

# VILLAGE OF EVENDALE, OHIO 10500 Reading Road Fire, Police, Zoning and CAC Committee Minutes May 4, 2021 6:00 PM, Council Chambers

Attendance: Chris Schaefer, Bill Puthoff, Carolyn Smiley-Robertson, Mike Hauck, Susan Gordy, Cynthia Caracci, Mayor Finan and Barb Rohs

Guest State Trooper Lt. Scott Kuntz address council regarding traffic accidents and speeding on I-75. There has been a reduction in traffic due to the pandemic but an increase in fatalities and serious accidents since the pandemic started on the roads. The State troopers will start focusing of serious traffic offenses on I-75. The troopers have been monitoring the ODOT traffic transponders and especially on I-75. Since April 1, 2020 over 41 million travelers have traveled on I-75 and over 700,000 were going 20 miles over speed limit. I-75, I-71 and I-275 are the highest traffic accident areas. For these reasons, there will be more troupers out on I-75 monitoring speed.

## 1. Fire

- a. Department update- GE fire on roof top resulted in \$20,000 fire damage
- b. Hiring process starting June.
- c. Hamilton County Board of Health will have a mobile vaccination site in parking lot on June 16
- d. VOE COVID update- Hamilton County is still red, 48 cases of 4 different variants, of those in the hospital not one has been vaccinated.
- e. SILCO-grand opening May 21, 2021
- f. Sharonville Fire Chief was put on administrative leave
- g. Mr. Schaefer asked the chief about the honeysuckle on the farm at the back of Britton Trail. He thinks the brush is a fire hazard. The chief will an inspector to go up and take a look.

# 2. Police

- a. Chief welcomes the state troopers helping regulate speed on I-75
- b. Ordinance regarding sick time ordinance will be the 1<sup>st</sup> reading
- c. Proclamation Asbrock, McDaniel

#### 3. Cultural Arts Center

- a. Department update- 268 tickets for Fine Arts exhibit
- b. Bell Pavilion update- Stage is ready to go and cleaning of facilities is scheduled. Dance recitals happening in May.
- c. Summer camp offering are underway
- d. Wine tasting is limited to 20
- e. Mr. Schaefer asked if the charging station could be moved to Bell Tower and at the same time will update the lighting in the area. Also, it has a Glendale Milford address.

## 4. Building, Planning and Zoning

- a. Department update
- b. GE submitted plans to update buildings
- c. New owner of The Crossings is managing strip center.
- d. Planning commission is discussing the pool cover ordinance and to regulate discount stores and mini storage
- e. Ordinance to modify the Building Fee structure 2<sup>nd</sup> reading

## 5. Other Business

- a. Work from Home Legislation decision will be appealed
- b. 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for TPC building
- c. Met with GE, Deb Silverman, HR- No additional layoffs planned and encouraging people back to office
- d. Town meeting- Oct 24- 5:00 PM
- e. CIC meeting on CCA is 5/11/21
- f. The mayor will put in the VOE newsletter why there will not be fireworks
- g. Ordinances
  - 258 Clarification- essentially a clarification ordinance regarding the use of sick time just before retirement. The ordinance includes a requirement for a physician's statement regardless of whether an employee returns to work or not. As previously written the requirement for the physician's statement was only due upon return to work and overlooked no return thus allowing for unaccounted extended use of sick time which was not intended to be permitted.
  - Appropriations for Aero Hub
  - Mass grading bids ordinance
- h. Finance update- Tax revenue continues to be down both month to date in April by \$133,637 and year to date by \$570,790 compared to last year. Total April Tax receipts were \$1,767,809 and year to date were \$5,109,719. Tax budget will be in July.
- 6. Motion to adjourn will by Bill Puthoff and seconded by Chris Schaefer. 7:30