

Minutes for the May 6, 2024 Council Meeting

Tony Johnson Council President presided over the Meeting in the absence of Mayor Hershberger.

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on April 22, 2024.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$213,286.66.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the April 2024 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. 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 #3969-2nd Reading Only

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall presented Council with the Fire and EMS Departments Report Summary for April 2024.

b. Chief Hall asked for Council's approval to add Abby Mathes to the EMS Department.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to add Abby Mathes the EMS Department.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Councilman Brian Yarnall asked Chief Hall to explain the FEMA Grant and rescue tools received. Chief Hall stated they got jaws of life, cutters, spreaders, door post ram, and all new breathing apparatus for the fire department.

d. Chief Hall updated Council on the Build Strong TC Energy Grant for \$24,000 to purchase a rescue boat, it is ordered and should be here by June or July.

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

f. Chief Hall stated the new roof on the station will be completed by Wednesday of this week.

g. Chief Hall informed Council that the Youth Fishing Tournament will be held Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the Park Lake.

Sponsorships from the Barnesville VFW Post #2792, Barnesville American Legion Post #168, and the Disabled American Veterans.

h. Chief Sirianni presented Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for April 2024.

i. Chief Sirianni informed Council that School Resource Officer John Fuch will retire after this school year. A luncheon in his honor is scheduled for Thursday, May 16, at noon in Council Chambers. Council stated He will be missed.

j. Councilman Steven Hill asked Chief Sirianni to address a truck parking in the alley East of the Dairy Queen.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with a list of seasonal staff for 2024. Mr. Deal stated He is still in need of people in the Cemetery Department.

b. Mr. Yarnall asked for an update on the Park Dam. Mr. Deal stated we are getting into the season where we can't cut trees due to the bats. There were ten dams funded through ODNR, which were all put in one application. So all projects have to go down at one time. FEMA is not going to approve the borrow site that the Engineering Firm suggested and FEMA is proposing we do some special studies for suitable fill material. They will fund the study work this year, and they will reapply our project with their group next year. Mr. Deal stated He is still waiting to hear back from FEMA and that federal funding makes everything complicated.

c. Robyn Misner Council Member provided Council with an update from the Park Board Meeting held on Sunday, May 5, 2024. Mrs. Misner stated there were concerns from several coaches on not having enough ball fields to play on.

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with an update on the movement of the Statue.

8 Water and Sewer

9 Land & Buildings

a. Chris Donaldson - 221 Railroad Street - Privacy Fence

b. Garry Stephen - 316 North Broadway Street - New Garage

c. Karen Clark - 424 West Main Street - New Metal Roof

d. Belmont County GIG - 400 Railroad Street - New Building

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

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

e. Mr. Deal informed Council that he began advertising the property at 115 South Arch Street. The bid opening will be at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 30th in Council Chambers. Mr. Myser stated that the deed received when the Village acquired the property is red stamped, meaning it will need a new description prepared before we can transfer it. Councilman Mr. Hill will look to see if we have to have a new description or if the current one can be edited.

10 Old Business

- a. Mr. Yarnall questioned the transfer of the CD we had at Woodsfield Savings Bank being put in a savings account. Councilman Terry McCort stated we were putting it in a savings account to be available for the Village Loan Program.
- b. Mr. Yarnall questioned the payment of a scholarship to an individual. Chief Hall stated every year the Fire and Police Department go 50/50 on a \$500 scholarship for someone going into public service.
- c. Scott Wolfe addressed Council with parking issues.
- d. Mr. McCort informed Council of the interest in taking part in the Village Loan Program. He asked Council's stance on it. A discussion was held, with consensus of providing the guidelines of the program before moving forward. Mr. McCort to prepare the rules and regulations in writing and then an Ordinance will be adopted to put the Program in place.

11 New Business

- a. Mr. Deal provided Council with a list of Village Employee's licenses and certifications.
- b. Mr. Hill stated he thought the backflows were to be contracted out. Mr. Deal stated that it went very smooth last year. A discussion was held. Mr. Hill and Mr. Yarnall expressing their opinions to have them contracted out and not being done by Village Employees.

12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

- a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Tickhill at 7:51 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Tony Johnson, Council President

Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer