

Minutes for the October 7, 2024 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

Mayor Hershberger stated that the 60th Annual Pumpkin Festival was a success and "Thanked" Everyone for their hard work.

2 Minutes

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on September 23, 2024.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$139,710.52.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

Councilman Steven Hill directed a question to Council Member Robyn Misner regarding a payment of \$12,443 to Braido Memorials for the repairs and movement of the Soldier Statue. Mr. Hill stated Council approved \$10,000 for the project and his understanding was that the American Legion and the VFW were going to share some of the cost as Mrs. Misner stated at the May Council Meeting. Mrs. Misner commented that she could approach the Veteran Organizations to chip in on it. Councilman Leslie Tickhill stated there were some increases in chemicals and supplies needed for the Statue improvement. Mr. Hill commended Mrs. Misner for making this happen and approved the spending.

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

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

c. Mayor Hershberger presented the third reading on Resolution #3983-Business Loan Program.

Mayor and Council discussed amending the Loan Program to allow improvements to the outside of the buildings only, as previously discussed.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Resolution #3983-Business Loan Program, with the corrections of outside improvements only, motion for passage.

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

Motion failed 3-1-2

d. Mayor Hershberger presented the third reading on Resolution #3985-A Resolution to replace the current Public Records Policy previously adopted in Resolution #3454 with a New Public Records Request Policy, motion for passage.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Resolution #3985-A Resolution to replace the current Public Records Policy previously adopted in Resolution #3454 with a New Public Records Request Policy, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator informed Council that NLS milled and paved Morgantown Avenue on Wednesday and Thursday. Mr. Deal stated they did a lot of extra milling and He is very pleased with the project. Mr. Deal also stated NLS will be back to raise three manholes.

b. Mr. Deal commended the Street, Cemetery, and Park Departments for their clean-up efforts with the Pumpkin Festival from Thursday through Sunday, and with very minimal overtime.

c. Mr. Hill discussed starting a program to look at North Chestnut Street and Bond Avenue before the State paves it. Starting at the North end to the center of town checking manholes. This is one of the biggest problems we have, and we need to get them back to level with existing road. Mr. Deal and Mr. Hill agreed to work together on this. Mayor Hershberger suggested looking into East Main Street also before paving takes place in 2027.

d. Mr. Deal informed Council that the annual leaf pick-up will begin October 21, 2024 and continue until December 16, 2024. Mr. Deal stated they must be contained in paper biodegradable compostable bags and leaves only. Mr. Deal also stated that the Depot is no longer a drop off location. The leaves will be picked-up curbside with no specific schedule.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall informed Council that their Annual Safety Day will be held this Saturday, October 12, 2024 from 9 am to 1 pm at the Fire Station.

b. Chief Hall also reminded Everyone that we are still under the burn ban. No open flame burning is permitted. Propane and electric grilling is permitted.

c. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for September 2024. State received \$1005.50, the County received \$37.50, and the Village received \$2777.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mayor Hershberger stated that the Development Committee met with the County recently and reviewed some water issues. One of the questions asked was how they do their rates. They stated they use an agency, RCAP and they provide a free water rate study. Knowing ahead of time they will probably come back with rates too high to consider, which we are not obligated to use, but would educate us on infrastructure, replacement costs, and where the market is. A lot of work goes into this study and it would take time to develop. However in the end, we would have a recommended price for selling the water to cover our cost. Mayor Hershberger stated He wanted to see if Council was interested in considering a rate structure to consider any rate increases at all. Mr. deal stated He doesn't want to go through all the work if Council is not even considering any rate increase. A discussion was held. Council agreed to table it for now, with the possibility of having a Committee Meeting to research some of the questions we have before the next Council Meeting.

b. Mayor Hershberger mentioned the feedback He has received regarding the backflow testing letters the Village had sent out. Mayor Hershberger suggested mailing out an updated list with additional vendor information to all the commercial accounts to help with the transition.

9 Land & Buildings

- a. Casey McKenzie - 323 North Arch Street - New Porch & Sidewalk
- b. JLH Revocable Living Trust - 349 West Church Street - Demo House

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the building permits.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

- c. Mr. Deal informed Council that the 115 South Arch Street Property was transferred as well as the North Chestnut Street Lots.
 - d. Mr. Deal provided Council with a copy of the Legal Bid Ad for the Bohandy Building. Sealed bids to be accepted until Monday, November 4, 2024 at 4:00 pm. Bids will be opened that evening at 7:00 pm at the regular scheduled Council Meeting.
- Mr. Hill stated what Mr. Deal put in the paper was an excellent written ad.

10 Old Business

11 New Business

12 Executive Session

- a. Executive Session to consider the possible sale of property under Section 121.22 (G) (2) of the Ohio Revised Code and compensation of a Public Employee under Section 121.22 (G) (1) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to enter Executive Session at 7:40 pm.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1

- b. Mayor Jake Hershberger returned Council to Regular Session at 8:22 pm.

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

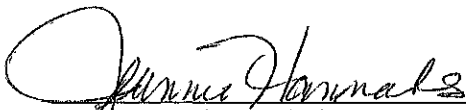
Motion carried 5-0-1

13 Adjournment

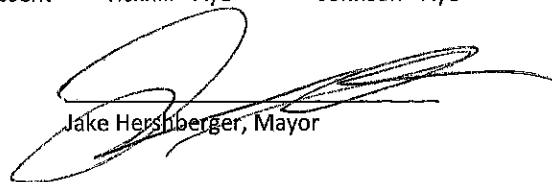
- a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson at 8:23 pm.

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

Motion carried 5-0-1



Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer



Jake Hershberger, Mayor