

## **18 January, 2017 Minutes of the Special Meeting of the Parma Village Council.**

Meeting called to order at 8:00 PM

Pledge of Allegiance is given.

Those Present: Pres. Jenkins, Clerk Cotey, Treas. Jenkins

Trustees Present: Burns, Patterson, Humphrey, Simmons, Carothers, Cooper (Arrives 7:14)

Absent:

Guests: Linda Burns,

**Jenkins moves, Patterson seconds, to approve the agenda with the addition of adding Fire Department Bookkeeping under Business, motion passes 6-0.**

Guests:

Linda Burns – No Comment

Business:

Water and Sewer Review – Discussion on reviewing the entire Commercial District pricing for 2017 Budget Year.

Recommend removing the increase to the Fire Department until review is complete. Discussion. **Simmons moves, Humphrey seconds, (Cooper arrives 7:14) to remove the increase of REU's to the Fire Department starting Dec. 1, 2016 until further review of Commercial Accounts, motion passes 5-2.**

Sandstone (Acker) has brought up that they are now willing to take over the Fire Department Administration Duties. Department is fully funded by Special Millage and the Township's do NOT use general funds. Concerns that the Village will not part of the Board. Don't want to be the Police Department. We were told we would be treated good and covered for Police Power and now we are not covered. Further Discussion was done. Acker wanted to know if Village wanted to be "bought out"? Not an option in the Intergovernmental Agreement. Discussion. We need to heal. A good reason has never been presented as to why the Village should not do the books. Lets wait on making any decisions. Village has changed people on the Fire Board but the Townships have not in several years.

Public Comment:

None

Poll:

Cooper – Raising the rate was not proposed as an emotional decision. It was based on billings of like users.

Carothers – We need to move forward and make sure the laws are being followed. A lot of this may have been blown out of proportion. It's frustrating. People need to be held accountable.

Patterson – Cars without plates by the post office. Construction on Main Street. Illegal burning...call 911. 222 James Street is again putting trash in the road. Another letter will be sent?

Simmons – DPW gates left open...leave open due to snow removal.

Burns – Would it have made a difference if the Village never questioned anything...possibly.

Cotey – Will be accepting a position with the County of Jackson, but will help out as much as possible and will still do duties until another Clerk can be appointed.

Jenkins – Thanks to Paul Burns for helping take down decorations. Explains possible option to replace Clerk without someone living within the Village. Will advertise.

**Humphrey moves, Carothers seconds, to adjourn at 9:30 PM.**

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie M. Cotey, Clerk