

VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING
HELD 3/2/21

Mayor Elkins called the Regular Session of Council to order at 7:38 PM.

Roll Call: Traore (via teleconference), Dunman (via teleconference), Moran, and Kray (via teleconference), and Giersz (via teleconference) present.

Also in attendance: Law Director Luke McConville (via teleconference), Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski (via teleconference), Police Chief John Majoy (via teleconference), Fire Chief Brian Higginbotham (via teleconference)

(Due to the Covid-19 health crisis in Ohio, this meeting was broadcast via Facebook Live, encouraging members of the public to attend without compromising the health of the community. In addition, council members and department heads were able to attend via teleconference per adjustments to the Open Meetings Act due to the pandemic. Department heads were excused from presenting reports at this meeting.)

All stood for Pledge of Allegiance. Mayor Elkins requested all cell phones and pagers be placed on silent mode.

Good & Welfare:

Nothing at this time.

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:

January 19, 2021 Regular Session of Council
February 2, 2021 Regular Session of Council
February 16, 2021 Finance Committee meeting

Ms. Traore motioned to approve the minutes as presented. Seconded by Mr. Dunman.
Roll call: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed.

Legislation:**ORDINANCE 2021-10****INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO ACCEPT A DONATION OF AN ARROW EZ-IO INTRAOSSEOUS INFUSION SYSTEM KIT, INCLUDING DRILL, NEEDLES, AND CASE FROM UNIVERSITY HOSPITALS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ordinance 2021-10 is placed on 2nd reading.

ORDINANCE 2021-11**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AMENDMENT TO THE SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH INTEGRITY PERMITS, LLC FOR PURPOSES OF UPDATING PERMIT FEES AND RELATED PROVISIONS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021-11, rules suspended and that Ordinance 2021-11 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mrs. Kray seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2021-11 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 21-02**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PLACE A CERTAIN 2002 GMC YUKON DENALI UP FOR SALE ON THE GOVDEALS AUCTION WEBSITE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Resolution 21-02. Mrs. Kray seconded. Roll call on adoption: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 21-02 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 21-03**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS**

A RESOLUTION RATIFYING THE PLACEMENT OF A CERTAIN SWENSON POLYHAWK PV SERIES SPREADER UP FOR SALE ON THE GOVDEALS AUCTION WEBSITE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution 21-03 is placed on 2nd reading.

RESOLUTION 21-04**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PLACEMENT OF A CERTAIN SCBA COMPRESSOR AND CHARGER STATION UP FOR SALE ON THE GOVDEALS AUCTION WEBSITE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Resolution 21-04, rules suspended and that Resolution 21-04 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mrs. Kray seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 21-04 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4494**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL****EMPLOYEE PAYROLL P/E. 2/6/2021****PD. 2/12/2021**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS OF OHIO THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR ARE HEREBY RESPECTFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW THEIR WARRANTS AND CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID BILLS AS SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$69,356.25 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4494, rules suspended and that Payroll Resolution #4494 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mrs. Kray seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4494 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4495**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL****JANUARY 2021 DISBURSEMENTS**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AND DIRECTING THE PAYMENT OF CERTAIN BILLS. BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS OF OHIO THAT THE FOLLOWING BILLS BE PAID AND THE SAME ARE HEREBY APPROVED AND THE FISCAL OFFICER AND MAYOR ARE HEREBY RESPECTFULLY AUTHORIZED TO DRAW THEIR WARRANTS AND CHECKS FOR PAYMENT OF SAID BILLS AS SET FORTH ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE(S) IN THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF \$638,848.40 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4495, rules suspended and that Payroll Resolution #4495 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mrs. Kray seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4495 is adopted.

Reports:**Mayor:**

The mayor will be asking council to schedule a special meeting in March to approve the appropriations legislation, which is due by the end of the month.

Review of various maintenance projects, improvements, and repairs to Village Hall.

Tentative plans for re-opening Kathy Edwards Park this summer and scheduling summer/fall sports, depending on CDC guidelines.

Update on Village's ongoing case with the State of Ohio regarding photo enforcement of traffic violations.

Fiscal Officer:

Fiscal Officer Nagorski presented the January 2021 Fund Cash Report:

General Fund MTD Receipts	\$ 297,512.41
General Fund MTD Disbursements	\$ 525,292.07
General Fund Unexpended Balance	\$1,380,861.58
All Funds MTD Receipts	\$ 366,894.99
All Funds MTD Disbursements	\$ 638,848.40
All Funds Unexpended Balance	\$1,887,858.82

Fiscal Officer Nagorski read the February 2021 RITA report (see attached.)

Fiscal Officer Nagorski presented the February 2021 Rumpke report (see attached.)

Ms. Traore:

Reminder to council about Sunshine Week Event

Council should let her know about scheduling for the joint stakeholder meeting

Believes it would be best to submit comments on state operating budget/transportation budget together; council members should contact her with input

Reminder about recognition of safety forces. Details are forthcoming.

Mr. Dunman:

Legislation for mailroom access will be shared for next meeting.

Mr. Moran:

Nothing at this time.

Mrs. Kray:

The Recreation and Seniors committee will meet on March 16 at 6:30 pm to begin planning the 2021 Fall Festival.

Ms. Giersz:

Nothing at this time.

Chief Majoy:

Presented to February 2021 NHPD report (see attached.)

Chief Higginbotham:

Presented the January 2021 NHFD report (see attached.)

Purchases & Approvals:

a. Ms. Traore motioned to approve the January 2021 Fund Cash Report (the agenda had a typo showing the incorrect year). Seconded by Mr. Dunman. Roll call: Traore, Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Motion passed.

b. Mayor Elkins noted that the appointment of a candidate for Village Hall Administrative Assistance and Photo Enforcement Program Clerk can be removed from the agenda.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Kray motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:08 pm. Seconded by Ms. Traore. Motion passed 5 yes - 0 no.

Date Approved: 4/6/21

Mayor Trevor Elkins: 

Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski: 