

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF October 23, 2017

The Village Council met on the above date at 7:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order and present were Richard Clark, Tresa Hundley, Carl Klingler, Gary Ulm, Paul Summers, Janet Pflaum, Judith Anderson and Carol O'Dell.

Opened with silent prayer and followed by reciting Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion made by Janet Pflaum to approve October 10, 2017, minutes. Seconded by Judith Anderson. All voting Aye.

Hydrants were flushed on October 16 & 17 no issues.

Halloween Parade in Noble Park Friday Oct 27 Cakewalk 6:30 pm, Parade 7:00pm. First Christian Church is also having their trunk or treat at the park as well.

Trick or Treat night in Noble will be October 31 from 6:00 p.m.- 8:00 p.m.

Mayor Clark talked to Mark Smith who is over the West Richland Center about the pictures at the College (formerly High School) and was told the pictures are glued on hard board so tubes may not be the best ideal way to use for storage. Mr. Smith told the Mayor the pictures were going to be allowed to continue to hang on the walls at the College.

Mayor Clark prepared a letter/memo to Village of Noble residents regarding Inoperable motor vehicles/expired stickers on vehicles and this will be put in with the water bills. This will give the residents the opportunity to take care of the situation before the Village gets involved. No objection from the board.

Two estimates were given to the board for the Tax Levy, one at 4.99% increase and one at 17% increase. 4.99% increase does not require a public hearing, the 17% increase would require a public hearing and is what is really needed to meet various Village obligations. Mayor Clark said if the board does not choose the 17% increase then it will be necessary to dip into Village reserves for IMRF, Social Security and Medicare due to 1) hired extra employee 2) previous substantial raise for employees. Mayor Clark explained to the board that periodically he has printed out a budget comparison and it shows all bills paid, physical budget, what has been spent year to date and the unencumbered percentage (at this point is showing 5 out of 12 months). Trustee Summers ask if there wasn't enough funds budgeted? Mayor Clark said the budget was at a shortfall yes. Trustee Summers asked if the Auditors mentioned the shortfall? Mayor Clark said the Auditors do not look for shortfalls, just that no funds were stolen and/or lost. Mayor Clark provided figures to the board showing the supporting of the 17% Tax Levy. Trustee Ulm mentioned eventually have to do something. The Board and Mayor Clark discussed figures for both 4.99% and the 17% increase. No action was taken and matter tabled until the next meeting. Trustee Summers asked if there was a shortage in 2015 & 2016 physical year? Mayor Clark said he and the Treasurer would check into this and have answer at the next meeting.

Mayor Clark mentioned properties in the Village that the property taxes have not been paid as of yet. Mayor Clark asked the Board if they would be interested in buying the taxes (\$246.00) on the property at 121 W. South Ave. or declare it a nuisance, write a letter and take to court. Trustee Ulm made the comments thought it would be a wise investment, if owner doesn't do anything to buy taxes back then the Village would have to tear down. No action

Motion made by Carl Klingler to pay bills. Seconded by Gary Ulm. All voting Aye.

Motion made by Carl Klingler to adjourn the meeting at 8:14 p.m. Seconded by Carol O'Dell. All voting Aye.

Meeting adjourned until November 13, 2017, at 7:00 p.m.