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REGULAR SESSION

Held: March, 9, 2015

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CALL TO ORDER: The Village of Peninsula Council convened from 7:01 p.m. to 9:15 p.m. in the Peninsula Village Hall. Mayor Douglas Mayer called the meeting to order and initiated the pledge of allegiance with the following members and visitors present:

COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Michael Matusz	Present	Brian Schall	Present
Carol Kramer	Present	Pamela Schneider	Present
Dee Holody	Present	Dan Schneider	Present
Douglas Mayer, Mayor	Present		

OTHERS PRESENT

John Stiegel, Connie Hesske, Kevin Kramer, Chief Varga, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Royer, Mrs. Grover Miller and family, Barb Gedeon.

CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Royer, 1251 Dell Street, voiced their concerns and asked for help in solving a problem with neighbors cars parked on and blocking the roadway. Mr. Royer explained that the situation has gone on for the past 4-6 months and because there are so many approaches to the road that any parking within that group of approaches is a problem. They can't get a water truck into their driveway. If there is a car parked by their drive and the Windstream building, a truck can't back in because it's too big. Another problem is that when Mr. Royer has knocked on the neighbor's door to ask him to move the vehicle, the neighbor has refused to answer the door, even though he was definitely in the home. According to Mr. Royer, the neighbors have many cars and when there are guests the problem is worse. Cars are parked in front of mailboxes, creating a "free for all." Even after asking the neighbor, one of two home owners of the property, "to please make sure a water truck can get in," a week later the water truck driver "beat on the door" to have the neighbor move the vehicle blocking the roadway and got no response. The driver then had to back out onto 303, turn around and back in, so as to avoid damage to the truck. Mrs. Royer voiced a concern that "if an EMS vehicle needs to come to their house or their neighbor's house, where they have small children, they won't be able to get there." Mr. Royer also observed that "the snow plow guys haven't been able to plow effectively."

Chief Varga explained that there are a couple of options that can be taken other than putting up a no parking sign, something that would be a logistical nightmare because 303 and Dell Rd. share the same road right of way. Mayor Mayer explained that because it is a road and you are not allowed to block or put an obstruction in the area of it, he has asked the Police Chief to ticket the cars and if the cars continue to be parked illegally they will be towed. Chief Varga explained that "the neighbors are having trouble with their vehicles and the last thing they want is another ticket." He has informed them of the situation, will give them a chance to correct the situation and if it isn't being corrected then the police department will get involved and "we'll go from there."

Mayor Mayer stated that "it's like a little forgotten street, and it really hasn't created an issue, but now that your house and the house on the hill are there, it is becoming more of a used street again and it's

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going to have to be addressed again as a street.” He also suggested the possibility of relocating the edges of the right of way. He stated that “we’re just going to be more aggressive and we will talk to the people first and let them know what we are going to do. Mr. Royer agreed with the Mayor and the Chief that this was a fair option.

A question was asked if there are a certain number of tickets that are given before the village would tow. The Mayor responded “No, if they are in violation of obstructing the roadthe officer is allowed to make that decision.” Solicitor Hesske added that it is dependent on how the Village Ordinance is written.

COUNCIL PARTICIPATION

Michael Matusz: Announced that on March 31st RITA will be presenting a program at the library to talk about the RITA tax and the changes coming up in July for the citizens and tax payers. Another meeting could be held in July. He asked for Council to get the word out that if anyone has any questions, especially before tax time, this program would be a big help. Mayor Mayer explained for the benefit of the visitors that the Village is changing the tax collecting agency from CCA to RITA and that there will be forms and paperwork involved in the changeover. He thanked Mr. Matusz for setting up the workshop to help people get through that.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Mayer presented a proclamation to the family of Grover Miller in honor of his having been voted by Council as the current recipient of the Village of Peninsula’s Longtime Service Award.

Ms. Holody commented that presenting this award has gone on for a long time and that usually the entire Council would sign the Proclamation. She requested that a Proclamation document be remade, with all Council’s signatures on it and that it be framed and then given to the family. Ms. Holody also inquired if the process had been or needs to be in the form of a resolution. Solicitor Hesske replied that Council passed a motion to cast a paper vote and therefore there was no need for a resolution.

SOLICITOR’S REPORT

Ms. Hesske stated that after having prepared the Agenda for tonight’s meeting she will not be doing it in the future.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

Mr. Stiegel asked for consideration of the meeting minutes.

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 9TH, 2015 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES.

