

Minutes for the November 4, 2024 Council Meeting

Mayor Hershberger "Congratulated" the Barnesville Football Team for having no regular season losses in three consecutive years in a row.

Mayor Hershberger stated that Trick or Treat was a huge success both nights. There has been a lot of positive feedback.

Mayor Hershberger reminded and encouraged Everyone to vote tomorrow.

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 October 21, 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 \$159,044.31

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

Motion carried 6-0

Councilman Steven Hill questioned if we had received anything from the American Legion or the VFW on the Statue.

b. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Ordinance #3988-Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids to Lease Oil and Gas Minerals owned by the Village. The approximately 10.376 acres located South of town, North of the Treatment Plant, was held out on the leasing previously due to this property being included in the lawsuit, which has been released in the settlement. The settlement states we can use the minerals beneath the surface. Mr. Myser confirmed this with Attorney Robert McClelland, our Attorney in the former lawsuit. Amendments are noted on the deeds.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3988-Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids to Lease Oil and Gas Minerals owned by the Village, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Hill to approve Ordinance #3988-Authorizing the Advertisement for Bids to Lease Oil and Gas Minerals owned by the Village, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator informed Council that the guardrail has now been installed with the widening of West South Street and that finishes this Project.

b. Mr. Deal informed Council that the Rails to Trails and Tunnel Project is once again out for bid by ODOT. Dan Lorenz claims that the Project is fully-funded based on the updated State estimate. Bid opening is scheduled for November 14, 2024. So far the prime Contractors are Cast & Baker, Shelly & Sands, and Stanley Miller Construction. Mr. Deal stated He will report back to Council once He hears anything back on it.

c. Mr. Deal updated Council on the South Chestnut Paving Project. It is an ODOT Project to be done in the Spring, and they have awarded it to NLS Paving. There will be a pre-construction meeting in early spring.

d. Mayor Jake Hershberger discussed with Council the Safe Route To School Plan. He presented a draft review to Council for discussion. Mayor Hershberger stated a Resolution will need to be passed at the next Council Meeting if we are good with the plan.

The Resolution would not approve any funding amounts or jobs, just basically start the project and look for funding for the plan.

Belomar and ODOT ranked their priorities, focusing a lot on the feedback they received from over a hundred surveys that came back.

Mr. Hill stated looking at the map, Shamrock Drive from the entrance of the Middle School to Roosevelt, the sidewalks should be at the top of the list. Mayor Hershberger stated Belomar would be at the next Council Meeting to discuss any feedback from the Village.

Mayor Hershberger to get a sample Resolution to Mr. Myser to prepare for the next Council Meeting.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall informed Council that they got their new rescue boat last Friday, that was awarded through a grant by TC Energy.

It is a nice addition to the department and will serve the department well for many years.

b. Chief Hall presented Council with the Fire and EMS Departments Report Summary for October 2024.

Chief Hall added they have been extremely busy the past couple weeks with brush fires and He encouraged Everyone to refrain from any burning.

c. Mayor Hershberger gave the Mayor's Court Report for October 2024. State received \$390.50, the County received \$13.50, and the Village received \$1,121.

6 Parks and Recreation

a. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #3987-An Ordinance to amend Barnesville Codified Ordinance 147.04-Park Board Meetings to reflect that the Park Board meet on a quarterly basis instead of monthly.

1st Reading Only

b. Mr. Deal gave attention to people helping out with the practice ballfields. TJ Jefferis spent a lot of time in getting them prepared before we seeded and mulched the outfields, Sean Starr of Ohio-WV Excavating for donating the hydro seeder and labor, and Belmont Mills for donating the lime and fertilizer. The Street department installed two metal pipe gates at the entrance.

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

9 Land & Buildings

a. Mir Sabiry - 382 Dewey Avenue - Demo House

b. Stacy Wells - 112 South Arch Street - Pavilion

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

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye
Motion carried 6-0

Mr. McCort asked Council if they would want to consider placing a flat fee on all building permits or keep it based on construction cost. A discussion was held on simplifying the process. Council to discuss further before making any changes.

c. No bids were received on the Bohandy Building.

Mr. Hill voiced his opinion on a previous individual's interest and offer made along with Council Members previous comments.

Mr. Hill added that the building is nothing but a liability to the Village, and we let people use the building for free and they make money off of it, maybe we should think about charging for the use of it.

Mr. Yarnall stated we need to realize the cost involved in getting the building up to code.

Mr. McCort stated we could sell the building with no problem if we had no concerns with the usage of it. Mr. McCort added we have plenty of liability with other buildings the Village owns. Mr. McCort stated on a more positive note, things are happening with the downtown and there will be interest in the building. Mayor Hershberger stated the person that was highly interested, their funding source backed out due to their cost versus return on investment. Mayor Hershberger stated we should continue moving forward with advertising and marketing it more.

10 Old Business

11 New Business

a. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that Foster Insurance merged with Carnes Insurance Agency. Scott Carnes of Carnes Insurance Agency and Andy Leitch of Acrisure were present to review options for the Village's insurance renewal. Paul Foster was unable to attend. Andy Leitch explained the Public Entities Pool of Ohio (PEP) Insurance to the Mayor and Council. Scott Carnes stated the Village is the lone Village that does not have PEP Insurance. Premiums, coverage and deductibles were compared to our current carrier. Mr. Carnes stated it was his recommendation, as our Agent, to move forward with the PEP Insurance from a fiscal standpoint and in the best interest and much better policy overall for the Village. The PEP Program would be back dated to October 15, 2024, our actual renewal date.

Mr. Johnson made a motion, seconded by Mr. Yarnall to accept the PEP Insurance for the Village's Insurance coverage.

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye
Motion carried 6-0

12 Executive Session

a. Executive Session to consider the compensation of a Public Employee under Section 121.22 (G) (1) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to enter Executive Session at 8:37 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 8:44 pm.


Hill - Aye McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye
Motion carried 6-0

13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Hill at 8:45 pm.

McCort - Aye Misner - Aye Yarnall - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Aye
Motion carried 6-0


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor