

Minutes for the August 15, 2022 Council Meeting

Les Tickhill Council President presided over the meeting in the absence of Mayor Bunting.

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

a. Mr. McKelvey moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on August 1, 2022.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort- Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$61,114.34.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort- Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the July 2022 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort- Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Councilman Steven Hill questioned whether Louise Alley was a transfer of property and suggested it needed a plat map. Adam Myser Village Solicitor stated it was not a transfer. We petitioned the Court to make a Declaratory Judgement. We have a court ordered settlement that was then adopted and recorded accordingly. The agreed judgement entry will go to the Engineer's Office for mapping.

b. Councilman Brian Yarnall expressed his appreciation for the handicap parking spot in front of the Municipal Building.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall gave Council the Fire & EMS Departments Report Summary for July 2022.

b. Chief Hall asked for Council's approval to remove Christian Carpenter from the Fire Department.

Mr. McKelvey moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to remove Christian Carpenter from the Fire Department.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort- Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Chief Hall asked for Council to approve to pay for two employees to enroll in Paramedic Classes for \$5000 each. They both will sign a waiver to stay with the EMS Department for two years upon completion of the Class or they will have to refund the EMS Department for the entire cost of Training.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to approve the payment for Paramedic Classes for two employees with signed waiver.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort- Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

d. Chief Hall reminded Council that the 150th Anniversary Celebration for the Fire Department will be Saturday, August 27, 2022 from 9am - 1pm. It will be like the Public Safety Day and will include Police, Fire, & EMS Departments. The Dedication of the First Responder's Memorial at the Veteran's Plaza will take place at 9:00 am to start things off. We will have several demonstrations and the EMS will be doing health checks. A lot of local businesses have graciously made donations.

e. Chief Sirianni asked for Council's approval to add Adam Porter to the Police Department as a part-time Officer.

Mr. McKelvey moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to add Adam Porter to the Police Department part-time.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort- Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that Bahmer completed the tree cutting at the Park Trail. He ended up taking down 140 dead trees rather than 70 he had marked, at no additional cost.

7 Cemetery

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator "Thanked" Council for authorizing the purchase of the 2011 Chevy Truck for the Cemetery Department.

b. Mr. Deal asked Council about selling the old 2010 Ford Truck. Council suggested giving it to the Fire Department to be used for a fire demonstration for their Public Safety Day.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to allow the Fire Department to acquire the old 2010 Ford Truck from the Cemetery Department.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort- Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

8 Water and Sewer

a. Concerned Resident spoke on behalf of a home owner on Law Street regarding a letter she received to fix a water leak and they believe the line is not the Property owner's responsibility. Roger Deal Village Administrator stated our standard practice is that

the Village owns everything on the main line side of the curb box. If it's on the other side of the curb box, it's a private line, installed and maintained by the customer. A discussion was held. Most of Council expressed their concern that it is the Property Owner's responsibility. Les Tickhill Councilman and Water & Sewer Committee Member agreed to take a look at it but stated he would probably stick to the Village's Policy.

b. Mr. Deal made mention to Council that he's pleased that they moved ahead on the Westview Drive Lift Station Project. It went down this past week and we can't find parts for it. The Water Department had a stressful week. Mr. Deal "Thanked" Terry Smith for all his help pumping it out for several days.

9 Land & Buildings

10 Old Business

a. Larry Taylor from Trebel Energy addressed Council regarding an aggregation program for the Village. He discussed the benefits, previous relationship with the Village with Volunteer Energy, regaining the Village's trust, and an opportunity to meet with Council at a later date and discuss why the Village should hire Trebel Energy to administer a gas and electric aggregation program for the Village.

b. Jacquetta Stephen asked Council for their feedback with "Fun In the Ville." Council expressed their appreciation to Jacquetta, Jill, and Courtney for all their hard work they have put into it and welcomed it back next year.

c. Mr. Deal informed Council that he met with AEP representatives and they will be clearing many trees from the rear of the Senior Center lot to the steps leading to the Municipal Parking Lot on N. Arch Street in a 30' wide path. They will remove the brush and haul it away but they will cut the logs into usable firewood pieces, stack and leave them.

Mr. Deal asked Council to authorize Mayor Bunting to sign the AEP easement and tree removal.

Mr. McKelvey moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to authorize Mayor Bunting to sign the AEP easement.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

11 New Business

a. Lisa Ward, Executive Director of the Mental Health & Recovery Board that serves Belmont, Harrison, and Monroe Counties informed Council that the former Nazarene Church has been purchased with plans to be renovated and open up an 8-bed detox withdrawal management program. The Board does not operate the Program. Their responsibility is to make sure services are available for our Communities. Council welcomed them to the Village.

b. Amanda Fisher, Belmont County Coroner added that the overdose numbers don't reflex how bad it really is in Belmont County since we border another state. Mrs. Fisher stated that this new detox Center will take people regardless of insurance or not. The new Center will have a Social Worker to help people with this. The Board has grant money that will help cover the services for these people.

c. Mr. Deal informed Council that our five year Gas & Oil lease extension will expire on September 10, 2022.

d. Adam Ackerman approached Council to convert the alley on East Church Street to a utility easement. So he could build closer to the Alley. Mr. Tickhill stated it has always been standard procedure not to close an alley. A Planning Commission Meeting to be scheduled for further discussion.

12 Executive Session

a. Executive Session for Possible Sale of Property and Matters Required to be kept Confidential.

Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to enter Executive Session at 8:22 pm.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Les Tickhill Council President returned Council to Regular Session at 8:51 pm.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Council discussed parking improvements on North Chestnut Street and West Main Street.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve a cost-sharing proposition and pay half on a Parking Study for North Chestnut Street and West Main Street from WDC Group, LLC.

McKelvey - Abstain Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Abstain Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort - Aye

Motion carried 3-0-3

d. Council discussed the upcoming HealthPlan renewal. Council agreed to change the Deductible from \$1500/\$3000 to \$2000/\$4000 and to give the Employees an opportunity to elect the Section 125 Plan, which will make their insurance premium pre-taxed.

Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the HealthPlan renewal with the Deductible change and the option for Employees to elect the Section 125 Plan.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

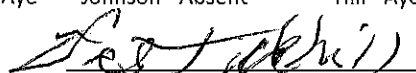
13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hill at 8:55 pm.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Absent Hill - Aye McCort - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Les Tickhill, Council President