

Minutes for the January 2, 2024 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

Misner - Here Yarnall - Here Tickhill - Here Johnson - Here Hill - Here McCort - Here

Richard Myser Village Solicitor administered Oaths of Office to incoming Mayor Jake Hershberger, Council Person Robyn Misner, and re-elected Council Person Terry McCort.

Mayor Hershberger "Thanked" his Friends and Family as well as the Community and the whole team at the Village for their support and expressed his honor to serve as the new Mayor.

Mayor Jake Hershberger asked Council for any nominations for Council President.

Mr. Tickhill nominated, seconded by Mr. McCort to appoint Tony Johnson as Council President.

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Abstain Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

Mayor Hershberger affirmed Department Heads: Roger Deal, Village Administrator; Tim Hall, Fire Chief; Rocky Sirlanni, Police Chief; Richard Myser, Village Solicitor; and Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer per R.C. 705.78.

Mayor Hershberger provided Council with a list of Committees for 2024 for their review and feedback. Committees to be approved at the next Council Meeting.

Mayor Hershberger suggested to reappoint Steven Hill to the Council Member position on the Planning Commission for a six-year term as long as He is a Member of Council per R.C. 713.01.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the reappointment of Mr. Hill to the Planning Commission for a six-year term as listed.

Johnson - Aye Hill - Abstain McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye

Motion carried 5-0-1

Mayor Hershberger suggested to reappoint Chris Baker as the Public Member on the Planning Commission for a six-year term per R.C. 713.01.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to approve the reappointment of Mr. Baker to the Planning Commission for a six-year term.

Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

2 Minutes

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on December 18, 2023.

McCort - Aye Misner - Abstain Yarnall - Abstain Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Abstain

Motion carried 3-0-3

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$71,738.71.

Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal, Village Administrator reminded Council that the Public Works Departments will pickup Christmas trees left at curbside until January 12, 2024.

b. Mr. Deal provided Council with the Sidewalk Loan Program annual report.

Councilman Brian Yarnall asked about participation in 2023 and if anyone is in arrears.

c. Mr. Hill asked Mr. Deal when the signals downtown at the main intersection will be replaced. Mr. Deal stated that they are all put together and we are just awaiting to get them wired up. They should be done this week.

5 Safety

a. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for December 2023. State received \$87 and the Village received \$213.

b. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court annual report for 2023. State received \$4,580.50, Belmont County received \$166.50, and the Village received \$7,329.

c. Chief Hall asked for Council's approval to add Breanna Flood to the Fire Department.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to add Breanna Flood to the Fire Department.

McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

d. Chief Hall asked for Council's approval to remove Kylie Kerman from the Fire Department.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to remove Kylie Kerman from the Fire Department.

Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

e. Chief Hall asked for Council's approval to remove Tyler Hickman from the EMS & Fire Departments.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to remove Tyler Hickman from the EMS & Fire Departments.

Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

f. Chief Hall presented Council with the Fire and EMS Departments Report Summary for December 2023, along with the Annual Report Summary for 2023.

g. Chief Sirianni "Welcomed" incoming Mayor Jake Hershberger and Council Person Robyn Misner, and congratulated Councilman Tony Johnson as the new Council President.

h. Chief Sirianni presented Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for December 2023, along with the Annual Report Summary for 2023.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal presented Council with the Cemetery Report for 2023.

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with an update on the Slope Creek Waterline Project. Mr. Deal stated that the Excel Fluid Group still have a few electrical things to do, but running on the full system is scheduled for Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

9 Land & Buildings

a. Adam Ackerman - 502 North Chestnut - Demo House

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to approve the building permit.

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mr. Deal provided Council with the Annual Report of demos for 2023.

c. Mr. Hill informed Council that He and Mr. Yarnall attend the Land Bank meetings every month, and there are eight houses they are looking to demo in 2024.

10 Old Business

11 New Business

a. Mr. Yarnall made a motion to put the agenda on the Village Website the Friday before the next Council Meeting, seconded by Mr. Hill.

Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mr. Yarnall made a motion to eliminate the Mayor's Parking spot in front of the Municipal Building and Mayor Hershberger and Chief Sirianni suggested to move the handicap parking spot to that spot, seconded by Mr. Hill.

Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Deal informed Council that due to the weather, that will be a Spring project. And as far as covering the one spot out front, all we can do is blacken it. It won't be truly gone until it gets paved again.

c. Rose Gear with the Barnesville State Theater request Council's support on a summer car show with a potential date on Saturday, July 13, 2024. A discussion was held regarding the use of Village parking lots, Community involvement and benefits, and local promotion from the Barnesville Chamber of Commerce. Final plans to be discussed at a later date.

Mr. Yarnall made a motion to approve the Barnesville State Theater proposal for what they have planned with a potential date on July 13, 2024, seconded by Mr. Hill.

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

d. Mayor Hershberger announced that the next Council Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024.

e. Mr. Johnson made mention of Mr. Tim McKelvey's years of service on Village Council and Mr. McCort "Thanked" Mr. Tickhill for serving as Council President.

12 Executive Session


13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hill at 7:40 pm.

McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye

Motion carried 6-0


Jeannie Hahnahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor