

Minutes for the March 13, 2023 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

a. Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on February 27, 2023.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$478,766.57.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the February 2023 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Councilman Steven Hill asked Adam Myser Village Solicitor for the status on the alleys. Mr. Myser stated he will have an Ordinance to vacate the four projects at the next Council Meeting.

b. Councilman Tony Johnson asked Mr. Deal where we were at with the new street sweeper. Mr. Deal stated we are using the state bid program, and we are looking at about \$300,000 with trade in. Council discussed payment structures. Mr. Deal to look into the availability and provide more information at the next Council Meeting

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall asked for Council's approval to remove Kenny Keiger from the Fire Department.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to remove Kenny Keiger from the Fire Department.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Chief Hall presented Council with the Fire and EMS Departments Report Summary for February 2023.

c. Chief Sirianni presented Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for February 2023.

d. Mayor Bunting gave the Mayor's Court Report for February 2023. State received \$379, Belmont County received \$15, and the Village received \$641 for a total of \$1,035.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Hill requested a letter, for our records, from the Friends of the Park on a verbal donation of \$8,500 toward the new bleachers at the Park, stating it's just good business practice. Councilman Mr. McKelvey stated he will get it done.

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal reminded Council that the annual Cemetery clean up will begin Thursday, March 15, 2023.

8 Water and Sewer

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

b. Mr. Deal presented to Council a Water Withdrawal Agreement from Antero. The new Agreement proposes a term of 12 months which will take us into March, 2024, otherwise exactly like the previous agreement with safety levels.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to accept the Water Withdrawal Agreement with Antero.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

9 Land & Buildings

a. Mr. Deal apologized for misunderstanding Mr. McKelvey's motion regarding the demolition of the buildings on North Chestnut Street. Mr. Deal to correct the bid advertisements. Mr. Deal stated asbestos to be removed from 106 & 112 North Chestnut Street. Mr. Hill suggested checking into the power connected to the buildings.

10 Old Business

11 New Business

a. Mr. Deal provided the Spring Newsletter for Council to review.

b. Councilman Brian Yarnall discussed with Council utility rates for the Village. Mr. Yarnall recommended contracting with American Electric Power Energy for the Village's electric and gas utilities with a fixed rate of 0.589 per CCF for gas and 0.07099 per KWH for electric for 36 months term.

Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to contract with AEP Energy for the Village's electric and gas utilities.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Mr. Hill scheduled a Planning Commission Meeting for Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 6:00 pm in Council Chambers.

d. Greg Batts addressed Mr. McKelvey with questions and comments, stating he was the spokesperson for Council on concerns

Mr. Batts had with procedural issues on demolishing the buildings. Mr. McKelvey defended his motion to demolish the buildings without delay on North Chestnut Street and to accept bids on the possible sale of the old Vets Building. Mr. McKelvey spoke of several examples of decisions Council has made that had opposition but turned out beneficial to the public. Mr. McKelvey promised that if these buildings get torn down, that this parking lot and whatever gets put up there will not be an eyesore. A lengthy discussion was held. Mr. Yarnall suggested having an architectural study done to redo the design prior to demolition for cost purposes.

e. Larry Taylor from Trebel Energy offered to Council, if interested, a price to compare for the Village's electric and gas utilities.

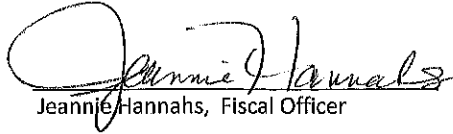
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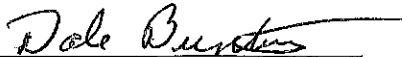
13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McKelvey made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Yarnall at 8:06 pm.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Dale Bunting, Mayor