

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

SEPTEMBER 1, 2021

Present: Mayor David Velegol, City Attorney Mike Gaudio, City Manager Jack McIntosh and City Clerk Dave Kurcina

Council: Tammy Johnson, Wendy DeAngelis, Nick Cekinovich,
Charles McCoy, Alexis Russell and John Casinelli

Also: Fire Chief Larry Rea, Brooke County Commission Stacey Wise, Brooke County Commission AJ Thomas and County Clerk Kim Barbetta.

Place: Council Chambers

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Subject: Fire Department Levy

Moment of Silence

The Mayor and Council observed a Moment of Silence for Ruby Greathouse, who recently passed away. Ruby was very instrumental in Brooke County. She planned and completed many projects throughout Brooke County.

Fire Department Levy

The City was notified that the Follansbee Fire Department lost County Levy Money and State Money due to delinquent Fire Reporting. Since 2018, the Fire Department has lost approximately \$100,000.00 in County Levy money and the recent June money and another \$10,000.00 from the State. The fire incident reports need to be filed with the State on a quarterly basis. The State has a 90 day Grace Period and the County has a 15 day Grace Period. The Mayor, City Attorney and the City Manager understands the gravity of the situation losing \$100,000.00 in money. The Mayor stated that it comes down to "What is best for the Citizens of Follansbee." Larry goes to every Call, is very dependable all hours of the day, has secured a Grant for \$480,000.00 for a foam truck and is an asset to the City; however, the City cannot keep losing Grant Money. In addition, the Mayor said that Joe Kafton, a member of the Fire Department has offered to file the Reports when the incident occurs. Both Alexis and Wendy stated that Council needs assurance that this will be done on a timely basis. They would like to have a copy of the Report, that is required by the State, included in their Council Packet on a monthly basis. The Mayor and/ or the City Manager will Email a Report to Dave to include it in the Packet for Council. Commissioner Thomas that it is currently the 2nd Month of the reporting period for this last quarterly reports. If the report is filed by September 15th, the Fire Department will get a distribution for September for the last quarterly report.

**Motion by John Casinelli/ 2nd by Charles McCoy at 6:30 p.m. Motion
Carried Unanimous**

Dave Kurcina, City Clerk