

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

Held: Tuesday, May 04, 2021

The regular meeting of the South Point Village Council was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Jeff Gaskin with the pledge of allegiance. Village Chaplain, Jerry Boggs, led in prayer.

Members Present - Brad Adkins Mary Cogan
 Marlene Arthur Mike Lynd
 Chuck Austin Eric Rawlins

Village Solicitor, Randy Lambert was present.

Mr. Rawlins made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held Apr. 06, 2021. Mrs. Arthur seconded. Roll call: Mr. Adkins-yes, Mrs. Arthur-yes, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mr. Lynd-yes, Mr. Rawlins-yes

Mr. Lynd made a motion to approve payment of the approved invoices. Mr. Adkins seconded. Roll call: Mr. Adkins-yes, Mrs. Arthur-yes, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mr. Lynd-yes, Mr. Rawlins-yes

Mr. Rawlins asked about offering an incentive to low water users who will be included in Ordinance 21-06. Village administrator, Russ McDonald, answered that the minimum base rate is set to cover the fixed costs of operating the water plant. The village plans to maintain its current water rate structure for the users who will be metered on Ordinance 21-06 to make it equal to users who are currently metered outside the village.

Mr. Lynd made a motion to approve the second reading of Ordinance 21-06 An Ordinance Regulating the Use of Water Meters Outside the Corporation Limits of the Village of South Point. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Adkins-yes, Mrs. Arthur-no, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mr. Lynd-yes, Mr. Rawlins-yes

Village solicitor, Randy Lambert, proposed an ordinance to council establishing guidelines for vacation of dedicated streets, easements, public roadways, or rights-of-way. Eric Rawlins mentioned that the village has no use for the abandoned street, located in Olde Farm subdivision adjoining property owned by Paul & Kathy Dennin, and doesn't see any benefit of the village keeping it.

Mr. Rawlins made a motion to approve the first reading of Ordinance 21-11 An Ordinance Establishing Guidelines for Vacation of Dedicated Streets, Easements, Public Roadways, or Rights-of-Way. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Adkins-yes, Mrs. Arthur-yes, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-abstain, Mr. Lynd-yes, Mr. Rawlins-yes

Mr. Lynd made a motion to adopt Ordinance 21-10 An Ordinance to Amend Appropriation Ordinance 20-18 to Make Appropriations for Current Expenses and Other Expenditures of the Village of South Point, State of Ohio, During the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 2021. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Adkins-yes, Mrs. Arthur-yes, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mr. Lynd-yes, Mr. Rawlins-yes

Mr. Adkins made a motion to approve the following transfer of funds for the month of May:

<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>
General Fund	2904 Police Dept. Fund	29,583.00
Sewer Fund	5721 Solida Sewer Bond (2017 LCNI)	4,500.00
Sewer Fund	5701 Sewer Improvements Bond (OPWC-2009)	3,380.00
Sewer Fund	5761 Sewer Reserve	4,500.00
Sewer Fund	5723 WWTP Clarifiers Rehab Loan (OWDA-2018)	4,349.00
Water Fund	5725 Water Improvements Bond (OPWC-2005)	2,860.00
Water Fund	5722 Water Tanks Rehab Bond (2016 LCNI)	8,575.00
Water Fund	5762 Water Reserve	1,667.00
Street Fund	3101 Street Repaving Bond (2015 LCNI)	813.00
Vehicle Permissive Tax	3101 Street Repaving Bond (2015 LCNI)	3,750.00

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Fire Dept. Fund	3102	Fire Truck Bond (2020 PNC)	2,500.00
Sanitation Fund	5201	Sewer Fund (reimburse salary)	125.00
Sewer Fund	2903	Village Retirement Fund (ORC 5705.13(B), Ord 12-08)	2,200.00
Water Fund	2903	Village Retirement Fund (ORC 5705.13(B), Ord 12-08)	1,400.00
Street Fund	2903	Village Retirement Fund (ORC 5705.13(B), Ord 12-08)	400.00

Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call: yes by all.

Mr. Adkins made a motion to approve the Clerk/Treasurer's Financial Report, Revenue/Expenditure Account Status Report, and the Bank Reconciliation ending April 30, 2021. Mr. Lynd seconded. Roll call: yes by all.

Russ McDonald proposed the same cost estimate for sewer plant electrical upgrades as he did in the last council meeting for the sum of \$292,400. He informed council that he believes the cost estimate is on the high side and that the cost will be lower once they are able to bid it out to contractors.

Mr. Lynd made a motion to approve the village into entering an agreement with IBI Group, Inc. for the wastewater treatment plant electrical upgrades from 208v to 480v. Mr. Austin seconded. Roll call: Mr. Adkins-yes, Mrs. Arthur-yes, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mr. Lynd-yes, Mr. Rawlins-yes

Mr. Rawlins made a motion to advertise for bids for replacing the remaining timber structural beams on the wastewater trickling tower. Mrs. Cogan seconded. Roll call: Mr. Adkins-yes, Mrs. Arthur-yes, Mr. Austin-yes, Mrs. Cogan-yes, Mr. Lynd-yes, Mr. Rawlins-yes

Village Administrator - Russ McDonald reported the water department pumped 17 million gallons of water, and 22 million gallons of sewer for the month of February. One main water line break occurred.

- 130 tons of wastewater sludge hauled to landfill for the month of April.
- Spring cleanup totaled to 100 tons of garbage picked up by village employees, and 28 extra tons picked up by Republic Services.
- The sludge press for the wastewater plant is in need of repair or replacement. The estimated repair cost is around \$100,000.
- For the street department, the village is looking to get a quote for center line striping for its main roads.

Fire Dept. Report – Chief Mark Goodall reported he is looking for the forestry grant to be opening up soon. Mark would like to see the fire dept. move towards MARCS Radios as it is becoming the new standard in emergency communication.

Police Dept. Report – Chief Chris Majher reported that the police department is again fully staffed with the addition of Craig Brafford as a new patrol officer. Chris spoke highly of Craig as Craig brings a lot of experience and certifications to the police force. The police are noticing an increasing number of drugs in the village as they are uncovering them by their traffic stops. Chris plans on establishing a drug task force again with the addition of Craig.

Compensatory time is becoming an issue with the police department. Chief mentioned in 2008 the police were authorized compensatory time in lieu of overtime for the police officers. Since then, some of his officers have accrued a large amount of compensatory time where they can take off months at a time or even a year. The mayor mentioned that he has been in contact with the state auditor's staff and has requested them to come and help us with the situation. The mayor advised fiscal officer, Mark Davidson, to not do anything concerning compensatory time until the state auditor gives an opinion.

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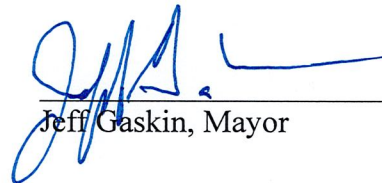
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Other items discussed:

- Mayor is working with Bill Johnson to get infrastructure money through the state.
- Mayor is seeking CDBG money through the county to fund a shelter house at the veteran's park. The park shelter will be 30' x 50' in size and cost an estimated \$48,000.
- Community Center project is making good progress and is estimated to be completed ahead of schedule in May.
- Saturday, May 8th, will be the first food truck rally for the year. Thirteen vendors are expected.
- ODOT grass cutting issue has made it to the state house committee. The mayor has attended one of the meetings so far, and the issue is on the agenda for the 3rd committee meeting.

After completing all items on the agenda, Mayor Gaskin dismissed the meeting at 8:54 PM


Mark Davidson, Clerk


Jeff Gaskin, Mayor