

The Mayor called the Regular Meeting to order at 6:30p.m.

Chief David Koran led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Shaver moved and McKinney seconded to adjourn the meeting to Executive Session for the purpose to consider the appointment of a public official (Pro Tem appointment). All present voted Aye, motion unanimous. The meeting was adjourned. At the conclusion of the Executive Session, the Regular Meeting was readjourned.

Answering Roll call were Christina Bacnik, Jeff McKinney, Elisabeth Shaver, Frank Sarosy, Anthony Bertone and Jerry Hites.

Shaver moved and McKinney moved to appoint Frank Sarosy as Council President Pro Tem for 2025. All present voted Aye, motion unanimous.

Hites moved and Bacnik seconded to approve the minutes from the December 17, 2024 Regular council meeting. All present voted Aye, motion unanimous.

Hites moved and Bacnik seconded to approve the minutes from the January 7, 2025 Special council meeting. All present voted Aye, motion unanimous.

Administrator Darling reviewed his report of January 21, 2024 and advised, as well, regarding the Goods, Grants & Welfare Committee meeting, Active Transportation grant, Hometown Heroes has filled 26 of 28 slots, water rate study will be conducted by Ohio Rural Water. Bertone inquired regarding cyber security coursework and assistance, as available, from the State.

Village Engineer Lubonovic provided his update and advised on current projects as well as those currently in review. Lubonovic advised that the water tower was nearly complete and that Great Lakes Construction is the apparent lowest and best bid for the 5<sup>th</sup> Street stormwater project.

Fiscal Officer Page reviewed the Financials for December reporting \$252,450.21 in revenue and \$394,889.02 in expenditures for December, interest earned was \$14,208.31. For the year 2025, revenue was \$4,803,623.56 and expenditures were \$5,157,745.17. The reconciled balance at December 31, 2024 was \$3,746,644.53.

Bertone moved and Bacnik seconded to remove Ordinances 2024-80 and 2024-81 from the table. All present voted Aye, motion unanimous.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-80 - AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING VILLAGE CODE CHAPTER 1381 REGULATING SHORT-TERM RENTAL PROPERTIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Sarosy moved and Bacnik seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Sarosy moved and Bacnik seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-80. All present voted Aye, motion unanimous.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2024-81 - AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING SHORT-TERM RENTALS AS CONDITIONAL USES AND ESTABLISHING THE CONDITIONS THEREOF.**

Bacnik moved and Shaver seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Bacnik moved and Shaver seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2024-. Bacnik, Shaver, Sarosy, Bertone and Hites voted Aye and McKinney abstained, motion passed.

Sarosy referred to the reports of the Police and Fire Departments for December as provided for the Agenda and had no other items to discuss. Bacnik inquired about including the Senior/Community as a warming center.

**ORDINANCE 2025-1, PAY THE BILLS**

Bertone moved and Shaver seconded to adopt Ordinance No. 2025-1. All present voted aye, motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-2, A RESOLUTION APPOINTING OWEN DENTON AS A FIREFIGHTER FOR THE VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT HARBOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Sarosy moved and Hites seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Sarosy moved and Hites seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-2. All present voted aye, motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-3, RESOLUTION ADVANCING PATROLMAN MATTHEW SUSTER TO THE POSITION OF POLICE OFFICER 3 FOR THE VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT HARBOR, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Shaver moved and Bacnik seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Shaver moved and Bacnik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-3. All present voted aye, motion unanimous.

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-40, ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE TREE COMMISSION TO ESTABLISH A REBATE PROGRAM FOR THE PLANTING OF NEW TREES ON RESIDENTIAL PROPERTIES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Upon discussion, Mayor Manross placed the Ordinance on first read.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-5, RESOLUTION AMENDING COMPENSATION RATES, SETTING SPECIAL PAY REGULATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

McKinney moved and Bertone seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. McKinney moved and Bertone seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-5. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-6, RESOLUTION AMENDING THE PERSONNEL CODE TO INCREASE PROBATIONARY PERIODS FOR ALL EMPLOYEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Shaver moved and Bacnik seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Shaver moved and Bacnik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-6. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-7, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO VARIOUS COMMITTEES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bertone moved and Bacnik seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Bertone moved and Bacnik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-7. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-8, RESOLUTION APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS DEPENDENCY FUND BOARD, AS REQUIRED BY OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 146 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Sarosy moved and Shaver seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Sarosy moved and Shaver seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-8. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-9, RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID FOR FIFTH STREET STORM AND SANITARY SEWER IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT (2025), AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE A CONTRACT AND TAKE ALL NECESSARY ACTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

McKinney moved and Hites seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. McKinney moved and Hites seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-9. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-10, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT AND ENTER INTO A WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND (WPCLF) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT HARBOR FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WASTEWATER/STORMWATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNATING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

McKinney moved and Bacnik seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. McKinney moved and Bacnik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-10. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-11, RESOLUTION HONORING WILLIAM (BILL) CREED OF GAZETTE NEWSPAPERS, INC./GREAT LAKES PRINTING WITH THE 2025 EASTERN LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BEACON AWARD AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bertone moved and Shaver seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Bertone moved and Shaver seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-11. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-12, RESOLUTION HONORING L.C.E. FEDERAL CREDIT UNION AS THE 2025 EASTERN LAKE COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bacnik moved and Shaver seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Bacnik moved and Shaver seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-12. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-13, RESOLUTION COMMEMORATING LYONDELLBASSELL'S FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY IN THE VILLAGE OF FAIRPORT HARBOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Sarosy moved and Hites seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Sarosy moved and Hites seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-13. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-14, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY TO PROVIDE CENTRAL DISPATCH AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES FOR THE POLICE AND FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bertone moved and Shaver seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Bertone moved and Shaver seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-14. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-15, RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SENIOR CENTER DIRECTOR TO PURCHASE A FREEZER FOR THE FAIRPORT HARBOR SENIOR/COMMUNITY CENTER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Sarosy moved and Bertone seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Sarosy moved and Bertone seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-15. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-16, RESOLUTION TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AMENDED 2025 APPROPRIATIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Bertone moved and Hites seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Bertone moved and Hites seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-16. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2025-17, RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL, SENIOR CENTER AND WATER FUNDS TO THE GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND RETIREMENT AND ENTERPRISE DEBT SERVICE FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Shaver moved and Bacnik seconded to suspend the rules. All present voted aye, motion unanimous. Shaver moved and Bacnik seconded to adopt Resolution No. 2025-7. All present voted aye. Motion unanimous.

The Mayor opened the meeting to the floor. Jim Sferra asked if committees could report out on previous meetings and include reports in the council packets on a quarterly basis. Mr. Sferra also inquired regarding the status of the water plant property and its potential development. He commented, generally, regarding need for a development plan. Bertone commented on several items and inquired regarding removals of abandoned cars on residential properties in violation of zoning regulations.

There being nothing further, Sarosy moved and Hites seconded to adjourn the meeting. All present voted aye, motion unanimous.

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MAYOR MANROSS

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