

Andover Village
Council Meeting
(11 May 2021)

The regular meeting of the Andover Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 May 2021 at the Andover Village Hall, 134 Maple Street, Andover, Ohio, in accordance with the rules of notification.

IN ATTENDANCE.

VILLAGE OFFICERS

Mayor Gerald DiBell
Village Fiscal Officer Cathryn A. Williams
Solicitor Richard B. Kotila
Village Administrator Richard Mead
Police Chief Christopher Baker
Zoning Inspector Fred Border
Councilmembers: Leo Crouch
 G. Randy Gentry
 Margo Hornyak
 Richard K. Orahood
 Doris Simon
 E. Curt Williams

VISITORS

Raymond "Buddy" French
Maria Firkaly, Andover Public Library
Bill Groff
Kelly Groff
Bill French
Bob Swartz
Lauren Locke, *The News*
Warren Dillaway, *The Star Beacon*

MINUTES AND REPORTS. The following minutes and reports were presented for council's review prior to the meeting.

1. Council meeting minutes for 13 April 2021
2. Bills
3. Mayor's report
4. Fiscal officer's report
5. Administrator's report
6. Police chief's report
7. Zoning Inspector's report (*provided at meeting*)
8. Finance committee minutes for 27 April 2021

9. Council work session minutes for 27 April 2021
10. Andover Union Cemetery Board minutes for 25 March 2021

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and was followed by the roll call.
2. Council minutes for 13 April 2021. No corrections or changes were necessary, so the minutes were deemed approved as submitted.
3. Bills. It was moved to approve payment of the bills presented in the amount of \$27,569.66 and to allow the fiscal officer to pay additional bills, which will come due in May. Discussion. Motion carried.

VISITORS.

1. Maria Firkaly of the Andover Public Library, said they are considering having bicycles available for use when the Greenway Trails project is completed through the area. They will be reaching out to other libraries that have provided this service to see what is involved and how their programs operate. She will inform council when they have more information.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS. The following officers presented, reviewed, and commented upon the reports and other matters noted.

MAYOR

1. Mayor's report. For the month of April, the village received \$724.00 in fines from the Andover Mayor's Court.

ADMINISTRATOR

1. Russtik Drive lift station. The administrator said the Russtik Drive lift station project is underway and may be complete by the end of the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS. The following committee reported upon its deliberations and made the recommendation noted.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

1. Employee pay raises. It was moved to approve raises for the following positions, effective 31 May 2021:
 - Police Chief
 - Police Sergeant
 - Patrolman
 - Part-time police officers
 - Zoning Inspector
 - Laborer 1
 - Part-time laborer
 - Village secretary
 - Part-time secretaryDiscussion. Motion carried.

2. Fiscal officer. It was moved to approve a pay raise for the fiscal officer. Discussion. Motion carried with Councilmember Williams abstaining from the vote.

COUNCIL WORK SESSION

1. Greenway Trails project. Councilmember Williams updated council on the progress of the Greenway Trails.
2. Oak Street lots. Councilmember Williams said the Ashtabula County Landbank is in the process of combining the 2 abandoned lots on Oak Street. Once merged, the property will be available for purchase as one buildable lot.

LEGISLATION.

1. 1st Reading, **Resolution 2021-11-R**, a resolution giving consent to the Ohio Director of Transportation to replace signs on State Route 7 and U.S. Route 6 within Andover Village, and declaring an emergency. It was moved to accept the 1st reading. Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings and declare an emergency. Motion carried.
2. 1st Reading, **Ordinance No. 2021-12-O**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2020-6-O, establishing the salaries, wages, and employment benefits of the Andover Village employees, effective 31 May 2021, and declaring an emergency. It was moved to accept the 1st reading. Discussion. The solicitor noted that the ordinance will include the pay raises just approved by council. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings and declare an emergency. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business.

OLD BUSINESS.

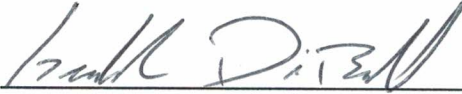
1. Status conference. The solicitor said the in-person status conference between the Andover Village council and the Pymatuning Valley school board, on Monday, 12 July 2021 at 11:00 a.m., at the Ashtabula County Courthouse, must be advertised as a Special Council meeting in order to comply with the Ohio Sunshine laws. The only agenda item for the meeting will be an executive session to discuss pending litigation, as ordered by the court.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. It was moved to enter an executive session at 7:18 to discuss pending litigation. All present voted yes. Motion carried. The mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:33 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved at 7:33 p.m. to adjourn. Motion carried.



Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor