

Minutes for the May 20, 2024 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

2 Minutes

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on May 6, 2024.

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

Motion carried 6-0

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$179,463.23.

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.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Ordinance #3969-Authorizing and Directing the Mayor to execute a Commercial Lease to the Board of Trustees of Warren Township, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Fiscal Officer Jeannie Hannahs asked Council to approve Ordinance #3971-Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance #3959 in the amount of \$292,000 for the OPWC Lawsuit Settlement.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to approve Ordinance #3971-Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance #3959 in the amount of \$292,000 for the OPWC Lawsuit Settlement, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 5-1-0

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to approve Ordinance #3971-Amend the Annual Appropriation Ordinance #3959 in the amount of \$292,000 for the OPWC Lawsuit Settlement, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 5-1-0

d. A Finance Committee Meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator updated Council on the recent two vacant positions in the Street Department.

b. Mr. Deal informed Council that the Street Department weeded and mulched both plazas and all of the trees in the downtown area. Flags and flower baskets have been hung.

c. Mr. Deal discussed with Council buying the mowing tractor from Warren Township. Mr. Deal stated it needs some repairs but they offered it to the Village for \$7000.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the purchase of the tractor from Warren Township for \$7000.

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

Motion carried 6-0

d. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that an ODOT Safe Routes to School and TAP Program Kick-off meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 9:00 am in Council Chambers. This program can assist the Village with sidewalks, intersections, and infrastructure improvements around schools.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall updated Council on the recent fire training that was held with the two school buses and vehicle, all the new rescue tools were utilized. All went well and they learned new techniques.

b. Chief Hall asked Council for a donation of \$400, as they have in the past, for supplies and prizes for the Fishing Tournament to be held on Saturday, June 8, 2024 at the Park Lake.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the donation of \$400 to the Fire Department for the Fishing Tournament.

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Chief Hall stated He would like to start requiring that all downtown buildings have their addresses on the rear as well as the front of their buildings. Council agreed and suggested starting with a letter notifying the Businesses of the requirement.

d. Councilman Brian Yarnall asked who is the code enforcer for the Village. Mayor Hershberger stated that by Ordinance there are three: Village Administrator, Police Chief, and Fire Chief.

- e. Councilman Steven Hill made mention of a couple properties of concern on Railroad Street.
- f. Mr. Hill stated that Bethesda has a good plan with the location of their fire hydrants. Chief Hill agreed and suggested that He would like to coordinate with Mr. Deal as time allows and look into doing that.
- g. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for April 2024. State received \$509, the County received \$18, and the Village received \$1303.
- h. Mr. Hill mentioned an issue on East Pike and Leggett Avenue. Mr. Deal suggested that He, Mr. Hill, along with Collin SeEVERS and Councilman Tony Johnson, if available, meet there to discuss the elevation.
- i. Mr. Hill also stated that the Dorsey situation needs addressed. The ditch needs filled in and a culvert put in so all is one level.

6 Parks and Recreation

- a. Mr. Deal informed Council that they started filling the pool today with opening day being Saturday, May 25, 2024.

7 Cemetery

- a. Mr. Deal updated Council on the hiring of seasonal help for the Cemetery Crew. Mr. Deal stated that after Memorial Day and school is out, He will be adding three school kids. The current crew is doing the best they can.

8 Water and Sewer

- a. Mr. Deal informed Council that He received an Ohio EPA Equipment Grant for \$10,000, for a hydrant exerciser and a water line locator.
- b. Mr. Hill asked about scheduling another smoke test on Grey Lane. He stated that is a health issue and it needs addressed. Mr. Deal agreed and stated they will concentrate on South of the manhole.
- c. Mr. Hill asked what become of that Contractor that was here working with Silas on the location of water valves last year. Mr. Deal stated the GIS mapping, and we got 80%-90% of the system done, and Silas and the guys can bring that up on their iPad or phones and walk right up to the valves. Mr. Johnson asked about the trailer. Mr. Deal stated they are using it for the EPA lead and copper study right now. It is used on every water break for hydro excavation and it has been a blessing.

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Carl McEndree, Jr. - 404 Park Street - New Home
- b. Christopher Keylor - 107 Cole Street - New Porch

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. Mr. Deal opened the two sealed bids submitted for Gas & Oil Leasing of Village property. Bids were received from Blue Baron Energy and Grenadier Energy. Council recommended Mr. Myser review both proposals and Council gave him directions to prepare an Ordinance to the bidder with the most parcels, Grenadier Energy.

- d. Mr. Deal presented to Council an amendment to the expired First Christian Church Lease. Council discussed the possible sale of the property to the First Christian Church, utility easement, and possibly another party's interest in the property.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the amendment to the First Christian Church Lease to extend the lease to September 30, 2026 for now.

Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye
 Motion carried 6-0

- e. Mr. Myser informed Council that the property at 115 South Arch Street that is currently out to bid for sale needs surveyed before it can be transferred. Mr. Hill to contact Greg Biedenbach.

10 Old Business

- a. Mr. Deal updated Council on the bid opening for the Rails to Trails and Tunnel Project. The bids came in a half a million dollars over the estimates. They will rebid it. ODOT to find additional funding or limit the scope of the Project.
- b. Mayor Hershberger comprised and presented to Council an overview of the Village Loan Program along with a loan application from the Woodfield Savings Bank. Mr. Hershberger explained the loan qualifications and review process. A discussion was held. Council to review and give feedback at the next Council Meeting.
- c. Greg Batts reminded Council of Airport Day on June 1, 2024 from 10 am to 3pm.

11 New Business

- a. Mr. Yarnall commented that he was very disappointed that Barnesville was not approved for any of the Appalachian Grant Funding.

12 Executive Session

- a. Executive Session to consult with our legal counsel regarding pending litigation under Section 121.22 (G) (3) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to enter Executive Session at 8:17 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 8:40 pm.

Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye
 Motion carried 6-0

13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Yarnall at 8:44 pm.

McCort - Aye

Misner - Aye

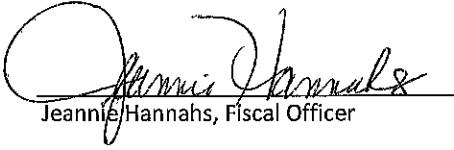
Yarnall - Aye

Tickhill - Aye

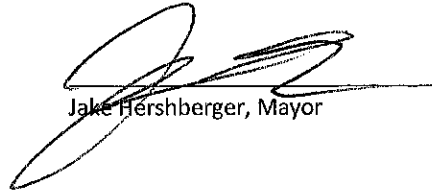
Johnson - Aye

Hill - Aye

Motion carried 6-0



Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer



Jake Hershberger, Mayor