

## Minutes for the January 16, 2024 Council Meeting

### **1 Roll Call**

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

Mayor Jake Hershberger commended Council Member Robyn Misner for completing the Sunshine Law Training.

### **2 Minutes**

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on January 2, 2024.

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

Motion carried 6-0

### **3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance**

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$94,775.70.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the December 2023 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

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

Motion carried 6-0

### **4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk**

a. Mrs. Misner "Thanked" Roger Deal Village Administrator and Crews for doing a great job with the recent wind storm.

### **5 Safety**

### **6 Parks and Recreation**

a. Mrs. Misner provided Council with an update from the Park Board Meeting. Meeting included election of Officers, reflection of the Christmas in the Park, and a memorial for Billy Crawford.

### **7 Cemetery**

### **8 Water and Sewer**

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with an update on the Slope Creek Waterline Project. Mr. Deal stated we are pumping water through the system and everything is working except for the MicroComm telemetry.

b. Mr. Deal provided Council with the Bulk Water Machines Report for 2023.

Council Member Brian Yarnall asked about adding credit card usage at the bulk water machine here. Council discussed the possibility of adding another lane for consumers at the bulk water machine on Route 800. The Water and Sewer Committee to meet to discuss the costs involved and to investigate it further.

### **9 Land & Buildings**

a. Todd Wells - 222 North Broadway Street - Demo House

b. Todd Wells - 501 South Lincoln Avenue - Demo House

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

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that He and Chief Sirianni met with Scott Wolfe to address the Railroad Street encroachment. Mr. Deal provided Council with a recent survey plat that was done. Mayor Hershberger stated there is a verbal agreement from Mr. Wolfe to remove the shelters from the property within two weeks and to move the fence.

d. Council Member Terry McCort presented Council with a loan program for building updates in the downtown area. The purpose of the program is to provide financial support to Businesses to spruce up the exterior of their buildings. A discussion was held. Council to include the Chamber of Commerce and the Historical Review Board along with interested Council Members to further discuss the possibility of developing this loan program.

e. Council Member Steven Hill updated Council on the Land Bank. They are now down to six houses they are looking to demo in Barnesville for 2024.

### **10 Old Business**

a. Mr. Yarnall informed Council that they had a Personnel Committee Meeting last Friday with discussions of Employee Departments, health insurance, benefits, and a new time card system.

### **11 New Business**

a. Kristina Estle of Lakeside Grants, LLC shared her background with Council and discussed the Grant cycle. Ms. Estle discussed the procedure of getting a possible grant for the Depot. A Grant to possibly cover a new roof, cameras, and interior repairs.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Hill the approval of a retainer of \$1,000 to Kristina Estle of Lakeside Grants, LLC toward

a possible Depot Grant.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Council Member Steven Hill made mention of the practice ballfields across from the Hospital. He discussed the location, cost of a road needed, no parking, and his decision not to support further spending on the location.

**12 Executive Session**

a. Executive Session to discuss Real Estate under Section 121.22 (G) (2) of the Ohio Revised Code, for possible land purchase and possible land lease.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to enter Executive Session at 7:34 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mayor Jake Hershberger returned Council to Regular Session at 8:06 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Mayor Hershberger stated he would like to appoint two different Committees to two different projects.

The Finance Committee to look into a possible oil and gas lease.

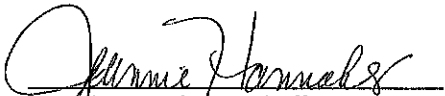
The Water and Sewer Committee to look into the possible purchase of land.

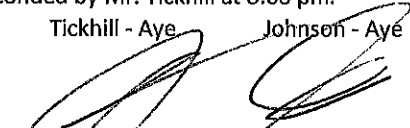
**13 Adjournment**

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Tickhill at 8:08 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0

  
Jearnie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

  
Jake Hershberger, Mayor