

Minutes for the February 27, 2023 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

a. Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on February 13, 2023.

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

Motion carried 6-0

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$259,975.07.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Councilman Tim McKelvey asked Council to consider setting up a Fund for downtown businesses for possible Grant/Loans at a low interest rate.

c. Councilman Brian Yarnall informed Council that he has been checking into different suppliers for the Village's gas bills. AEP Energy is offering a fixed rate per CCF for a period of three years. Further discussion to be held at the next Council Meeting.

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Village Administrator Roger Deal scheduled a Work Session with Pennoni and ODOT on the Rails to Trails & Tunnel Project for Tuesday, March 7, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers for Council to give their input on the Project.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall informed Council that the Fire Department has received the ODNR Grant for \$6,200 to purchase various Fire Equipment.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that the Fireworks Display is scheduled for Saturday, July 1, 2023 with a rain date of Saturday, July 8th, 2023.

b. Mr. Deal informed Council that Warren Township has again offered to do a joint project with the Barnesville Memorial Park for the J.B. Green Team Grant. We are looking into getting handi-cap accessible picnic tables and a few benches.

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal stated the annual Cemetery clean up will begin on March 15, 2023.

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with an update on the Slope Creek Waterline Project.

b. Mr. Deal provided Council with a progress update on the Westview Drive Lift Station.

9 Land & Buildings

a. Charles Campbell - 112 Pine Lane - New Porch

b. Adam Ackerman - 109 Fowler Avenue - New Home

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the building permits.

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

Motion carried 6-0

10 Old Business

a. Mr. McKelvey made a motion to advertise for bid the demolition of all of the buildings we own on the West side of North Chestnut. Also, to advertise for bid the demolition of all the buildings we own with the exception of the Vets Building.

He stated if we get a legitimate offer on the Vets Building, Council may consider selling it, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

Councilman Steven Hill suggested we follow the ORC and advertise the buildings for bid.

McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - No Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - No McCort - Aye

Motion carried 4-2-0

Mr. Hill then suggested that we give the properties to the Port Authority for \$1 and let them have the expense of taking them down. Mr. Batts, Mr. Roger Johnson, and Mr. Luke Johnson expressed their concerns with the proceedings. They stated concerns with losing the historical district status of downtown, property values, exposure of the rear of existing buildings, and a plan after demolition.

A lengthy discussion was held with Council and concerned citizens.

11 New Business

a. Tricia Ford informed Council that KindnessU is teaming up with local businesses, Community resources, and Citizens by collecting cases of water to transport to East Palestine with a Water Drive. She asked the Village if they could make a donation toward helping East Palestine.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve a monetary donation toward the Water Drive and supplies needed for East Palestine.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mr. Deal informed Council that Derek Deal has redone the Village's Website to make it easier to navigate and has added many

new features. He encouraged Council to review the new site.

c. Jimmy Grear informed Council that the annual clean-up day for the Village of Barnesville and Warren Township sponsored by the JB Green Team at the Depot is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2023 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. He noted a tire collection is scheduled for Saturday, June 24, 2023 at the Belmont County Fairgrounds and several other collection events are scheduled, check the JB Green Team website for more information.

12 Executive Session

a. Executive Session for Possible Litigation.

Mr. McKelvey moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to enter Executive Session at 7:45 pm.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Mayor Dale Bunting returned Council to Regular Session at 8:19 pm.

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


Motion carried 5-0-1

13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. McKelvey at 8:20 pm.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1


Jeanie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Dale Bunting, Mayor