

Village of South Charleston

Commission Meeting

June 19, 2018

4:45 P.M.

Members Present: President Samuel Stucky, Vice President Larry Durfey, Commissioner Brad Taylor, Village Manager Trecia Waring, and Clerk Jessica Hiser

Guest: Leonard Kadel, Kathy Mercer, Joe Garrett, Jim, and Janice Sheridan

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

I. Roll Call

II. Addition or Corrections to the Minutes

None

President Stucky motioned to approve the minutes and with a second from Vice President Durfey and with a vote of 3/0, the motion passes.

III. Discussion of the Bills

- Vice President Durfey asked about the JD Equipment bill. Trecia said it was for the large mower they had to replace the clutch, a bracket and repair a battery issue.

President Stucky motioned to approve the bills and with a second from Vice President Durfey and with a vote of 3/0 the motion passes.

IV. Action Items

- The meeting is open to questions about the budget. Jessica would like to answer any questions the commission has about the budget she presented. If there were no questions then would they motion and vote on the budget. Commissioner Taylor said that since this is his first one he does have questions about the budget. Jessica said if they would like hold off and get together to go more in depth with the budget she would be more than willing to. Commissioner Taylor would like to see what we are budgeting for exactly. She said that the big changes are the cost of new trucks everything else is an increase for the previous year which is just a

educated guess on the increase of the cost of items. He was wondering if at the end of the year we start spending money just because it was budgeted. Jessica said no we do not spend everything we budget for a year just because it was in the budget. If we do not spend it, it will just go back into the fund. The budget is not at full appropriation level to accommodate unexpected expenses. We must vote on the budget by July 3rd so that it can send it to the Auditor.

V. Village Manager Report

- They are staying on top of all the mowing and weed eating.
- Once the grass slows down they will be getting into some projects that need done. They will be repairing and replacing some catch basins and getting some painting done at the bike path and water plant as well as some hydrant work.
- Ray Hensley was out to chip and sealed the neighborhood passed Rankin. It looks good they are going to do a little berming and Trecia does have a few questions for them about a couple spots but overall she is happy with it. They got it done in about 3 hours but they had been working on all the prep work the day prior to the chip sealing. Commissioner Taylor said that it did concern him that they got it done so fast. Vice President Durfey asked if Walnut was included in the streets, we did and yes, it was.
- While Jessica was looking up a specific Ordinance, she came across one that may be of interest now. Ordinance #99-8 is an Ordinance accepting "quit claim" from Richard and Nancy Woods regarding the property that we mow on Old Springfield and Waldeck. Therefore, the Auditors website does not reflect it but we are able to use that property on condition that it be used and maintained for park purposes, and a Veterans Memorial would fall in that category. You have a copy of the Ordinance.
- Trecia did have a complaint about a stone at the cemetery. She did look at the area, the stone has a matching base not the foundation and the stone has shifted on the base, and there is a small nick on top of the stone. She has determined that the Village is not at fault for several reasons. The stone and the base are a smooth surface and the silicone looks to have deteriorated over the years allowing water, snow and ice to shift the stone like an ice cube on a tabletop. The nick on the top of the stone is about 3 feet high and on the center of the top. They have had no equipment besides mowers or weed eaters anywhere near that stone for several years. Trecia did speak with Jim on the matter and we do not have any liability or any obligations to pay for repairs. This is a very

unfortunate matter that she just wanted the commission to be aware because she does believe the family is here to discuss the issue tonight. Commissioner Taylor asked if the stone was completely off and Trecia said that no it was not that I had just shifted about 3 inches. He also wanted to double check that there was no burials in the area recently and Trecia said no there has not been any close since she has worked here. He also asked if something like this happens, because accidents do happen, do the guys report it to her. She said they would and we would fix it if we had caused the damage. He then asked how tall the base was and Trecia said it was about 6-8 inches and then a 2-foot stone on top. The stone did not shifted on the foundation but it shifted on the base and Trecia explained if we had hit it with the mower then it would shift on the foundation. President Stucky asked if the Ordinance #99-8 did that include all of the property that we mow and Trecia said yes it did.

