

Minutes for the August 26, 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 Mrs. Misner to approve the minutes from Council Meeting and Work Session on August 12, 2024.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mayor Hershberger presented to Council "A Call to Serve-Refocusing Our Purpose." Highlighting the past eight months as Mayor and moving forward with purpose and unity.

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$80,941.07.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Ordinance #3981-Creating the Position of Public Works Director.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve Ordinance #3981-Creating the Position of Public Works Director, with suspension.

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

Motion failed 4-2

Ordinance #3981-1st Reading Only

Roger Deal Village Administrator asked Council if there was any way to compensate Collin Seevers while he is doing the job.

Essentially giving Mr. Seevers the pay increase now and not waiting while the Ordinance is read three times. A discussion was held.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the pay increase to Mr. Seevers effective Monday, August 26, 2024, with no job title change.

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Mr. Myser read and explained Resolution #3982-Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Annexation Agreement with the Warren Township Trustees to Annex 12.156 Acres into the Village.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Resolution #3982-Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Annexation Agreement with the Warren Township Trustees to Annex 12.156 Acres into the Village, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 5-1

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Resolution #3982-Authorizing the Mayor to enter into an Annexation Agreement with the Warren Township Trustees to Annex 12.156 Acres into the Village, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Myser to check the signatures required on the plat map.

d. Mayor and Council discussed the Village Loan Program. Mr. Myser summarized the Loan Program and prepared legislation if Council wanted to act on it this evening. Council discussed who would be responsible for the application fee, project plan requirements, along with other terms and conditions of the Loan Program.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Resolution #3983-Adopting a Business Loan Program, with suspension, with the adjustment that the Business Owner pays the application fee.

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

Motion failed 3-2-1

Resolution #3983-1st Reading Only

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Adam Ackerman updated Council on the South Chestnut Storm Drain Project. They have abandoned five lead lines and replaced three with plastic. The project is moving slowly but making progress.

b. Roger Deal Village Administrator informed Council that the Morgantown Avenue paving bid opening will be held on Thursday, September 5th at 10:00 am in his office.

c. Councilman Steven Hill asked the status on McGee Lane and Hilles Avenue. Mr. Deal stated Hilles Avenue got milled today and McGee Lane has a good base and it will be double chip sealed by the end of the week.

d. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that the Belmont County Tourism Board and the Barnesville Chamber of Commerce each approved \$1000 to help support the Main Street Program. Mr. Hershberger asked Council to approve \$3,000 to put toward the Program's set up and then cover the annual fee of \$1,100. The Chamber and Bruce Yarnall are willing to get the Program up and running and they will maintain it. Bruce Yarnall reviewed the Program with Council.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the \$3,000 toward the set-up of the Main Street Program and to cover the annual fee of \$1,100.

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

Motion carried 6-0

e. Mayor Hershberger requested the use of the East Main Street Parking Lot on October 31, 2024 for the Halloween Event and food truck. A joint event with the Village and Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to permit the Village and Chamber to use the East Main Street Parking Lot for the Halloween Event.

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

Motion carried 6-0

f. Susan Lapham owner of the Blue Moon Tavern requested the use of the West Main Street Parking Lot on October 19, 2024 for the second annual chili cook-off, with proceeds going to the State Theater.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to permit the use of the West Main Street Parking Lot for the chili cook-off.

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

Motion carried 6-0

5 Safety

a. Harvey Giffin Asst. Fire Chief presented Council with the Fire and EMS Departments Report Summary for July 2024.

b. Asst. Chief Giffin informed Council that Chief Hall condemned two properties; 294 and 382 Dewey Avenue for being abandoned, deteriorated, and infestation. They are a health hazard.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

9 Land & Buildings

a. Elizabeth and Kurt Seneff - 459 East Main Street - New Metal Roof

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the building permit.

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

Motion carried 6-0

b. Mayor Hershberger encouraged Council to consider going through the public bidding process for the sale of the Bohandy Building.

Mr. Johnson suggested tabling it until they regrouped and could figure out what they want to do.

10 Old Business

11 New Business

a. Mayor Hershberger appointed Mr. Johnson to the Development Committee, with the resignation of Mr. Yarnall.

b. Council discussed recent showings of the Bohandy Building.

c. Mr. Hill stated that West South Street looks a lot better.

d. Mr. Hill commended Dave Cook, Terry Smith, and Belmont GIG for their help working together with a situation on Bethesda Street.

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.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to enter Executive Session at 7:57 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 8:07 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mrs. Misner made a motion to terminate the position of Economic Development Director, with suspension, seconded by Mr. McCort.

Mr. Myser stated we have Ordinance #3984 on the floor-Ordinance Abolishing the Position of Economic Development Director.

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

Motion carried 5-1

Mrs. Misner made a motion, seconded by Mr. McCort to terminate the position of Economic Development Director, motion for passage. Ordinance #3984-Abolishing the Position of Economic Development Director.

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

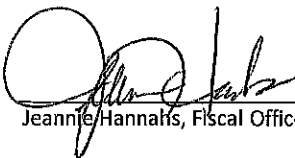
Motion carried 4-2

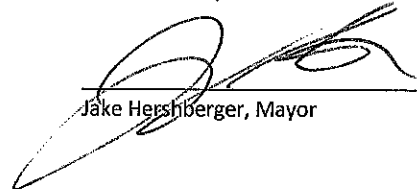
13 Adjournment

a. Mr. Tickhill made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Misner at 8:11 pm.

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

Motion carried 6-0


Jeannie Hannafis, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor