

**Minutes for the August 12, 2024 Council Meeting**

**1 Roll Call**

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

Mayor Hershberger on behalf of Leah and Scott, owners of the Main Street Barrel House, "Thanked" Council for the permission to use the Cheffy's Parking Lot for their Cruise In. They had over 30 plus cars and it was very successful.

**2 Minutes**

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the minutes from Council Meeting and Work Session on July 29, 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 \$73,612.62.

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 July 2024 Financials & Bank Reconciliation.

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #3980-Amend Codified Ordinance 143.03 (C) Addressing Emergency Squad Benefits.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3980-Amend Codified Ordinance 143.03 (C) Addressing Emergency Squad Benefits, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3980-Amend Codified Ordinance 143.03 (C) Addressing Emergency Squad Benefits, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

**4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk**

a. Mr. Yarnall made a motion that we increase the 2024 paving budget by \$100,000, seconded by Mr. Hill.

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

Motion failed 2-4

b. Councilman Steven Hill commented on Hilles Avenue. Mr. Deal stated it needs milled and chipped sealed and it is worse than McGee Lane. Councilman Mr. Johnson stated all politics aside, he was going to propose to chip seal McGee Lane. Mr. Deal reviewed with Council an estimate for both McGee Drive and Hilles Avenue for double chip seal and milled for \$23,062.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to mill and double chip seal both McGee Lane and Hilles Avenue, seconded by Mr. Hill.

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

Motion carried 6-0

**5 Safety**

a. Chief Sirianni presented Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for July 2024.

b. Chief Sirianni informed Council that Officer Cody Lucas has accepted the School Resource Officer position with the St. Clairsville Police Department. He had been with the Village for over eight years and it is a great loss to the Department.

c. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for July 2024. State received \$445, the County received \$12, and the Village received \$1,478.

**6 Parks and Recreation**

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that we have received the survey annexation plat for the Pultney Avenue Ballfields. Mr. Myser explained the annexation process, stating it should be simpler since we already own the property. He will prepare an Ordinance before the next Council Meeting to start the process.

b. Mr. Deal informed Council that the last day for the pool this year will be Sunday, August 18, 2024, stating it's been a successful year.

**7 Cemetery**

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that He will start to lose Employees due to school, but He is going to try to work one of the full-time guys with two of the part-timers on Saturdays.

**8 Water and Sewer**

**9 Land & Buildings**

a. Mr. Hill made a motion to sell the Bohandy Building to Joel Braido through the CIC, seconded by Mr. Yarnall. Mr. Hill then discussed the purchase, liability to the Village, property taxes, and the cost of the current utilities at the Bohandy Building. Mr. Myser clarifying the motion, asking Mr. Hill if it is his wish to instruct Mr. Myser to prepare an Ordinance so we can sell the property through an independent agent, the CIC and start the process. Mr. Hill confirmed.

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

Mr. Myser informed Council that the paperwork has been completed for the sale of property to Darren and Melissa Leach; and the sale of property to Neily Wilson.

Mr. Hill asked Mr. Michael Shaheen why He wanted the Bohandy Building. Mayor Hershberger and Council were given a letter of proposal from Mr. Shaheen for the purchase of the Bohandy Building this evening. Mr. Shaheen stated his Associate brought it to his attention and it is not unusual for him to be interested in commercial property. He stated it would be for multi use. A lengthy discussion was held. Mr. Joel Braido expressed his disappointment to Council with how they have handled his proposal and potential purchase of the Bohandy Building. Mr. Dave Ralston made a statement to the Mayor and Council. He commented on past and more recent involvements with Council. He suggested to Council to go back to an open and well publicized structure. Mr. Myser Village Solicitor made a statement to Council, We need to be brought back to the attention that whenever a Municipality owns a property you can not sell it privately, you have to sell it by public advertising and open bidding. Unless in a rare situation, and we have gotten off that rail, it should be put up for public auction and that is what the ORC dictates.

Mr. Yarnall made a motion that Mr. Myser prepare an Ordinance to transfer the property to the CIC so they can sell the property to Michael Shaheen for \$90,000.

Motion died on the floor as there was no second.

Mr. Hill expressed the need to discuss this kind of stuff in Executive Session and not public.

Mr. Shaheen commented that if Council is not taking any action this evening, could he have access to look at the Bohandy Building. Council approved.

**10 Old Business**

a. Mayor Hershberger provided Council with a quick update on the Heritage Program. He will revisit it at the next Council Meeting to see how much the Village is willing to contribute to the Program.

b. Mayor Hershberger asked Council their stance on the Revolving Loan Fund Program.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to pass the Revolving Loan Fund Program as written.

Motion died on the floor as there was no second.

Mr. Myser stated that the version he has, the guidelines need to be more specific.

Mr. Tickhill suggested Mr. Myser review it and see what needs changed, and revisit it at the next Council Meeting.

**11 New Business**

**12 Executive Session**

**13 Adjournment**

a. Mr. Tickhill made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Yarnall at 7:46 pm.

McCort - Aye

Misner - Aye

Yarnall - Aye

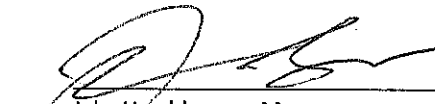
Tickhill - Aye

Johnson - Aye

Hill - Aye

Motion carried 6-0

  
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Jeanie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

  
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Jake Hershberger, Mayor