.

Mayor Irons advised Council of the pre-construction meeting for the Holloway Road and Hamilton Drive road projects. Gerken Paving anticipates beginning with drainage work on Hamilton Drive on May 3, 2021. Estimated completion date of both projects is August 13, 2021.

Mr. Brown advised Council that the Village is now on-board with support from Perry Protech with four service tickets being handled today alone.

Mr. Bettinger advised Council of a continuing parking situation on Second Street. Discussion on possible remedies with no formal action taken.

Mr. Burditt made motion to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$104,213.98 with Mr. Bettinger second. Roll call carried five ayes.

Sprint	\$43.24	Compass Minerals	\$1,072.28
Walcom	75.00	Frames Pest Control	44.00
Law Enforcement Svcs	50.00	Columbia Gas of Ohio	110.24
Columbia Gas of Ohio	223.24	Columbia Gas of Ohio	1,149.56
Always Care Benefits	1,244.54	Consumer Driven Ad.	236.25
Lexis Nexis	107.67	Ohio BCI & I	859.50
Sirchie Fingerprint	40.30	Poggemeyer Design	1,790.10
Tireman	41.94	Auto Zone	78.28
Auto Zone	37.08	Xpress Truck	65.00
Auto Zone	110.38	Hylant Admin. Svcs.	601.00
Columbia Gas of Ohio	217.32	Dept. Public Utilities	185.42
Leslie Ferman	204.02	Jacquelyn Krasula	600.00
Furniture Max	7,059.74	Vanessa Davis	1,000.00
Lake Business Products	72.54	Always Care Benefits	1,244.54
Pitney Bowes	29.85	Dept. Public Utilities	27.31
Dept. Public Utilities	49.61	Hylant Admin. Svcs.	31,991.00
Sprint	43.24	Toledo Edison	4.48
Toledo Edison	542.56	Toledo Edison	86.47
Toledo Edison	199.52	Toledo Edison	86.31
Toledo Edison	92.96	Dept. Public Utilities	27.31
Frames Pest Control	44.00	James Piotrowski	106.72
Grainger	894.73	Ace Diversified	73.78
Tireman	522.73	Todd Shelton	375.45
Toledo Edison	499.21	Toledo Edison	116.24
Toledo Edison	341.08	Signature Bank	502.20
Signature Bank	548.49	Signature Bank	381.79
Occupational Health	85.50	Medical Mutual of Ohio	31,373.56
AT&T Mobility	394.78	Compass Minerals	3,440.15
OPERS	4,401.30	Ohio Police & Fire	8,262.21

There being no further business, Mr. Burditt made motion to adjourn with Mr. Bettinger second. Roll call carried five ayes and the meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Leslie Ferman, Acting Clerk-Treasurer

Lee Irons, Mayor