

Minutes for the March 25, 2024 Council Meeting

Mayor Jake Hershberger presented the Shamrock Wrestling Team with a Certificate of Recognition for their accomplishment as Division III OHSAA State Wrestling Team Runner -Up. Mayor Hershberger also recognized Skyler King and Reese Stephen on winning the Division III OHSAA State Wrestling Championship in their weight class.

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on March 11, 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 \$205,096.25.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #3965-Establishing Restrictions on Subdividing Lots within Village Limits. Councilman Steven Hill updated Council on a recent Building and Grounds Committee Meeting they had with discussion of amending the original Codified Ordinance 1331.02. Mr. Hill stated several Contractors attended the meeting to express their questions and concerns.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall the 3rd Reading of Ordinance #3965-Establishing Restrictions on Subdividing Lots within Village Limits.

Tickhill - No Johnson - No Hill - No McCort - No Misner - No Yarnall - No

Motion carried 0-6

c. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #3967-Amend Codified Ordinance 1331.02 Building and Fences. Council agreed on marrying the original Codified Ordinance 1331.02 with Ordinance #3967.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Ordinance #3967-Amend Codified Ordinance 1331.02 Building and Fences, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 5-1-0

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Ordinance #3967-Amend Codified Ordinance 1331.02 Building and Fences, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

d. Mr. Myser read and explained Resolution #3966-ODOT Final Resolution and Contract for the Rails to Trails and Tunnel Project.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to approve Resolution #3966-ODOT Final Resolution and Contract for the Rails to Trail and Tunnel Project, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 5-1-0

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Resolution #3966-ODOT Final Resolution and Contract for the Rails to Trail and Tunnel Project, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 5-1-0

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that we are accepting applications for the Street Department position with the resignation of RJ Detling.

b. Mr. Deal informed Council that the Street Department has started sweeping the streets. They started on the North end, then West, South, and East end of town.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall informed Council that the Fire Department was awarded the Build Strong TC Energy Grant for \$24,000 to purchase a rescue boat, motor and trailer. Chief Hall offered to give the old boat and trailer to the WWTP and sell the motor to them for \$1000 once the new one is in operation.

b. Chief Hall "Thanked" the Junior Women's Club and everyone who attended and helped with the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for the Fire Department.

c. Councilman Steven Hill asked the status of the ladder truck. Chief Hall stated that Wintersville is still waiting on their new one to arrive.

d. Chief Sirianni informed Council that the Police Department received the Belmont County Enrichment Fund Grant for AED machines for each unit.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that they started mowing today. Mr. Deal stated He is still in need of additional help and he may put a

crew together to work on Saturdays.

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mr. Deal updated Council on the cost to covert the bulk water machine in town to accept credit cards, cash, and coins. Equipment and installation costs were discussed along with monthly and transaction fees and the consideration of increasing our rates.

Mr. Yarnall made a motion to research changing the bulk water machine at the Village lot to accept credit cards, coins, and cash, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

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

Motion carried 6-0

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Michael Stevens, Jr. - 319 West Church Street - Solar Panels
- b. Tim Bower - 388 Morgantown Avenue - New Composite Deck
- c. Sunny Ebright - 348 West Main Street - New Vinyl Siding
- d. Jesse Hostetler - 322 West South Street - Added Addition
- e. Richard Wells - 429 West Main Street - New Home
- f. Misty Cruse - 514 Park Street - New Garage

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

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

Motion carried 6-0

g. Mayor Hershberger stated that the Planning Commission met before Council this evening and TJ Jefferis presented the Architectural drawings of his new building and left them for Council's review. The Planning Commission's recommendation to Council is to consider passing a Resolution deeming the area on the back side of his new building a parking lot. This would allow Mr. Jefferis to continue doing the engineering, the architectural design, and continue building the building with windows and access to the West side.

Mr. Hill and Mr. Yarnall both suggested selling the parking lot to TJ Jefferis and have him make an offer before a Resolution is made. A discussion was held.

Mr. Tickhill motioned, seconded by Mr. McCort to designate the area behind TJ Jefferis' new building a parking lot.

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

Motion carried 5-1-0

10 Old Business

a. Mr. Myser explained and discussed the two bids submitted for Oil & Gas Leasing of Village property from Gulfport Appalachia, LLC and Blue Baron Energy.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to accept the lease from Blue Baron Energy, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 5-1-0

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to accept the lease from Blue Baron Energy, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 5-1-0

b. Scott Wolfe presented Council with his concerns of putting a speed bump on North Gardner Street.

11 New Business

a. Bill Knox Economic Development Director shared with Council a handout on an Economic Development Game Plan for the Village.

12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

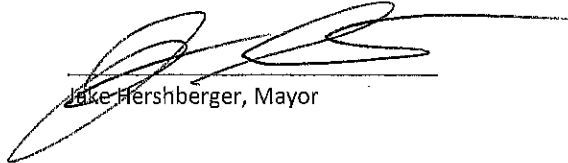
a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hill at 8:08 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0



Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer



Jake Hershberger, Mayor