VI. Clerk's Report

- Water reads will be next week.
- All of the paperwork for the Audit is signed and approved by the Auditor and we are just waiting for them to schedule the time.
- She had also given you an estimate for a concrete ramp at the last meeting. The ramp has fallen and she would like to move forward with this to have it safer and look nicer. Commissioner Taylor asked what kind of railing it would be and Jessica said it would be a black metal railing something like we have. The ramp is going to be wider than what it is now. It will be as wide as the landing all the way down because it is very tight for wheelchairs and strollers. She had called several people about a quote and she never heard back. She had received multiple recommendations to have this company do it. They are not the cheapest or the most expensive but they are very detailed and do an amazing job. She does understand that it is a lot of money but it will last longer and look nicer than what we currently have.
- Commissioner Taylor motioned to move forward with the installation of a new concrete ramp and with a second from President Stucky, and with a vote of 3/0 the motion passes.

VII. Chief's Report

- None

VIII. Public Comments

- Janice Sheridan is here about the stone at the cemetery damaged. She disagrees with the Village Manager she believes that it was hit by something because there is a tire track right next to the marker. They went out to the cemetery today, Drake Monument just happened to be at the cemetery, and they looked at it and said that it had to be hit with something larger than a lawn mower. Trecia said that she has seen the picture and that it was the lawn mowers tire track right next to the stone and Mrs. Sheridan said that she would like to see the lawn mower tire. It looks like a tire track from a kabuto. She thinks that the stone was hit by a backhoe. She also wanted Trecia to know that they do not use silicone on the markers it is a sealant and it had not deteriorated. Mrs. Sheridan did have pictures of the stone and asked if the Commissioners would like to see it and they did. When she was showing them the stone, she showed how the stone had moved and the tire tracks around the stone. She stated that the tire marks were from a tractor tire not a lawnmower tire. Trecia then said that we have new grasshopper mowers and that they do have do have a very big tread and she did speak with Carmen about that from Yauger Mounuments. Mrs. Sheridan would like to see the mower down there by the stone. Then she showed the chip to the Commissioners and to her it looks to her like someone has backed into it. President Stucky asked if there was anything in front of her monument or if it was just the road. She stated that no, there was not but there are two small flat markers. President Stucky asked it was possible that someone who was visiting the cemetery was able to back into the marker and she stated not with tractor tires. President Stucky said it looks like it looks like it were hit from the front and pushed it back. If someone had hit it from the direction of the tire, it would have moved forward. In his opinion, it looks like someone backed up trying to get out of the cemetery and bumped the stone. President Stucky agreed that something did happen to their stone he just was not sure what happened. Mrs. Sheridan said that the woman from Drake said that the stone did not just slide it was pushed. The marker is 24" high. President Stucky thinks that the stone was hit from the front and moved back. Mrs. Sheridan said she believes that it was something bigger than a mower that hit the stone equipment like a backhoe. Trecia said that they do have the backhoe out in the cemetery to dig graves but they have not had a grave dug near that stone

in years. She wanted to know then why is there a tire mark around her grave and President Stucky pointed out that Trecia said that tire mark was from our mowers. He offered her to come out and look at the tires on the mowers so she could see them. President Stucky believes that the stone was hit in the front where the chip is and was pushed back and since our tire marks are behind it, they would not have made the damage. Mr. Sheridan said that someone probably turned the backhoe around when they realized they were in the wrong section and turned around and hit the stone. President Stucky said that is was just a guess but he was also guessing. Mrs. Sheridan said they would figure out what to do next. In President Stucky's time here, he has seen that when we are responsible for stuff we do take care of it. He feels if one of our employees had done something they would have gone to Trecia and we would come to some remedy to make it right. Mr. Sheridan asked the Commission if they thought that the workers would really come and admit when they had broken something and President Stucky said yes he believes they would. Commissioner Taylor says they have no reason not to because there is not reprimand if accidents happen. He knows them personally and believes that they would own the mistake. President Stucky said that he would ask them about it and see if they know anything.

