

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
October 10, 2019
MINUTES

The Special Council Meeting of the Village of Moreland Hills was called to order by Mayor Renda at 7:00pm, in the Village Council Chambers.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Mr. Buczek, Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

Also Present: Jeff Filarski, Village Engineer, Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council

Mayor Renda asked if there were any additions or corrections to last months meeting minutes. Mr. Richman stated that on page 3 under Ordinance 2019-53, the last line that states "...to regulate everything..." should have the word "virtually" added so that it reads "...to regulate virtually everything..."

Mr. Buczek made a motion seconded by Mr. Richman to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting on October 2, 2019, as amended.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Buczek, Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Fritz made a motion seconded by Ms. Sturgis to suspend agenda items #3-#8 for the October 10, 2019 Special Council Meeting.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Buczek, Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2019-56-Introduced by Mr. Richman

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH ABV CONTRACTORS, INC. FOR THE 2019 CULVERT AND DRAINAGE PROGRAM, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Mr. Richman stated that there were several bids received and ABV Contractors, who has done work with the Village before, was the lowest. He noted that there was a change in the amount that was in the ordinance, which was \$127,460. The actual amount is \$122,249.50 because that is the award amount per Mr. Filarski's letter and bid summary. The \$127,460 amount came from an error in the bid package by ABV because on item #17, they wrote the number "1.5" and wrote out the words "one dollar and fifty cents" but in small numbers there was a "10" penciled in. According to bid procedures, if there is a discrepancy, the written word governs.

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded by Mr. Buczek to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2019-56.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Buczek, Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

Mr. Richman made a motion seconded Mr. Stanard for passage of Ordinance 2019-56 amended such that the amount is \$122,249.50.

Mr. Stanard asked Mr. Filarski if there were any line item quantities that he thought were abhorrent or unusual. Mr. Filarski stated that he was comfortable with all quantities. He stated that some were unique areas of work and the amounts were different than he had determined but he is comfortable with them.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Buczek, Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Renda informed Council that our Law Director, Aimee Lane, has submitted her resignation, effective Monday, November 4, 2019. Mrs. Lane joined the Village as the Assistant Law Director on October 10, 2012, exactly 7 years ago today. As Assistant Law Director, she handled all planning and zoning issues and wrote the legislation. She showed herself to be a meticulous attorney with a brilliant legal mind. Mayor Renda stated that she appointed Mrs. Lane as Law Director on January 1, 2016 and we all know she has served the Village well and we will all miss her.

Our contract is with Walter|Haverfield and not Mrs. Lane directly, so they will honor the rest of the contract, which is through the end of the year. Mayor Renda stated that she is scheduled to have a conference call with Mrs. Lane and her partner Bill Hanna, to talk about the transition. She stated that she is convinced that it will be seamless as we have all worked with Mr. Hanna and know his work ethic. Mr. Emerman asked if the rates will remain the same for a different Law Director. Mayor Renda stated that the rates will be the same because they are built into the contract.

Mrs. Lane sent a statement since she was not able to be here tonight, which Mayor Renda read:

“Mayor Renda, Members of Council, and Village Staff – I wish I could be at tonight’s meeting but we have a school open house. As you have heard from Mayor Renda, I have decided to leave Walter|Haverfield and take a position with the Ohio Turnpike Commission. I start my new job on November 4. I have made this decision in order to have a better work-life balance. This is a bittersweet time for me. I have been at Walter|Haverfield for fifteen years and love working with our municipal clients, navigating the issues and challenges faced by local governments. I have especially enjoyed my work with the Village of Moreland Hills. I thank all of you for this tremendous opportunity. The Mayor, Village Council, and Staff work at a level of professionalism and respect that is to be commended. I admire you all for your knowledge, your commitment, and your service. I look forward to my new

opportunity and wish you all the best in the future. Please feel free to reach out to me any time and I do plan to come back and visit. Thank you, Aimee.”

Mayor Renda stated that this is a bittersweet moment for everyone else as well. She said she is sad to be losing Mrs. Lane, but thrilled for her because this new job will probably work better for her lifestyle and she will be more comfortable with that.

Mr. Buczek made a motion seconded by Mr. Emerman to adjourn the Special Council Meeting at 7:12pm.

ROLL CALL:

AYES: Mr. Buczek, Mr. Emerman, Mr. Fritz, Mr. Richman, Mr. Stanard, Ms. Sturgis

NAYS: None

MOTION CARRIED

The meeting was adjourned at 7:12pm.

Attest:

Sherri Arrietta, Clerk of Council

Dan Fritz, Council President