

REGULAR MEETING

October 8, 2024

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, Jack Kaufman, Josh Whitney and Sean Hayes. Mike Snyder was absent. Employees present were Beth Hawn, Elizabeth Carter, Courtney Dalton, Brad Sams, Chief Hale, Kyle Suydam, Scott Myers, Officer Bugg, Mischelle Davis and Attorney for the Village, Scott Garwood was also present. Others present were Mark Bingham and Ron Legner.

Whitney made the motion to approve the Consent Agenda with additions and corrections including the September Regular Meeting Minutes, Bills to be Paid in October and Treasurer's Report, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Village Engineer, Mark Bingham presented a Proposal for Services for assistance with roadway improvements along Pinkston Dr., Hermanson Ave., Anthony Lane and Royce Ct. in the "East Plains Addition." The purpose of the proposal is to perform a drainage study and prepare a set of preliminary plans to replace the existing concrete roadway. After discussion Cox made the motion to approve the Proposal for Services from Bingham Professional Services for conducting a drainage study in the East Plains Addition not to exceed \$21,100.00, Whitney seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Village Engineer, Ron Legner presented I.E.P.A. Disbursement Request #5 for L17-6290 Lead Line Water Main Replacement Project for pay requests to Burdick Plumbing & Heating and Chastain & Associates in the amount of \$77,398.27. Whitney made the motion to approve Disbursement Request #5 for L17-6290 Lead Line Water Replacement Project pay requests to Burdick Plumbing & Heating and Chastain & Associates, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin requested approval to reimburse Jesse and Karen Henington from TIF funds for their completed Façade Grant project that was approved previously. The project at their business, Rusty Shoe, has been completed, and included repairs to the back deck and railing, painting the back of the building and repairing the roof under the deck. TIF consultant Jake Zambaldi advises that the Henington's may be reimbursed for up to 50% of the materials cost which is \$1,175.70. Whitney made the motion to approve reimbursement to Jesse and Karen Henington in the amount of \$587.85 from TIF funds for their completed Façade Grant project, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Attorney Garwood presented Ordinance #2024-05 amending the Employment Classifications and Insurance sections of the code. A classification of "Permanent Part-Time" has been included and defined as "Those employees scheduled to work on thousand (1,000) hours per year or more on a continuous basis on a regular weekly schedule." The Insurance Section also now includes Permanent Part-Time. Whitney made the motion to approve Ordinance #2024-05 amending the Employment Classifications and Insurance sections of the Village Code, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

The City of Assumption has requested the services of Chief Hale due to the resignation of their Police Chief Brian Wade. The City of Assumption agrees to pay the Village of Moweaqua \$1,000.00 per month for services provide by Chief Hale until there is a permanent Police Chief fully appointed with the advice and consent by the City Council and sworn in by the Mayor. After discussion Whitney made the motion to allow Chief Hale to provide temporary administrative services to the City of Assumption at a rate of \$1,000.00 per month not to exceed three (3) months, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Chief Hale reported that the Village is eligible through ILEAS for grant funds to provide tasers. The Village will receive 4 tasers. The Village will be responsible for providing taser training for six (6) officers. Total cost of the training is \$12,829.20. Chief Hale requested approval to accept the grant for tasers and provide taser training for six (6) officers at a rate of \$3,207.30 annually beginning December 2025 and ending with the final payment in December 2028. Total cost to the Village will be \$12,829.20. Whitney made the motion to approve accepting the grant for tasers and paying \$3,207.30 annually from December 2025 through December 2028 for taser training, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin presented the IML risk management insurance renewal for 2025. Whitney made the motion to approve Option #1, paying in full, \$62,144.80 by November 15th, 2024 which includes a 1% savings of \$625.20, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin presented a proposal from Bolash Roofing and Construction for recoating the complete metal roof surface of the Village Hall. After discussion Whitney made the motion to approve the proposal of \$11,011.00 from Bolash Roofing for recoating the Village Hall roof, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin presented a quote of \$898.99 from Locking Security Mailbox for a drive up drop box to be used for water billing payments. Mayor Conlin stated that she would like for the drop box to be installed on a post in the alley behind Village Hall. After discussion, Whitney made the motion to approve the purchase and installation of a water drop box not to exceed \$1,000.00, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Mayor Conlin requested approval to reimburse the MCC Miscellaneous fund from the Business District fund in the amount of \$14,723.00 for the first installment of the MCC LED sign. TIF Consultant Jake Zambaldi provided his opinion regarding the cost eligibility of the sign in which he stated that the sign is 100% eligible for Business District funding. In order to conserve funds in the MCC Miscellaneous budget the first installment can be reimbursed from Business District funds. Whitney made the motion to reimburse MCC Miscellaneous \$14,723.00 from Business District funds for the first installment of the MCC LED sign, Long seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Street & Alley Superintendent Brad Sams requested approval to pay his part-time help from Street Department Miscellaneous after the Street Department part-time salaries in his budget is expended. Kaufman made the motion to approve paying Street Department part-time help from the Street Department Miscellaneous budget after the Street Department part-time salary is expended, Whitney seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Sams requested approval of a quote from B & B Stump Removal in the amount of \$1,425.00 for removal of 21 stumps. Whitney made the motion to approve the quote of \$1,425.00 from B & B Stump Removal for the removal of 21 stumps, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Sams reported that a bid of \$156,590.87 from Rush Truck Center for a 2023 International dump truck and accessories was previously approved in March, 2022. However, a 2023 truck never became available. Sams stated that he then obtained a new bid of \$160,033.00 from Rush Truck Center for a 2024 dump truck and accessories. After discussion, Whitney made the motion to approve the quote of \$166,033.00 from Rush Truck Center for a 2024 Red International Dump Truck, waiving the bid process, Hayes seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Sams requested approval to purchase trees to replace what was removed in the downtown area. Sams reported receiving a quote of \$3,325.00 for eight (8) trees from Elwin Tree Farm. After discussion, Whitney made the motion to approve the quote of \$3,325.00 for 8 trees from Elwin Tree Farm to be purchased from Business District funds not to exceed \$3,325.00, Kaufman seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

Water & Sewer Superintendent Boomer Neece presented four (4) quotes for a mini excavator. Of the four quotes Bobcat came in the lowest at \$66,761.80. Neece stated that the cost of the excavator will be split between the Water & Sewer fund, Street & Alley fund and Business District funds. TIF Consultant Jake Zambaldi opined that if the excavator is used for a project such as for road work or public utility improvements within the Business District it is considered an eligible cost. The excavator can be used for other projects not within the Business District as well. After discussion Long made the motion to approve the quote of \$66,761.80 from Bobcat for a mini excavator, waiving the bid process and splitting the cost between the Water & Sewer fund, Street & Alley fund and Business District fund, Whitney seconded. Council voting Yes: Long, Cox, Kaufman, Whitney and Hayes. No: None.

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

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