- Kathy Mercer is here from the Veterans Memorial and she would like to know the status. Commissioner Taylor said that he did talk with the pool board about the contract and at this time, the pool does not wish to change the agreement they had made with the Village. In addition, according to Jim we cannot change their decision. Commissioner Taylor stated that some of the reason were for the parking and the kids paying in that area. Trecia said that since we do have the lease this is their space to do with it as they please. Kathy said she is just trying to understand why they would not want this on the property. Commissioner Taylor said that when Carol West had brought all of this up they had asked for a dimension and a size for the land and Leonard said it could be as big as they get bricks. Kathy said that at the beginning of this Carol West was given a map of the Villages properties, it was highlighted, and they were under the understanding that these were the spots where the memorial would be okay to go. Kathy asked if nobody was excited about this memorial at all. Do people not even want it because if they do not then she will not continue with it. Commissioner Taylor said that people do

want it. When he spoke with the pool board said that they have trucks deliveries. Kathy said that the communication has been bad by everyone. President Stucky said that he does not understand why the pool board wants to hold the property hostage when the pool is only open two and a half months out of the year. Trecia said that the only way we can have control of the property is to terminate the agreement but they need a six-month notice. President Stucky and Leonard went down and they only need a 30x30 section in the southwest corner of the lot. He is disappointed with the pool not wanting to cooperate it seems like they should be more willing with all we do for them. Commissioner Taylor said that he is more of a rights man. If we are doing something in the name of the veterans but we want to force the pool to cooperate. Kathy said that so the next step would be to layout the site and bring it back to the Village, and then we would be able to let them know where the memorial would go. Commissioner Taylor said this is how it all should have started but he does not think that the pool is not a good spot for the memorial and that since the pool said they do not want it there we will move on. He does understand the frustration on the side of the memorial but he also does understand the pools side of the situation. The upside of this is that we did find out the property on 41 and Old Springfield is ours and would be available for the memorial. Leonard wanted to make sure that he understood that at this point, the pool is not willing to give up any of the property correct, and Commissioner Taylor said that was correct. President Stucky would like a pool board representative to come in and tell the Village their decision. Leonard said he would like to speak with them about their decision and see if they cannot work something out. President Stucky has gone down to the property and he feels that there is plenty of space down there for the memorial; it would not interfere with the pool at all. Leonard said that he would like them to come to a meeting so that they would be able to talk. They have tried to communicate with the pool and they will not speak with them. Commissioner Taylor asked Leonard if he called Jen and told her they were going to cut down their sign and ask for forgiveness later. Kathy said it was a joke and it was a bad joke. She has tried to explain that. The sign actually belongs to the community club anyway. President Stucky is very disappointed with the pool seeing how they are only open two and a half months a year and they want to hold the land hostage the rest of the year. Vice President Durfey asked if the pool board are new or had they

been there for a while, Jessica said they have been there a while. Vice President Durfey does not understand how they concluded the agreement that they did. He thinks that we should walk away from the pool completely and terminate the agreement. As for the sign it is ugly and it needs to go anyway. Kathy was told they were not to be on the property at all. President Stucky asked if the agreement was the pool or the entire property and Trecia said that she had spoken with Jim about the agreement and he said it was the entire property. Jim did tell her that we cannot do anything with the property even to the point we have to ask to enter the property but we would have to give them a 6 months' notice to terminate the contract. President Stucky stated that he could not believe the pool does not want to be included in a community memorial. Commissioner Taylor did say that we have never included the pool by reaching out and calling them. Leonard is the only person that has called them. Trecia pointed out that if the Veterans Memorial Committee wants to have the memorial down there they need to convince the pool board.

- Joe Garret from Trebel LLC is here to discuss with the Village about his energy consultant company where he works. They have been speaking to Madison Township about their services. They do not sell energy they manage aggregation. Aggregation allows communities to form aggregated buying groups to negotiate lower prices on electric or natural gas generation on behalf of their citizens. If the Village enters into this, the villagers would join the group but they would be able to opt out of this at no cost. We could join in with Madison Township or we could do this on our own. In addition, there is no cut back to the government. The bills will still come from DP&L but you can call his company for assistance and avoid the middleman. The state of Ohio is 75% aggregation contracted. If we agreed to want to do this, it would have to go on the ballot for the Village to vote on. They would handle all of the paperwork to get it on the ballot they would also do the mailings and hold public meetings.

IX. New Business

- None

X. Old Business

- None

XI. Executive Session

- None

XII. Motion to Adjourn

President Stucky motioned to adjourn the meeting and with a second from Commissioner Taylor and a vote of 2/0, the meeting adjourned.

Meeting Adjourned 6:40 pm

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

Jessica N Hiser/Clerk

Samuel D Stucky/President

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING IS A TRUE AND CORRECT COPY OF THE MINUTES AS TAKEN FROM THE FILES OF THE CLERK FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH CHARLESTON COMMISSION.