Culver Town Council Work Session
5 p.m., Thursday, August 13, 2020

The meeting was called to order at 5 p.m.

The following councilors were present: William Cleavenger Bill Githens, Ginny Munroe, Sally Riceardi, and Rich West. Town Manager Jonathan Leist also was present as well as Union Township Trustee Marlene Mahler, Joyce Greeson, Union Township Board Member Mike Overmyer, Park Superintendent Amber Cowell, EMS Director Jeff Koon, and Culver Boys and Girls Club Director Criston Zehner. Marshall County Council on Aging Director Janis Holiday was online.

Marshall County Council on Aging
Ms. Holiday said currently the Council on Aging provides a van/drive to Culver one day per week. With more funding, they could commit a van/driver to more time in Culver. Currently, the Town pays $3,000 per year for the one day. She said one van runs eight to nine routes every day at a cost of $30,000 per year or $6,000 for one day per week for the year. Mr. Githens suggested a survey be taken to get an idea of perceived need for the service.

Culver Boys and Girls Club
Criston Zehner, CBGC director, provided an update on the club. They have suffered revenue loss due to COVID, including not being able to operate the summer Kid Stop program and canceling the annual auction. She asked council to support the club with a $2,500 contribution in 2020 and increase support to $5,000 in 2021.

Park
Ms. Cowell reviewed her 2021 budget. The main increases were found in Personal Services, Building Improvements, and Machinery/Equipment. Ms. Cowell plans to expand the security camera system, renovate and improve the basketball courts, and renovate the gazebo and east pavilion.

There was a brief discussion of fundraising efforts by Alex Pare's family and the possibility of naming the basketball court in his memory.

The council was satisfied with the Park budget as presented.

EMS
Mr. Leist and Mrs. Heim prepared the proposed budget as Mr. Koon had not started in his position yet. After some discussion, council agreed to give Mr. Koon time to review the budget and make some adjustments as needed. A work session was scheduled for 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, August 25 for a final review of budgets.

Discussion took place regarding when a new ambulance would be purchased. Mr. Koon will do some research and report on whether the ambulance should be replaced in 2021 or 2022.

Fire
Fire Chief Ken VanDePutte was not present. Mr. Leist reviewed the budget. There were no major changes.

Riverboat
Mr. Leist provided some background on discussion he and previous Marshall County Council on Aging director Jackie Wright had regarding a dedicated vehicle in Culver. Mr. West pointed out that our funding was 1.5 per cent

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of the program’s support but Culver’s costs were about three per cent. The question was raised if the Culver pickups were in the Town of Culver or the Culver zip code. Council’s consensus was to leave funding at $3,000 and more concrete information was needed if more revenue was requested.

As Mr. Githens and Mrs. Munroe both sit on the CBGC board, they did not participate in the conversation on CBGC funding. Mr. West indicated he would like to see funding at $5,000. Ms. Ricciardi and Mr. Cleavenger were supportive as well.

The meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Heim
Clerk-Treasurer

Culver Town Council

Ginny Munroe, President

Bill Githens, Vice-President

William Cleavenger

Sally Ricciardi

Karen A. Heim
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Richard L. West

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