

Minutes for the July 3, 2023 Council Meeting

A moment of silence was held to honor the passing of our former Fire Chief Bob Smith.

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

a. Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on June 19, 2023.

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

Motion carried 6-0

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$116,651.43.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Chief Hall asked Council to approve Resolution #3937-Replacement Fire Levy to be put on the ballot in November, 2023.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Resolution #3937, replacement Fire Levy

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

Motion carried 6-0

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator informed Council that the Rails to Trails & Tunnel Project is now estimated at almost 2.9 million. We originally committed to a 5% match of 2.1 million which was \$105,000. Council later discussed and approved \$66,000. They are now asking for \$100,000 with the escalated cost of the project, which is nearly 3.5%. A discussion was held. Councilmen Steven Hill and Brian Yarnall requested another meeting with ODOT for further discussion on the Project.

Mr. McKelvey moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the \$100,000 for the Rails to Trails & Tunnel Project

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

Motion carried 5-1-0

b. Mr. Hill made a motion to put a handi-cap parking spot in front of Cheffy's Drugs and Corner Pharmacy. Mayor Bunting stated it was already in the works.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall for the placement of the handi-cap parking spots.

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

Motion carried 6-0

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall presented Council with the Fire and EMS Departments Report Summary for June 2023.

b. Chief Hall asked for Council's approval to add Justin King to the EMS & Fire Departments.

Mr. McKelvey moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to add Justin King to the EMS & Fire Departments.

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Mayor Bunting gave the Mayor's Court Report for June 2023. State received \$580, Belmont County received \$21, and the Village received \$875 for a total of \$1,476.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Deal "Thanked" the Park and Pool Crew for all their help with the Independence Day Celebration. The Park was well attended. The baseball games were a huge attraction along with the pickle ball tournament and tennis.

b. Mr. Hill stated the Theater Group put a lot of effort into putting on a concert at the Park and He was very disappointed that no one from Council or the Chamber attended. Councilman Tim McKelvey stated the Park stepped up and helped with the special lighting needed and He donated at the open house, and the fact that someone wasn't there doesn't mean they don't support it.

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

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

b. Mr. Deal informed Council that the Water and Street Crew worked on repairing the 12" waterline on State Route 800 where the bridge is being replaced was struck by pile driving. There was no wire installed to locate it. It was 20 plus feet deep. They put 240' of pipe in clear away from the bridge and is now 6.5' deep where it should be with a tracer. Mr. Deal "Thanked" Roger Morris and his crew for all the excavation work. Mr. Deal expressed his appreciation to all the residents it affected, stating they were very pleasant to deal with and very understanding. Mr. McKelvey questioned the Contractor's responsibility in all of this and "Thanked" all the guys involved in correcting it.

c. Mr. Deal made mention to Council to look into water and sewer rates with consideration of a slight increase over a period of 3-5 years with the rising cost of materials and the Wastewater Treatment Plant Project in the near future. Mr. Hill and Mr. Yarnall expressed their rejection to any increase, while Mr. McKelvey stated it's something to keep in mind.

9 Land & Buildings

a. Michael Tolowitz - 131 Maple Avenue - Demo House

- b. AJ Bohandy - 226 West South Street - New Deck
- c. Scott & Renee Moore - 400 Mulberry Street - New Storage Building
- d. Barnesville Antique Mall - 202 North Chestnut Street - New Storage Unit

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

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

Motion carried 6-0

e. Mr. Yarnall questioned since the building permits for the demos on North Chestnut Street have been approved, do they need a proper permit from the Historical Committee. Mayor Bunting stated they have already been sent for review.

f. Mr. Hill expressed questioned why we are doing the demos on North Chestnut Street and shared his concerns. Mr. McKelvey stated it's a good project to get rid of dilapidated buildings and the parking just enhances it.

10 Old Business

a. Mr. Hill asked for an update on the tree situation on Route 147. Devin Cain, property owner was present and stated Barnesville lost the court case due to the tree being on the right-of-way.

b. Mr. Hill asked for an update on Trent Brownfield with the former Jones property.

11 New Business

a. Somerset Township Trustees approached Council with concerns of South 16 Road conditions after the waterline project. Jamie Anderson, spokesperson for the Township Trustees expressed concerns about the Contractor not maintaining the road during the project and all the materials and time they had to put on the road during the project. Mr. Anderson made mention of the boat ramp and the extra traffic it creates. They feel now that the road part of the project is done that they should have dust control put back from the boat ramp to 800. Mr. Anderson stated they are not against the waterline or boat ramp that was put in, and also noted the Company did a good job other than maintaining the road. Their solution was to broom it off every night and that just wore our chip seal off. Councilman Mr. Hill asked the length of the road in concern and stated we want to be good neighbors. Mr. Yarnall asked what is the cost they are wanting that will take care of the problem.

Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Hill to go half on chip and seal from the boat ramp to 800 for a cost of \$12,500 from the Village.

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

Motion carried 6-0

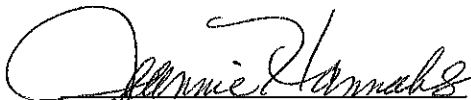
12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hill at 7:44 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0


 Jeanyle Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


 Dale Bunting, Mayor