

Minutes for the April 22, 2024 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

Jeff Miller Somerset Township Trustee approached Council to once again request that the Village help pay to chip seal South 16 Road (TR 514) to the back waters of Slope Creek.

Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to agree to pay half to chip seal South 16 (TR 514) to Somerset Township.

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

Motion carried 6-0

2 Minutes

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on April 8, 2024.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Wolfe addressed Council with concerns of enforcing abatement issues.

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$180,175.06.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mr. Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Ordinance #3969-Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to execute a Commercial Lease to the Board of Trustees of Warren Township.

Ordinance #3969-1st Reading Only

c. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #3970-Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a General Warranty Deed so as to Transfer a Parcel of Real Estate to the Belmont County Port Authority.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Ordinance #3970-Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a General Warranty Deed so as to Transfer a Parcel of Real Estate to the Belmont County Port Authority, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Ordinance #3970-Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to Execute a General Warranty Deed so as to Transfer a Parcel of Real Estate to the Belmont County Port Authority, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

d. Mr. Deal Village Administrator asked Council to pass the Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Salt Contract and authorizing him to purchase up to 250 tons.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to authorize the participation and purchase in the ODOT Salt Contract for 2024.

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

Motion carried 6-0

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Mayor Hershberger stated that Police Chief Sirianni is working with Mr. Deal in putting up the school zone signage.

b. Councilman Tony Johnson stated that the slip beside the Youth Center needs addressed sooner than later. Mr. Deal stated that Rich Wells Park Supervisor met with Todd Wells and Adam Ackerman spoke with Mayor Hershberger regarding the slip. Mr. Ackerman stated that the sure fix would be to remove all the debris, slabs, and whatever is buried and pack the soil back and return it to what it was before. A discussion was held. Councilman Brian Yarnall suggested getting a couple estimates and discuss further at the next Council Meeting.

c. Mr. Yarnall stated He would like to double the spending amount this year on paving the streets to \$200,000 and would like to see some of the alleys chip sealed. Councilman Steven Hill mentioned a program through the Belmont County Engineer's office but the deadline has expired. Mayor Hershberger suggested a Committee Meeting or Work Session to be held to discuss the budget for paving and prioritizing streets.

d. Mayor Hershberger presented Council with a drawing of several options for salt bins. A lengthy discussion was held. It was tabled until the next Council Meeting.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall informed Council on the schedule changes for the upcoming Fire Trainings; May 4, 2024 and June 29, 2024.

b. Chief Hall updated Council on the delivery of the ladder truck expected within the next three weeks from Wintersville.

c. Mayor Hershberger stated we will start serving abatements for grass and mowing grass toward the street.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal reminded Council He is still in need of seasonal help.

b. Robyn Misner Council Member discussed with Council moving the soldier statue from the Southern Cemetery to the Veterans' Plaza. It was formally placed in front of the City Building until 1914 when the Memorial Day celebration became too crowded at the City Building. Mrs. Misner received an estimate from Braido Memorials for a new base, cleaning the statue, along with moving it to the Veterans' Plaza for approximately \$8,500 to \$10,000. The American Legion and the VFW are willing to contribute also.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to allot up to \$10,000 to Braido Memorials to move the soldier statue from the Southern Cemetery to the Veterans' Plaza.

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

Motion carried 6-0

8 Water and Sewer

9 Land & Buildings

10 Old Business

a. Mr. Hill asked Mr. Deal about advertising the South Arch Street Property. A discuss was held.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to advertise the South Arch Street Property with a minimum bid of \$5000.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mr. Hill asked Mr. Deal and Council's opinion on the Meigs-Phillips #1 Dam. Mr. Hill stated his concerns with the costs involved and stated his lack of interest in pursuing it.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to dissolve the purchase of the Meigs-Phillips #1 Dam.

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

Motion carried 4-2-0

c. Jimmy Gear informed Council that the Warren Township and Barnesville Community Clean-up Day went fine and they had a good turnout.

11 New Business

a. Mike Muffet and Beth Teague approached Council with property concerns on Railroad Street.

Mayor Hershberger stated they are working on updating the abatement forms for a smoother process to remedy the situations.

b. Mike Tolewitz voiced his concerns of harassment on his property on Railroad Street.

c. Dallas Adkins "Thanked" Mr. Deal and Mayor Hershberger on getting an issued fixed. And stated Barnesville is a good place to live and we have a lot of good people here.


12 Executive Session

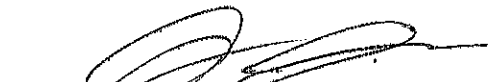
13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Misner at 8:10 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0


Jeanne Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor