**Village of Arlington Heights**

Regular Council Meeting

Monday, April 24th, 2017 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular meeting of the Village of Arlington Heights Council was called to order by Mayor Steve Crase with prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** Elliott present, McLemore present, McKinney present, McFerron absent, Green absent, and Fiscal Officer Cordray present.

Out of order: Steve Crase sworn in by Massimino Ionna – Law Director for Village of Arlington Heights as the acting Mayor for the Village.

**Approval of the Council Meeting Minutes for March 2017**

**Motion to approve the minutes made by:**  Elliott seconded by McKinney.

**Roll Call:** McLemore yes, McKinney yes, McFerron yes, Green absent, and Elliott yes.

Approved: 4-0

**Guest Speakers:**

**Michelle from Hamilton County Recycling solid waste district**- Michelle explained the benefits of the Village getting recycling drop offs at Town Hall for residents to begin recycling.

If Arlington decided to be a target community and get the drop offs the waste district would cover the first year and thereafter it would cost the Village $45 each month.

**Report of Officers:**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**: Mayors Court Report read.

Crase reported his appreciation to Cody Gertz for his help in organizing people to spread mulch in the parks. The Village website and Village phones have been updated. Bridge on Galbraith road where 75N crosses over will be under construction beginning in May to November for a reconstruction of the bridge. Spring newsletter should be out by the end of the month.

**FISCAL OFFICER: (Megan Cordray):** Fiscal Officer had nothing to report.

**Motion made to approve the March 2017 Finance Statement by:** Elliott seconded by McFerron.

**Roll Call:** McKinney yes, McFerron yes, Green absent, Elliott yes, and McLemore yes.

**Passed 4-0**

**MOTION TO APPROVE THE PAYMENT OF BILLS**

**Motion to approve the payment of bills made by:**  McKinney seconded by McLemore.

**Roll Call:** McKinney yes, McFerron yes, Green absent, Elliot yes, and McLemore yes.

**Passed 4-0**

**Reports of Council Committees:**

**FINANCE:** Mrs. McFerron Chairperson, (McLemore, Elliott) McFerron not present for committee report. Fiscal Officer Cordray read the expenses and balances for the month of March 2017. Beginning balance for March was $572,937.34 expenses $88,210.10 ending balance for March $531,657.53.

McFerron entered at 745pm. Finance meeting for May 3rd 2017 at 530pm.

**SAFETY**: Mr. McKinney Chairperson,(Green, McLemore) McKinney read February and March Reading Fire/EMS Department report.

Sheriff’s Department reported that the Hamilton County Sheriff’s Department is covering Arlington Heights 24/7 at all times. Nothing else to report, everything has been quiet in Village.

**STREETS, LANDS &** **WASTE:** Mr. Green (McKinney, McFerron) Green Absent.

**PLANNING & PROPERTY:** Mrs. McLemore, (Elliott, Crase) McLemore reported that she spoke to property owner at 536 and he reassured her that he is not considering selling the property for subsidized housing. The owner also informed McLemore that in about three years he would be willing to sell the property to the Village for $200.00.

**ZONING, CODE ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY:**  (Chairperson has not been appointed yet) Chairperson, (McFerron, Green) No report.

**SPECIAL PROGRAMS, GRANTS & CONTRACTS**: Mrs. Elliott Chairperson, (Crase, McKinney) Elliott reported that the Easter egg hunt went well; she thanks everyone who came out to help. Elliott is looking for volunteers or people who want to be in the Memorial Day parade.

Elliot set Community Association meeting for May 9th 2017 at 7pm.

**Reading of Ordinances and Resolutions:**

**Motion to suspend the rules for all Ordinance(s) and Resolution(s) made by:** McKinney seconded by McFerron.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Green absent, Elliott yes, McLemore yes, and McKinney yes.

**Passed 4-0**

**Ordinance #8-2017** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract with LSR consultants for consulting services.

**Motion to adopt made by:** Elliott seconded by McLemore.

**Roll Call:** McLemore yes, McKinney yes, McFerron yes, Green absent, and Elliott yes.

**Passed 4-0**

**Resolution #5-2017** A Resolution approving the Village Mayor to enter into a three year renewal contract with Dawson Companies/Ohio Municipal Joint Self-Insurance pool.

**Motion to adopt made by:** McFerron seconded by McKinney.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Green absent, Elliott yes, McLemore yes, and McKinney yes.

**Passed 4-0**

**Resolution #6-2017** A Resolution eliminating property owners the option to “opt out”/cancel waste service collection in Arlington Heights.

**Motion to adopt made by:** McLemore seconded by McKinney.

**Roll Call:** Green absent, Elliott yes, McLemore yes, McKinney yes, McFerron yes.

**Passed 4-0**

**Resolution #7-2017** A Resolution increasing the rates for waste removal, accepting the changes to move to monthly billing in 2018.

**Motion to adopt made by:** McFerron seconded by Elliott.

**Roll Call:** Elliott yes, McLemore yes, McKinney yes, McFerron yes, and Green absent.

**Passed 4-0**

**Remarks from Visitors:**

**Jeff Lawson** from Cindus expressed his concerns about the trains. He reported that an employee cut her finger and Reading EMS were held up for 10-15 minutes getting there (reports this is a Reading issue but still a train issue). Doug from recycling center is still having issues with Cindus trucks blocking his business because they are stopped by trains.

Law Director reported he has a meeting with Norfolk Southern Train Company on Thursday.

Mr. Lawson asked about the status of looking into merging, Crase responded that there has been meetings but nothing right now that can be discussed publicly. Lawson also asked the Mayor his thoughts about starting up the business group again; Crase agreed if there was interest that he would be willing to start it back up.

**Scott Bothe**- 647 Arlington Ave. reported that he has been calling the train companies every time the roads are blocked, and it seems to be working. He encourages that other residents do the same thing.

**Motion to enter Executive Session made by:** Elliott seconded by McFerron.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Green absent, Elliott yes, McLemore yes, and McKinney yes.

**Passed 4-0**

**7:51 p.m.**

**Motion to return to regular council meeting made by:** Elliott seconded by McLemore.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Green absent, Elliott yes, McLemore yes, and McKinney yes.

**Passed 4-0**

**8:17 p.m.**

**Motion to recommend vacant council seat to Scott Bothe:** McKinney seconded by McFerron.

**Roll Call:** Green absent, Elliott yes, McLemore yes, McKinney yes, and McFerron yes.

**Passed 4-0**

**Scott Bothe was sworn in by Law Director-Massimino Ionna.**

**Motion to Adjourn:**

**Motion to adjourn made by**: McLemore seconded by McFerron.

**Roll Call:** Elliott yes, McLemore yes, McKinney yes, Bothe yes, McFerron yes, and Green absent.

**Passed 5-0**

 **ATTEST: APPROVE:**

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 **Fiscal Officer Mayor**