

## REGULAR MEETING

January 14, 2025

The Regular Meeting of the Moweaqua Village Council was called to order by Mayor Conlin leading in the Pledge to the Flag. Roll Call was answered by Kenny Long, Roger Cox, Mike Snyder and Beth Hayden. Employees present were Beth Hawn, Brad Sams, Boomer Neece, Chief Hale, Elizabeth Carter, Mischelle Davis and Attorney for the Village, Scott Garwood was also present. Others present included Tiffy Sloan, Rajita Singhal and Brandi and Kristy Shafer.

Long made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with additions and corrections including the December Regular Meeting Minutes, Bills to be Paid in January and Treasurer's Report, Cox seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Ayars Bank Representative Tiffy Sloan presented a Community Development loan request submitted by Ryan Baker. Baker has requested \$25,000.00 to purchase Wholesale Coffee Bean Roasting Company. There is no building involved, only the business which will create 2 jobs. Collateral for the loan is inventory and equipment. The loan will also be personally guaranteed by Ryan Baker who has an excellent credit rating and repayment ability. The Community Development Committee met and voted unanimously to grant the loan to Ryan Baker in the amount of \$25,000.00 which will be paid back over a term of 10 years. After discussion, Snyder made the motion to approve a Community Development loan in the amount of \$25,000.00 to Ryan Baker for the purchase of the Wholesale Coffee Bean Roasting Business, Hayden seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Rajita Singhal of Chastain & Associates presented I.E.P.A. Loan disbursement Request #8 for L17-6290 Lead Line Replacement Project for pay requests to Burdick Plumbing & Heating and Chastain & Associates. Snyder made the motion to approve the I.E.P.A. Disbursement Request #8 for L17-6290 Lead Line Replacement Project for pay requests to Burdick Plumbing & Heating and Chastain & Associates, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Rajita Singhal also presented Change Order #2 for L17-6290 Lead Line Replacement Project adding \$7,800.00 to construction costs and 120 days to contract completion date. The Change Order Summary states that 13 corp stops will be excavated, shut off and capped. After discussion Snyder made the motion to approve Change Order #2 for L17-6290 Lead Line Replacement Project, Cox seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Kenny Long presented a quote of \$750.00 to \$1,500.00 from Moran Economic Development regarding a TIF/Business District Eligibility Study for the Pinkston Drive Properties. The purpose of the study is for possible infrastructure improvements such as stormwater, sanitary sewer and general roadway improvements. The study will determine if the subject properties would qualify to be added to the Village's TIF or Business District through an amendment of the boundary area(s). After discussion Cox made the motion to approve the quote from Moran Economic Development regarding a TIF/Business District Eligibility Study for the Pinkston Drive Properties not to exceed \$1,500.00, Snyder seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Mayor Conlin requested approval to designate the alley East of the 100 block of North Main a one-way running from the South to North. Mayor Conlin explained that the new water payment drop is positioned on the West side of the alley so in order for people to access the box from their driver's side window they would need to drive up from the South. Another concern is the blind spot at the South end of the alley. Making the alley one way would alleviate that problem and make it safer for pedestrians. After discussion, Cox made the motion to approve designating the alley East of the 100 block of North Main a one-way running South to North, Snyder seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Chief Hale requested approval to increase the employee dependent monthly health insurance allowance to \$600.00. The current allowance is \$500.00. Chief Hale stated that competitive benefits attract more employee applicants and helps retain good employees. After discussion, Snyder made the motion to increase the employee dependent monthly health insurance allowance to \$600.00, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Chief Hale requested approval to increase the employee monthly health insurance allowance to \$1,100.00. The current allowance is \$1,010.00. After discussion, Hayden made the motion to approve increasing the employee monthly health insurance allowance to \$1,100.00, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Chief Hale requested approval to offer health insurance to new employees upon hire date. Offering health insurance benefits to new hires avoids lapses in coverage. After discussion Hayden made the motion to approve offering health insurance to new employees upon hire date, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Chief Hale presented a quote of \$447.94 from Dynagraphics for squad truck graphics. Long made the motion to approve the quote of \$447.94 from Dynagraphics for squad truck graphics, Cox seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Boomer Neece requested approval for 4 employees to attend the IRWA Conference. Cost of the conference is \$190.00 per person. Hayden made the motion to approve 4 to attend the annual IRWA Conference, Snyder seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Street & Alley Superintendent Brad Sams presented a quote of \$947.10 from Voudrie's Auto for backhoe tires. Snyder made the motion to approve the quote of \$947.10 from Voudrie's Auto for backhoe tires, Hayden seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

Mayor Conlin requested a motion to adjourn if there was no further business to come before Council. Cox made the motion to adjourn, Snyder seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Snyder and Hayden. No: None.

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