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Ms. Schneider.

Votes were: Dee Holody, aye; Michael Matusz, aye; Biran Schall, aye; Pamela Schneider, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dan Schneider, aye. Motion passed.

(Motion 35-2015)

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MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FERUARY 19, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Mike Matusz.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, sustain; Brian Schall, aye; Pamela Schneider, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Daniel Schneider, sustain. Motion passed.

(Motion 36-2015)

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE FEBRUARY 26, 2015 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES.

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Brian Schall.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, sustain; Brian Schall, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Pamela Schneider, aye; Dan Schneider, aye. Motion passed.

(Motion 37-2015)

Mr. Stiegel asked for consideration of the financial reports.

MOTION: TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND ACCEPT THE MARCH FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Brian Schall.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Pamela Schneider, aye; Dan Schneider, aye. Motion passed.

(Motion 38-2015)

MOTION: TO PAY THE BILLS AS SUBMITTED

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Pam Schneider.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Pamela Schneider, aye; Dan Schneider, aye. Motion passed.

(Motion 39-2015)

MOTION: TO PAY THE EMPLOYEE PAYROLL

Moved by Ms. Holody, seconded by Pam Schneider.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody aye; Pam Schneider, aye; Dan Schneider, aye. Motion passed.

(Motion 40-2015)

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Varga explained the need for a video recording system for the police department. He said that it should have been done years ago and that currently we are not compliant with state laws. Since taking over as Chief he has been working on it. He has gotten many quotes and found that Applegate Security is a good company to work with, they gave the best quote and had the best equipment. The video system is an independent system that will have the capability of adding additional cameras. Mayor Mayer explained that the first system that was looked at was a full system that cost around \$10,000. The second one was an 8 camera system that was about \$5,000. Chief Varga explained that the proposed system is a 3 camera system; the first camera will be in the police lobby, the second camera in the squad room and the third camera in the booking room. It will be on 24/7 recording. It will not record sound. Mr. Matusz asked if the feed is kept on a hard drive for record keeping purposes. The Police Chief responded that "the way it works, is it records time, so about 6 months and then it kicks over and goes on and on and on. So if something comes up, you can download it to a flash drive or CD or however you want to do it." The Chief explained that if someone gets a DUI, he will immediately take the information and

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download it. Solicitor Hesske explained the importance of it for DUI cases. Mayor Mayer explained that the holding room in the police department has everything that is needed except the video monitoring device. Since cameras can be added in the future at no extra cost, Solicitor Hesske suggested that at some point down the road, Council consider placing a camera in the meeting room and discussed reasons for this. She said that if nothing else it does help with the issue of an outburst and the issue of credibility. "If Council has a camera in the room there can be no discussion and or confusion as to what happened."

MOTION: TO APPROVE THE CREATION OF A PURCHASE ORDER IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1545, FOR THE ACQUISITION OF A VIDEO RECORDING SYSTEM FOR THE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

Moved by Dee Holody, seconded by Pam Schneider.

Votes were: Michael Matusz, aye; Brian Schall, aye; Carol Kramer, aye; Dee Holody, aye; Pam Schneider, aye; Dan Schneider, aye. Motion passed.

(Motion 41-2015)

Carol Kramer asked the Mayor what the status is regarding improvements that still need to be done in the Police Department area, specifically with the flooring, painting and moving of the work stations. Mayor Mayer responded that he has continued to get prices and has found a local company owned by Bill and Renee Dent on 303, who's on has taken over the business and will be doing the work. He will build a 4X4 wall partition, wire it, paint and plaster for only \$2500. Other quotes have been for as much as \$5,000. Mr. Schneider was pleased that it was a local company. The work should be able to move forward now.

ZONING

Mayor Mayer reported that he is still looking for a new person to fill the position of Zoning Inspector. He explained that Mr. Schneider had at one time brought to his attention that Stow might do the zoning and is waiting for a response back from the Zoning Inspector and Mayor of Stow. The salary would remain the same as in the Pay Scale Ordinance. Ms. Holody asked if the mayor had contacted anyone else. The Mayor responded that because he thought it would be a good fit having Stow do everything he is going to wait for their response before contacting anyone else.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

No report as there was no meeting.

FIRE BOARD

Nothing to report.

PLANNING COMMISSION

There is a hearing at the March 24th Planning Commission meeting for a proposal for a bed and breakfast to be located in the blue house on the corner of Ridge and 303. Residents are encouraged to come to the meeting and voice an opinion.