

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of St. Paris

Meeting

February 19, 2018

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Council Meeting

Held

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## TRAINING SESSION

The training session was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Brenda Cook, Terry Ervin II, Ben Hackley, Steve Lett, and Susan Prince were present. Niven Jester was absent.

A presentation was given by Gina Verlaney on the Public Records Act and the Open Meeting Act. This is an annual training given by the Auditor of State which Ms. Verlaney attended as the Council designee on February 16, 2018. The training was completed at 7:20 p.m.

## REGULAR SESSION

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Reneer with Brenda Cook, Terry Ervin II, Ben Hackley, Steve Lett, and Susan Prince present. Niven Jester was absent. Administrator/Fiscal Officer Dee Meadows and Fiscal Clerk Gina Verlaney were also present.

The minutes from the previous meeting were presented. Councilwoman Cook made a correction on the wording of Pony Wagon Days use of the old junior high. The corrections were noted. **Motion** was made by Councilwoman Cook and seconded by Councilman Hackley, to approve the Council meeting minutes from February 5, 2018 with corrections. Motion passed.

**Motion** was made by Councilman Lett and seconded by Councilwoman Prince, to approve the Bank Reconciliation as presented. Motion passed.

The presentation of bills dated January 16, 2018 through February 16, 2018 totaling \$113,484.99 was reviewed. **Motion** was made by Councilwoman Cook and seconded by Councilman Hackley, to approve the payment listing as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.

### Mayor's Notes:

Mayor Reneer publicly thanked Joe Sampson, who was not present, for his help during his term as Mayor. He also thanked Lynn Miller, Larry Watkins (not present), Tim Bierbaugh, and Jeff Wooten. Mayor Reneer announced to incoming Mayor, Brenda Cook, that he was leaving her with good employees.

Mayor Reneer read a letter from Dee Meadows where she announced she is relinquishing her role as Village Administrator effective March 2, 2018. Ms. Meadows will return to her former salary and remain Village Fiscal Officer.

### Committee Reports:

**Safety:** Councilman Hackley reported that the Police Department office is being renovated. Renovations are being overseen by Chief Erica Barga. Chief Barga has done a lot of the renovations herself with Charlene Hess' help painting. The flooring was donated by an anonymous donor.

### Streets:

Councilman Jester was not present to give his report.

### Parks and Buildings:

Councilman Lett had nothing to report.

### Trees:

Councilwoman Cook had nothing to report.

### Planning Commission:

Councilman Ervin announced the next meeting will be April 5, 2018.

### Economic Development:

Councilwoman Prince had nothing to report.

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**Administrator:**

Dee Meadows had nothing to report.

**Motion** was made by Councilwoman Prince and seconded by Councilman Lett, to approve the Committee reports. Motion passed.

**Old Business:**

None

**New Business:**

Mayor Reneer presented the 2018 Appropriations Summary. Councilwoman Cook questioned the increase in the Income Tax Revenue. Mayor Reneer explained the increase is due to the removal of the RITA Tax Credit.

Councilman Hackley suggested the Mayor explain the need for a new vehicle for the Police Department. Mayor Reneer explained that two (2) of the cars were in need of a lot of repairs and in the shop a lot. He has a quote from Statewide Ford for a new car in 2018. Chief Barga related that she was working on a grant to get 50/50 matched funding for another car in 2019. The plan is to have at least one (1) SUV in the fleet so that in inclement weather there is an all-wheel drive vehicle for officer safety. Councilwoman Prince asked how we know the money will be there. Are we depending on the RITA Tax? How do we know we have money to cover her, a full time officer and a new vehicle? Mayor Reneer explained that money comes from the general fund and appropriations are determined by their budgeted revenue. He also explained that all of the money in a budget should be spent, if it is not spent it can be rolled over into the next year's budget. The Police Department had money rolled over. **Motion** was made by Councilman Lett and seconded by Councilman Hackley, to approve the purchase of a new police cruiser. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.


**Motion** was made by Councilman Hackley and seconded by Councilwoman Cook, to approve the 2018 Appropriations Summary. A roll call vote was taken with Council voting unanimously in favor. Motion passed.

**Public Comments:**

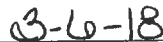
Charlene Hess spoke about The Green Report and said that it includes the Village's five (5) year plan, which was mentioned a few meetings ago. She then spoke about the problem she is still having with the renters above the laundromat and their dogs. A recommendation was made to impose fines on landlords for renters' dogs that are not cleaned up after. Councilman Ervin asked that the current dog ordinance be available at the next meeting so Council can review it.

Jeff Wooten announced that the new auto parts store will open the first week in March. The store is located in the building recently vacated by Uptown Designs.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilman Hackley and seconded by Councilwoman Prince, to adjourn at 8:20 p.m. Motion passed.



Dee Meadows, Fiscal Officer



Date