

Minutes for the January 3, 2022 Council Meeting

New Councilmen Steven Hill and Brian Yarnall were sworn in by Village Solicitor Adam Myser.

1 Roll Call

McKelvey - Here Yarnall - Here Tickhill - Here Johnson - Here Hill - Here McCort - Here

Mayor Dale Bunting asked Council for any nominations for Council President.

Mr. Hill nominated Mr. McCort.

Mr. McCort nominated, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to appoint Les Tickhill as Council President.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Abstain Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort- Aye
Motion carried 5-0-1.

Mayor Bunting asked for a moment of silence for Dave "Lenny" Fitch. He has served on the Fire Department since 1994.

2 Minutes

a. Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on December 20, 2021.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Abstain Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Abstain McCort- Aye
Motion carried 4-0-2

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$88,813.14.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Abstain Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Abstain McCort- Aye
Motion carried 4-0-2

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Mr. Yarnall asked if any streets or alleys were paved in 2021. Roger Deal Village Administrator stated no there were not. Mr. Deal stated we typically have a grant for paving but he has been chasing funding for the Slope Creek Waterline Project and next year looking for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. So we do not have a large paving project in the near future.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall presented Council with the Fire Department's Report Summary for 2021.

b. Chief Hall stated he needed two Councilmen for the annual Volunteer Firefighter's Dependency Fund Board. The VFDF is administered by the State of Ohio and benefits from the VFDF are made to surviving spouses and dependent children of firefighters killed in the line of duty.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to appoint Mr. Hill and Mr. Yarnall to the VFDF Board.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Abstain Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Abstain McCort- Aye
Motion carried 4-0-2

c. Chief Sirianni presented Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for 2021. He stated he was very proud of all his guys and girls for their hard work. Chief Sirianni also thanked Jeannie Hannahs Fiscal Officer for her help with his department. Mr. Yarnall stated if it wasn't too much to ask, he would like a monthly report from Chief Hall and Chief Sirianni. They both agreed. Mr. Yarnall expressed his appreciation for this.

d. Mayor Bunting gave the Mayor's Court Report for December 2021. State received \$441.50 Belmont County received \$16.50, and the Village received \$742 for a total of \$1,200.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Hill asked who removed the deer from the trash rack. Richie Wells Park Supervisor stated the Cemetery crew helped him. He also stated he believes it was shot. Mr. Hill "Thanked" Richie for taken care of it.

b. Mr. Yarnall asked the status on the revision of the Park Board Ordinance. Adam Myser Village Solicitor stated he will put it in draft format for further discussion at the next Council Meeting and if there are no issues, you can vote and adopt it at that time. Mr. Myser will provide the draft copy for the Council packets prior to next Council Meeting. Mr. Hill asked to include the existing one as well.

Mr. Hill asked Mayor Bunting about the Committees. Mayor Bunting stated he will provide these at the next Council Meeting, he was waiting to see who was President of Council.

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal gave the Cemetery report for 2021. He stated we finished up the year with 46 burials with 8 of them being cremations. Mr. Yarnall commented to Mr. Deal that he thought what he did with utilizing the Cemetery crew to help with other departments was a good idea, and he would rather see this than laying them off. Mr. Deal stated they have done a great job with Reservoir 1 and working in the Bohandy Building. Mr. Deal stated it is hard to find good workers and we want to keep them.

8 Water and Sewer

a. The water issue on Bond Avenue was mentioned. Mr. Deal stated it is absolutely a spring. It has done it for years. Several suggestions were made prior to paving it again.

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Mr. Deal stated he may call a Planning Committee meeting sometime in January. Stating it has been some time since they have met and that there are some developments coming up.
- b. Mr. Hill mentioned some concerns about several buildings downtown.
- c. Mr. Yarnall asked if the Village incurred any expenses regarding the demos this year. Mr. Deal stated he didn't think so.
- d. Mr. Hill stated that he and Mr. Yarnall have discussed and will be going to the Land Bank starting this month.

10 Old Business

- a. Mr. Yarnall asked if we are paying for the tree to be cut for the Slope Creek Waterline. Mr. Deal stated it is complicated in dealing with five funding agencies and he is not able to truly address it at this time.

11 New Business

- a. Mr. Hill asked Mrs. Hannahs about the Annual Appropriations for 2022 and expected Revenue for 2022.
- b. Mr. Yarnall made a motion to have the following posted on the Village's website within three days after approved by Council; Council Meeting Minutes retained on the website for one year, Administrator's Project Update Report retained on the website for one year, Job vacancies retained on the website as needed, and Bid Advertisements retained on the website as required. A lengthy discussion was held. Mr. Deal stated he could do a basic report and leave out any sensitive information. Mr. Yarnall withdrew his motion until the next Council Meeting for further discussion.
- c. Mayor Bunting informed Council that the next Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 18, 2022 in lieu of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

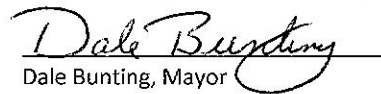
12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

- a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Yarnall at 7:37 pm.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye
Motion carried 6-0


Jeanie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Dale Bunting, Mayor