**Record of Proceedings for the Village of Aquilla**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**February 9, 2021**

Council Members Present: Ms. Bennington, Mr. Eging, Mr. Vodicka, Ms. Savel, Ms. Petrowski

Absent: Mr. Glover

Others Present: Fiscal Officer Cheryl McNulty, Mayor Rich Wolfe, Zoning Inspector Larry Jenkins

Residents: Kenneth Campbell, Judith Marks

Mayor Wolfe presiding. Meeting called to order 7:03 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes of the regular meeting held on January 12 2021, were reviewed. Two corrections: remove Ms. Glover and change to Mr. Vodicka. Ms. Savel motioned to approve the corrected minutes, seconded by Ms. Bennington. Roll call: all yes.

**APPROVAL OF BILLS**

The following bills for January were presented for payment:

**CK# Payee Total Amount**

3048 Windstream $ 101.50

3049 OPERS 188.00

3050 MBS Landcare 8,200.00

3051 Geauga Lawncare 2.100.00

3052 Illuminating Company 840.01

3053 GCDWR 108.88

3054 Alvord Insurance Agency 100.00

3055 Geauga County Treasurer 205.98

TOTAL $11,844.37

Ms. Savel made a motion to approve payment of bills for February, second was made by Ms. Bennington. Roll call vote: all yes.

**FINANCIALS**

Council received the following financial reports

* Bank statement ending January 31,2021, showing a balance of $142,193.71
* UAN reconciliation balance as of January 31, 2021, is $142,193.71
* UAN January Receipt list totaling $3,801.29
* UAN Purchase Order listing 1-2021 thru 16-2021
* UAN Payments listing for January, 2021 totaling $11,844.37
* UAN Fund Status report as of 1/31/2020: 5 funds totaling $142,193.71

Motion was made by Ms. Savel to accept financial reports as presented; second by Ms. Petrowski. Roll call vote: all yes.

**ELECTRONIC PAYMENTS**

Due to the ongoing problems with the USPS, Ms. McNulty requested permission to pay utility bills online vs. mailing paper checks. Ms. Savel motioned that the Fiscal Officer can pay the utility bills online after Council reviews the bills, seconded by Ms. Bennington. Roll call: all yes.

**AUDITOR LETTER**

The letter from the Geauga County Auditor was reviewed and Council will work to not make purchases of goods or services unless absolutely necessary.

**RESOLUTION 2021-8 ACTIVATE “OPT-IN” FEATURE ON ESERVICES TO ASSURE BANK RECONCILIATIONS ARE COMPLETED MONTHLY**

Ms. Petrowski motioned to approve the “Opt-In” feature on eservices which enables Council to be notified if monthly bank reconciliations are not completed, seconded by Ms. Savel. Roll call: all yes.

**SCRAP TIRE GRANT APPLICATION**

As we have not yet heard from Claridon, Council does not want to participate in the Scrap Tire Program alone as the costs are too high. We will try to contact Claridon to find out their status and review the program again.

**SEPARATION FROM CLARIDON**

Jim Gilette is working with the Prosecutor’s office about interpretation of the ORC.

**MAYOR’S REPORT**

1. Knox Energy has drilled 1200 feet from Cornelia to Lohring to Berkshire. The project is on hold due to the weather. They are under contract with Dominion. There is no completion date as of yet. Anyone interested can still join the program.
2. Mr. Glover has formally resigned effect2/28/21. Mr. Eging motioned to accept Mr. Glover’s resignation, seconded by Ms. Petrowski. Roll call: all yes. Ms. Savel will donate a floral arrangement to be sent to Mr. Glover and Ms. Mitchell in honor of their service to the Village. We will publish the vacancy on Next Door and Facebook requesting residents interested in filling the vacant set to send a letter of interest to the Village email.
3. Matt has been doing a great job on the roads, and is salting more.
4. Explosion arrests. Two arrests have been made in the case – one for selling explosives and one for manufacturing explosives. No arrests have been made in the Village, but the investigation is not over yet.

**ZONING UPDATES**

We received a request from AEG to solicit customers in the Village door to door. While we do not have an Ordinance regarding soliciting, we suggest no one solicit due to COVID and the number of scams. It is suggested they send a letter.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Savel announced we will work with the Chardon Fire Department to have the Easter Bunny drive through the Village as we did last year. Judith Marks offered to help with the candy.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

There being no further business to come before Council, a motion was made by Ms. Bennington, second by Ms. Savel to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 pm. Roll call: all yes.

**CONTINUATION OF MEETING HELD FEBRUARY 28, 2021, AT 6 PM VIA ZOOM**

Ms. Savel motioned to extend the meeting on February 28, 2021, seconded by Ms. Bennington. Roll call: All yes.

Claridon received their grant application for the Scrap Tire Program late. An extension to apply was granted by GoGreen. Mr. Vodicka motioned that we join Claridon in participating in the Scrap Tire Program and submit our grant application as a partner, seconded by Ms. Petrowski. Roll call: all yes.

There being no further business to come before Council, a motion was made by Ms. Petrowski, second by Mr. Vodicka to adjourn the meeting at 6:04 pm. Roll call: all yes.

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Cheryl McNulty, Fiscal Officer Mayor Wolfe