

**Minutes for the September 9, 2024 Council Meeting**

**1 Roll Call**

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

Mayor Hershberger asked for a Moment of Silence for the passing of Fred Sirianni, Police Chief Rocky Sirianni's Father

**2 Minutes**

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on August 26, 2024.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

**3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance**

a. Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$195,205.48.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

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

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

c. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Resolution #3975-Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve Resolution #3975-Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve Resolution #3975-Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

d. Mr. Myser 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.

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

Motion carried 3-1-2

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

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

e. Mr. Myser read and explained Resolution #3985-A Resolution to replace the current Public Records Policy previously adopted in Resolution #3454 with a New Public Records Request Policy.

1st Reading Only

f. Mayor and Council discussed the Village Loan Program. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that the Applicant would be responsible for the \$100 application fee. Councilman Brian Yarnall stated he is against it because He thinks it should be for outside improvements only. Council Member Robyn Misner stated this was Councilman Terry McCort's project and she would like him involved in the conversation.

Mr. Myser read and explained Resolution #3983-Adopting a Business Loan Program.

2nd Reading Only

**4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk**

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator informed Council that McGhee Lane and Hilles Avenue have both been double chip sealed.

Mr. Deal "Thanked" Jimmy Grear Township Trustee and crew for all their help.

b. Mr. Deal discussed the recent bids received for paving Morgantown Avenue. Four bids were received. The lowest bid was received from NLS Paving for \$84,805.50. Mr. Deal suggested accepting the lowest bid.

Mr. Yarnall asked about a previous estimate from Parnell and Associates for Morgantown Avenue. Mr. Deal stated He cut the project back.

Mr. Johnson made a motion to accept the bid from NLS Paving to pave Morgantown Avenue for \$84,805.50, seconded by Mr. Tickhill.

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

Motion 4-0-2

c. Adam Ackerman updated Council on the South Chestnut Storm Drain Project. We are now North of South Street and the next section should be a lot simpler.

d. Mayor Hershberger, on behalf of the Pumpkin Festival Committee, requested the use of the Parking Lots and Streets for the Pumpkin Festival.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to permit the Pumpkin Festival Committee to use the Parking Lots and Streets for the Pumpkin Festival.

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

Motion 4-0-2

e. Mayor Hershberger commended Warren Township for chip sealing our portion of Pultney Avenue clear out to Main Street and not charging the Village anything.

**5 Safety**

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

b. Chief Hall informed Council that the Fire and EMS Departments will be having an "In Remembrance" walk at the High School Track on Wednesday, September 11, 2024 at 7 p.m.

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

d. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for August 2024. State received \$383.50, the County received \$10.50, and the Village received \$1,366.

**6 Parks and Recreation**

**7 Cemetery**

**8 Water and Sewer**

a. Resident Scott Whitacre addressed Council with a concern of an article posted in the Columbus Dispatch which listed 21 cities in Ohio with high levels of PFAS in their water, with Barnesville being one of them. He also stated the Ohio EPA has grants available for this testing. Council thanked Mr. Whitacre for sharing this information.

**9 Land & Buildings**

**10 Old Business**

a. Mr. Deal updated Council on the moving of the Soldier Monument to the Veteran's Plaza. Mr. Deal stated Joel Braido has done an excellent job of cleaning up the base which remains in Southern Cemetery as He needs a special tool made to move it, but the Soldier is at his shop and repairs are complete and looks great.

**11 New Business**

a. Mr. Deal presented Council with the Fall Newsletter. Council "Thanked" Derek Deal for doing a great job with it.

b. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that Heather Eddy resigned from the Historical Review Board.

c. Lenny Wittenbrook from the Times Leader asked for Council's comment on what happened with the Economic Development Director position at the last meeting. Councilman Tony Johnson stated Council voted to eliminate the position.

**12 Executive Session**


**13 Adjournment**

a. Mr. Yarnall made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Tickhill at 7:37 pm.

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

Motion carried 4-0-2

  
Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

  
Jake Hershberger, Mayor