

**VILLAGE OF NEWBURGH HEIGHTS
MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING**

HELD 11/2/21

Mayor Elkins called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Roll Call: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore present.

Also in attendance: Law Director Luke McConville, Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski

Mrs. Kray motioned to enter into executive session. Mr. Dunman seconded. Motion passed 5 yes – 0 no.

Executive session began at 6:34 PM.

Discussion of personnel issues (to consider appointment, employment, discipline, or compensation of a public employee or official), and pending/potential litigation if necessary.

Mr. Moran motioned to exit executive session. Mr. Dunman seconded. Motion passed 5 yes – 0 no.

Concluded executive session at 7:25 PM; Mayor Elkins called a short recess to prepare for the regular meeting.

Mayor Elkins called the Regular Session of Council to order at 7:35 PM.

Roll Call: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore present.

Also in attendance: Law Director Luke McConville, Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski, Police Chief John Majoy, Fire Chief Brian Higginbotham, Housing Commissioner Kristine Pagsuyoin, Service Director Tony Ciresi, and Village Engineer Jim Sickels

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

Good & Welfare:

Mayor Elkins thanked the service department, police department, and fire departments for a lot of hard work prepping and celebrating Halloween. The Village's children and families had fun trick-or-treating.

Reading & Disposition of the Minutes:

October 5, 2021 Regular Session of Council
 October 19, 2021 Special Session of Council

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

Public Comment:

Nothing at this time.

Legislation:

Mr. Moran motioned to amend the agenda to add Resolution 21-18 on suspension of rules for adoption. Seconded by Ms. Giersz. Roll call: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2021-38**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE TO RENEW ITS VISION HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFIT PLAN WITH ANTHEM BLUE CROSS & BLUE SHIELD, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021-38, rules suspended and that Ordinance 2021-38 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2021-38 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 2021-39**INTRODUCED BY: ALL OF COUNCIL**

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO PROCURE GROUP MEDICAL INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO KNOWN AS "COSE MEWA 3020-2000, W RX, WITH EMPLOYER HRA FUNDING OPTION 1" AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021-39, rules suspended and that Ordinance 2021-39 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2021-39 is adopted.

ORDINANCE 2021-40**INTRODUCED BY: ALL OF COUNCIL****AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO RENEW GROUP DENTAL COVERAGE WITH MEDICAL MUTUAL OF OHIO KNOWN AS "MEDICAL MUTUAL DENTAL PLAN 4," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Ordinance 2021-40, rules suspended and that Ordinance 2021-40 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.

Ordinance 2021-40 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 21-10**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILWOMAN TRAORE****A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES H.R. 1280 - THE GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN POLICING ACT OF 2021; CALLING FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE PASSAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Resolution 21-10. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on adoption: Moran, Kray, and Traore voted yes. Dunman and Giersz voted no. Motion passed.

Resolution 21-10 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 21-11**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILWOMAN TRAORE,
COUNCILMAN DUNMAN, AND COUNCILWOMAN
GIERSZ****A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR UNITED STATES H.R. 842 - THE PROTECTING THE RIGHT TO ORGANIZE [PRO] ACT OF 2021; CALLING FOR THE UNITED STATES SENATE PASSAGE OF THE ACT, WHICH WOULD PROVIDE GENERATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FOR THE LABOR MOVEMENT, SERVING AS THE CORNERSONE OF WORKERS FIRST; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Resolution 21-11. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on adoption: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.

Resolution 21-11 is adopted.

RESOLUTION 21-17**INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR ELKINS**

A RESOLUTION AMENDING CODIFIED ORDINANCE SECTION 1133.02 OF THE VILLAGE ZONING CODE ENTITLED "ALLOWABLE USES TABLE," AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Resolution 21-17 is placed on 1st reading.

RESOLUTION 21-18**INTRODUCED BY: ALL OF COUNCIL**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A LETTER AGREEMENT WITH HENNES COMMUNICATIONS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Resolution 21-18, rules suspended and that Resolution 21-18 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Dunman, Moran, Kray, and Giersz voted yes. Traore voted no. Motion passed.

Resolution 21-18 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4519**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL****SEPTEMBER 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 \$1,086,248.83 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4519, rules suspended and that Payroll Resolution #4519 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4519 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4520**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL****EMPLOYEE PAYROLL P/E. 10/2/2021****PD. 10/8/2021**

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 \$94,863.63 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4520, rules suspended and that Payroll Resolution #4520 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4520 is adopted.

PAYROLL RESOLUTION #4521**INTRODUCED BY: COUNCIL****EMPLOYEE PAYROLL P/E. 10/16/2021****PD. 10/22/2021**

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 \$89,558.73 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Traore motioned to adopt Payroll Resolution #4521, rules suspended and that Payroll Resolution #4521 is placed on 1st, 2nd, and final reading for immediate adoption. Mr. Moran seconded. Roll call on suspension of rules: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed. Roll call on adoption: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.

Payroll Resolution #4521 is adopted.

Reports:**Mayor:**

Year-end finance update: he has asked department heads to complete 2021 spending by 11/12 and turn in related paperwork by Thanksgiving, in order to allow Mrs. Nagorski to process payments, etc. and prep final 2021 appropriations. Council will be presented with an ordinance at the 12/7 meeting.

Fiscal Officer:

Fiscal Officer Nagorski presented the September 2021 Fund Cash Report:

General Fund MTD Receipts	\$ 609,426.80
General Fund MTD Disbursements	\$ 998,399.09
General Fund Unexpended Balance	\$1,425,793.84
All Funds MTD Receipts	\$1,315,272.01
All Funds MTD Disbursements	\$1,086,248.83
All Funds Unexpended Balance	\$3,068,055.91

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

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

Mr. Dunman:

Still working on plantings for the grant. Brian Wright has been helping a lot.

Mr. Moran:

Nothing at this time.

Mrs. Kray:

Mailers with info about this year's Thanksgiving program will be sent out to residents soon.

Ms. Giersz:

Nothing at this time.

Ms. Traore:

The Cleveland Public Library book locker ribbon cutting has been rescheduled again for Friday, December 3rd at 10:30 am.

Chief Majoy:

Presented September 2021 NHPD report.

Chief Higginbotham:

Nothing at this time.

Ms. Pagsuyoin:

November 2021 Housing and Building Department report

Mr. Sickels:

Presented the November 2021 Engineer's report (see attached.)

Mr. Ciresi:

Leaf pick-up is delayed as the leaves are slow to fall this year. Continue monitoring and begin pick-up in earnest soon.

Prepping snow equipment for winter season.

Purchases & Approvals:

- a. Ms. Traore motioned for the approval of the September 2021 Fund Cash Report. Seconded by Mrs. Kray. Roll call: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.
- b. Ms. Traore motioned for the approval of appointment of Sean Mayer to full-time service department laborer at a starting rate of \$22.00/hr. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Roll call: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.
- c. Ms. Traore motioned for the approval of the appointment of Anthony Ciresi to service director. Seconded by Mr. Moran. Roll call: Dunman, Moran, Kray, Giersz, and Traore voted yes. Motion passed.

Public Comment:

Nothing at this time.

Adjournment:

Ms. Traore motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 pm. Seconded by Mrs. Kray. Motion passed 5 yes - 0 no.

Date Approved: 12/7/21

Mayor Trevor Elkins: 

Fiscal Officer Cathleen Nagorski: 