

Minutes for the November 20, 2023 Council Meeting

Mayor Dale Bunting welcomed the newly elected Robyn Misner and Jake Hershberger, and re-elected Terry McCort.

**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 November 6, 2023.

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

Motion carried 6-0

**3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance**

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$173,006.01.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3949-Increasing Pay Rates for Hourly Village Employees, with suspension.

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

Motion to suspend failed 4-2-0

c. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to approve Ordinance #3950-Increasing the Salary for the Village Administrator, with suspension.

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

Motion to suspend failed 4-2-0

d. Mr. McKelvey moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Ordinance #3951-Increasing Pay Rates for EMS Village Employees, with suspension.

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

Motion to suspend failed 4-2-0

e. Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3952-Increasing the Salary for the Fire Chief and Asst. Fire Chief, with suspension.

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

Motion to suspend failed 4-2-0

f. Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3953-Increasing the "Per Call" Rate for Fire Calls, with suspension.

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

Motion to suspend failed 4-2-0

g. Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3954-New Starting Wages, with suspension.

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

Motion to suspend failed 4-2-0

h. Jeannie Hannahs Fiscal Officer asked Council to approve Ordinance #3955-Amend Ordinance #3926-2023 Annual Appropriations-EMS Fund by \$40,000, with suspension.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Ordinance #3955, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 6-0

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

Motion carried 6-0

i. Mayor Bunting asked Council to amend and extend Roger Deal Village Administrator's contract through January 31, 2026.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey the approval to amend and extend Roger Deal Village Administrator's contract through January 31, 2026.

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

Motion carried 4-2-0

j. Mayor Bunting asked Council to amend Richard Myser Village Solicitor's contract that was passed in regular session on November 6, 2023 to reflect the salary of \$20,000 per year.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to amend Richard Myser Village Solicitor's contract to \$20,000 per year.

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

Motion carried 4-2-0

**4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk**

a. Councilman Brian Yarnall asked Roger Deal Village Administrator for an update on the streets that have been paved this year.

b. Councilman Steven Hill mentioned Ordinance #3506 permitting operation of golf carts between April 1st through October 31st only of each year.

Mr. Hill made a motion to eliminate section C (1) from 345.06 - Amend Ordinance #3506 to allow the operation of golf carts year around, seconded by Mr. Yarnall.

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

**5 Safety**

a. Chief Hall asked Council's permission to apply for a Bureau of Worker's Compensation Grant for up to \$15,000 with no match from the Village for new turn-out gear.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Hill the approval to apply for a BWC Grant.

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

b. Mr. Yarnall asked for the Safety Committee to have a meeting to see if it is feasible to eliminate the Saturday and Sunday afternoon dispatcher shifts. Chief Sirianni stated the need for the valuable position and he extended the offer to come to him and discuss their duties. Mr. Hill stated the only issue he had was paying 911 and our own Dispatchers. Councilman Mr. McKelvey stated he would like to see more public display of the drug arrests.

**6 Parks and Recreation**

**7 Cemetery**

**8 Water and Sewer**

a. Mr. Deal updated Council on the Slope Creek Waterline system start up that was held on Tuesday, November 14, 2023. Mr. Deal stated that it did not go very well. It was a Excel Fluid Group situation that built the pump house. There was water spraying everywhere when they opened a couple of valves. We are not truly operating from that system yet. Mr. Deal to keep Council updated.

b. Mr. Deal shared and discussed with Council the Bulk Chemical Bid Results for 2024. Mr. Deal asked for Council's authorization to award the highlighted bids as listed.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McKelvey to approve the 2024 Bulk Chemical Bids as listed.

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

**9 Land & Buildings**

a. Mr. Yarnall asked who and why we amended the contract with the demolition contractor. Mayor Bunting explained the change in the placement of the culvert. Mr. Hill questioned the demo specs regarding the foundations and footers and not receiving a copy of the contract. Mr. Hill stated they didn't finish the job and asked about the fence. Mr. Deal stated we will pay \$300 a month for the fence rental.

b. Mr. McKelvey commended the Art Club and Mr. Johnson for the store front on the Bohandy Building. Mr. McKelvey also mentioned the mural on Mr. Johnson's building and recognized Mr. Johnson for playing a big part in the project.

**10 Old Business**

**11 New Business**

a. Greg Wehr stated that LifeWise now serves 218 1st-4th Graders. Mr. Wehr stated that they are meeting with the Middle School and High School to see what opportunity they may have to help those kids as well.

b. Councilman Tony Johnson made mention that Joe's Tire was voted number one in the Valley. Mr. Johnson said it was not a surprise with the level of service they provide.

**12 Executive Session**

a. Executive Session for possible sale or other disposition of unneeded, obsolete, or unfit-for-use property pursuant to Section 121.22 (G) 2.

Mr. McKelvey moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to enter Executive Session at 7:51 pm.

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

b. Mayor Dale Bunting returned Council to Regular Session at 8:11 pm.

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

c. Mayor Bunting and Council discussed the sale of property on North Chestnut Street. Richard Myser Village Solicitor explained the procedure on how to transfer ownership of property. A discussion was held.

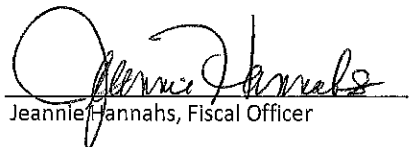
Mr. McKelvey made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to instruct Richard Myser Village Solicitor to prepare legislation to appoint the Port Authority to be the Agent for the Village to market and survey a 40' by 100' strip of property facing North Chestnut Street of the recent demolition project.

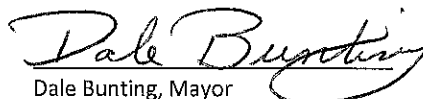
Johnson - Aye Hill - No McCort - Aye McKelvey - Aye Yarnall - No Tickhill - Aye  
Motion carried 4-2-0

**13 Adjournment**

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. McKelvey at 8:23 pm.

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

  
Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

  
Dale Bunting, Mayor