

Minutes for the July 15, 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 July 1, 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 \$622,968.25.

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

Motion carried 6-0

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

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Mayor Hershberger scheduled a Work Session for July 29, 2024 at 6:00 pm prior to the next Council Meeting to discuss our health insurance renewal.

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Donna White and Lindsay Dowdle from the Barnesville Hospital approached Council with an idea to honor all the past Grand Marshals this year since it is the 60th Annual Pumpkin Festival with two-sided banners to be hung on the Street Lamp Posts. The flower baskets would be lowered and the American Flags would be raised on the posts. A colored illustration was provided. Ms. White stated the Hospital, along with the American Legion, would take care of all the hardware and they are looking for a sponsor to help with the cost of the products for the project. Village Employees to do the installation. Ms. White mentioned utilizing different banners throughout the year, possibly Christmas and Veterans.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to move forward with the banner project.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Rosie Grear on behalf of the Barnesville State Theater "Thanked" the Village, Street, Police, and EMS Departments and Everyone that helped with the Reelin' Rockin" and Rollin fundraiser this past weekend

c. Roger Deal Village Administrator and Contractor Adam Ackerman discussed with Council the South Chestnut Street Drainage Project. Adam Ackerman provided a basic layout of the project. A discussion was held on the costs involved, where to end the project, pipe, and types of fill.

Mr. Hill made a motion, seconded by Mr. Johnson to authorize Roger Deal to make the South Chestnut Street Drainage an In-House Project with a \$200,000 Budget.

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

Motion carried 6-0

d. Mr. Deal informed Council that we have filled the two Street Department positions.

e. Mr. Deal informed Council that Jill Hissom Chamber of Commerce Director has asked Chamber Members to sponsor and maintain parking lot planters. Several Members have adopted a lot. They look very nice.

f. Councilman Steven Hill asked Mr. Deal if he spoke with Belmont County Engineering about Roosevelt Road. Mr. Deal stated he spoke with Terry about the chip seal and light and also Jimmy Grear Warren Township Trustee about the light.

g. Mr. Deal updated Council on the recent smoke test. The only thing they found was that the Plumly Townhouse lift station was taking in a lot of storm water, there's a deep rut that is cut and water went right over the manhole. A couple old sand bags were found that were placed sometime ago to divert the water from the manhole. Mr. Deal stated he will get a solid lid or rubber mat to cover it.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall asked for Council's approval to reinstate Bret Volgelgesang to the Fire and EMS Departments.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to reinstate Bret Volgelgesang to the Fire and EMS Departments.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Chief Hall informed Council that the ladder truck will be delivered tomorrow from Wintersville Fire Department and ours to Mt. Pleasant Fire Department by the end of the week.

c. Chief Sirianni presented Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for June 2024.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that the Independence Day Celebration at the Park went well. The fireworks display was awesome "Thanks" to the Mayor and Council, and the Pool had great attendance.

b. Mr. Hill stated that the Theater has a free concert scheduled on August 4, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Park. A great fundraiser for the Theater and encouraged everyone to attend.

c. Mayor Hershberger asked Council's permission to sign a Resolution of Authorization to apply for a grant through ODNR with the

Ohio NatureWorks Grant Program for ballfield improvements to the Westend practice fields with a 50% match from the Village. Council discussed the costs of backstops, resurfacing the fields, and fencing for the project. Mr. Deal stated that He thought NatureWorks Grants were a 25% match.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to authorize the application for the Ohio NatureWorks Grant and to include all three components; Backstops, Resurfacing the Fields, and Fencing with the Village's match of 50% of the approved grant.

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

Motion carried 5-1-0

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

9 Land & Buildings

10 Old Business

11 New Business

a. Bruce Yarnall expressed to Council the benefits to participate in the Main Street Program administered through Heritage Ohio. Bill Knox Economic Development Director stated He has advocated it for several years. It provides resources, a logical thing to do and a minimal investment from the Village. He believes the initial cost is \$5,000 with an annual fee of \$1,000. Mr. Knox suggested Council take it into consideration and make a decision at the next Council Meeting.

b. Mr. Hill reminded Council of a Panning Commission Meeting tomorrow at 8:30 am in Council Chambers.

c. Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the offer from Darren and Melissa Leach for the North Chestnut Property and transfer the property to the Port Authority and take the steps to get them the Property, seconded by Mrs. Misner, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

Richard Myser Village Solicitor requested the Property description. Mayor Hershberger explained the purchase agreement and terms. Council commissioned Mr. Myser to put the legislation together.

d. Councilman Brian Yarnall asked if a motion was needed to approve Crystal Lorimor from the Belmont County CIC Vision Plan Project. (Brownfield Project) Mayor Hershberger stated there is no cost to it, essentially just making Council aware of it and to see if there were any concerns.

e. Mr. Yarnall made a motion that Council approves the Development Committee guidelines that were presented from the Work Session.

Council discussed this motion, with concerns of cost and time limits. Mr. Knox stated it's a product of our discussions and prioritizing the list.

Mr. Yarnall moved, motion died on the floor as there was no second.

12 Executive Session

a. Executive Session to consider the Promotion and/or Compensation of a Public Employee under Section 121.22 (G) (1) of the Ohio Revised Code and to consult with our legal counsel regarding pending litigation under Section 121.22 (G) (3) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to enter Executive Session at 8:07 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. Hill made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson at 8:41 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0


Jeanpie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor