

VILLAGE UPDATE



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Mayor's Report

by Lynn Eisentrout, Mayor

Resignations: I sadly have accepted the resignations of Councilman Michael Braun (term ends 12/31/19) and Councilwoman Jennifer Pauken (term ends December 31, 2021), effective August 21, 2018.

Anyone interested in filling these vacancies may submit a cover letter and a résumé to me or any Council member by September 14, 4 p.m. To serve, you must have resided in the Village for one year. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at mayor@minervapark.org or 614-572-3371.

Police Chief Kim Nuesse also has tendered her resignation, effective September 7, 2018. She has accomplished more than any other police chief that I can recall. For example, she has perfected the hiring process, Ohio Collaborative certification for professional standards, wrote a policy and procedural manual to include best practices and risk management, modernization of equipment, collaborated with the City of Gahanna for vehicle maintenance services to reduce costs to the Village, obtained radios and other equipment through state grants, implemented proactive policing that included the formation of several block watch programs that have aided in significantly reducing crime in those areas of the Village, and so much more. She will be missed.

I have appointed Lt. Matt Delp as Acting Chief and likely will appoint him as Police Chief in the next few weeks.

North Lake: Trees, branches, and scrub were supposed to be removed on August 8, but this work was rescheduled because of inclement weather and saturated yards. There was a possibility of damaging

residents' yards with some of the heavy machinery that would be needed to access some of the trees.

We rescheduled for later in August, and ran into the same situation. We'll get the job done as soon as possible.

Trees: An arborist from Russell Tree Service will be examining some of the trees at the pool, in Carleton Court, and on private land in East Shore Court. We need to determine if the Carleton Court tree and some of the trees at the pool are viable. The East Shore Court trees will be examined and assigned a replacement value before we begin the storm sewer repair project.

Pool: Pool revenue for this season is at \$45,505, compared to \$41,204 at this time (mid-August) in 2017. Thank you to Councilman Benedetti for tiling the bathroom floors at the pool.

East Shore Drive, Minerva Lake Road: This intersection is looking pretty good. The flooding issue in front of 2952 Minerva Lake Road and 5244 East Shore Drive has been remediated with the installation of a storm drain.

Finance Committee

By Diane Schrimpf, Finance Chair

The finance committee has been rolling along this year. There have not been any significant changes in direction on budget or spending modifications so far this year. In our most recent meeting we discussed some areas where budget is based on best guess – for example based on the number or volume used the prior year. Slight adjustments were reviewed for the EMS budget due to a 23% increase



Two Council Vacancies

If you are interested in filling recent Council vacancies, please submit a letter of interest and your résumé to Mayor Eisentrout or a Council member by September 14, 4 p.m., after which interview times will be set. If qualified candidates are found, the appointees would finish a 4-year term, one expiring on 12/31/19 and one expiring on 12/31/21.

Public Meeting SEWERS

by Lynn Eisentrout, Mayor

We are attempting to schedule a public meeting to inform the residents of the upcoming sewer repair project and the OPWC grant that we are applying for in September. It is important to have this meeting because it gives residents the opportunity to review our plans and scope of work for this project. The target date is Thursday, Sep 6, 7 p.m., at the Community Building. Please watch your mail for a post card from the Village, once we have a confirmed date and time.

in runs. Our fiscal officer Kim Pulley prepared and presented a spreadsheet of to-date differences which she calls "Six Month Appropriation Cleanup." We reviewed the General Fund accounts and she reviewed adjustments she wanted to make to realign some



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items and funding based on activity for the past six months. It was a great exercise and very professionally done. Police Chief Nuesse joined us and we discussed the plan to replace a 2015 police vehicle next year. A letter of intent to purchase would need to be delivered to the vendor by September 30th of this year. Both the Chief and the Fiscal Office believe purchase is better than leasing and that the Village should elect extended warranties since repair to the police vehicles tend to be engine problems due to the amount of time the engine is running/idling. The Chief has helped the Village acquire grant money for police equipment and we discussed how grant money is represented in the accounting system. We are right now receiving free Narcan for our EMS and Police and the Fiscal Officer was going to check the auditor's office on if and how that should be represented. We closed with the commitment to meet again in September and October to continue budget discussions for 2019. By the way – Kim Pulley hopes to conduct discussions and Q&A on municipal finances in the future – details to come.

Facility Sub-Committee (Diane Schrimpf and Tiffany Hughes co-chairs)
The Facility team completed three formal meetings, visited facilities in villages of a similar size and toured a few police facilities/departments to get a feel for their set up, challenges and

future plans. We also collected and charted information for similar sized villages – this is still in progress. We are currently collecting bids to do a topographic survey of the property the Community Building sits on, as this has never been done before. Documents pictures will be available soon on the Village Website – we are hoping for a button on the front page like we have for sewers. One thing we would really like to have is a couple of ruff scale drawings of how a one story facility might be laid out on the inside – using all of the information we have gathered to date. At this stage we do not want the expense of an architect firm, instead we would like something for discussion purposes and to get feedback from council and residents. If anyone knows someone who could help us out for a nominal fee, please contact dschrimpf@minervapark.org – or call – I am in the directory.

Fiscal - Jul

View financials at minervapark.org/fiscal. Call Fiscal Officer Kim Pulley at 614-882-5743 with questions.
Beg Balance Gen'l Fund \$618,286
Receipts \$147,548
Disbursements \$181,412
Ending Balance. \$584,422

Village Calendar

minervapark.org/calendar

Medic Report - Jul

Medic 119 made 42 runs, 3 into Minerva Park, with 22 patients transported to local hospitals.
14 members served a total of 382.5 hours for the month, bringing the year-to-date total to 2,036 hours. Leading staff for the month were Garin Conway (87.8 hours), Terry McSorley (54 hours), and Justin Chamberlain (51 hours).
Minerva Park Runs:
7-17 Unconscious person
7-27 Ill person
7-31 Fall

Mayor's Court - Jul

The next sessions of Mayor's Court, Sep 5 & 19, are open to the public. Call 614-882-1408 with questions.
Citation payments 35
Village General Fund. \$3,289
Computer Funds. \$335
Remitted to the State. \$865
Columbus \$36
Capital Recovery System \$0
Total Court Receipts. \$4,190

Police Report - Jul

There was 1 misdemeanor arrest.
13 11:03a, Minerva Lake Rd near SR3, property damage
16 4:56a, SR161 at Old Dub-Gran Rd, impounded property
24 ... 8:21a, Hawthorne Elementary, criminal mischief reported
25 ... 5:33a, 3000 blk Minerva Lake Rd, theft from vehicle reported
30 ... 6:04p, 2700 blk Jordan Rd, domestic dispute