

**Minutes for the November 18, 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 on November 4, 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. Hill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$106,468.09.

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

Motion carried 6-0

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

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

Motion carried 6-0

c. Roger Deal Village Administrator asked Council to approve Resolution #3989 - Village Employees & Retirees Annual Christmas Luncheon up to \$2,000.

Mr. Hill suggested raising it to \$2500, Council agreed.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Resolution #3989 in the amount of \$2,500, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Resolution #3989 in the amount of \$2,500, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

d. Roger Deal Village Administrator asked Council to approve the Barnesville Gold for Village Employees, \$50 for Part-Time and \$100 for Full-Time Employees.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Barnesville Gold for Employees.

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

Motion carried 6-0

e. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Ordinance #3990-Increasing Pay Rates for Hourly Village Employees.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3990-Increasing Pay Rates for Hourly Village Employees, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3990-Increasing Pay Rates for Hourly Village Employees, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

f. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #3991-Increasing the Salary for the Village Administrator.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Ordinance #3991-Increasing the Salary for the Village Administrator, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Ordinance #3991-Increasing the Salary for the Village Administrator, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

g. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #3992-Increasing Pay Rates for EMS Village Employees.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3992-Increasing Pay Rates for EMS Village Employees, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3992-Increasing Pay Rates for EMS Village Employees, motion for passage.

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

Motion carried 6-0

h. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #3993-Increasing the Salary for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3993-Increasing the Salary for the Fire Chief and Asst. Fire Chief, with suspension.

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

Motion carried 6-0

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3993-Increasing the Salary for the Fire Chief and Asst. Fire Chief, motion for passage.

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

i. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #3994-Increasing the "Per Call" Rate for Fire Calls.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3994-Increasing the "Per Call" Rate for Fire Calls, with suspension.

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

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve Ordinance #3994-Increasing the "Per Call" Rate for Fire Calls, motion for passage.

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

j. Mr. Myser read and explained Ordinance #3995-New Starting Wages.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Ordinance #3995-New Starting Wages, with suspension.

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

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Ordinance #3995-New Starting Wages, motion for passage.

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

k. Jeannie Hannahs Fiscal Officer presented Council with two vision insurance plans to review for possible added vision coverage for Village Employees. Council discussed and compared the plans presented.

Mr. Hill moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to provide vision insurance coverage from VSP Vision Care for all full-time Employees, at no cost to the Employees.

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

#### **4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk**

a. James Benner from Belomar provided Council with an overview of the Safe Route to School Program. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that the Shamrock Drive sidewalks were added to the project.

Mr. Myser read and explained Resolution #3996-Authorizing to Endorse and Adopt the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan for the Barnesville School District and seek State Funding for Implementation.

Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Resolution #3996-Authorizing to Endorse and Adopt the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan, with suspension.

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

Mr. Yarnall moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Resolution #3996-Authorizing to Endorse and Adopt the Safe Routes to School Travel Plan, motion for passage

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

b. Mr. Deal presented Council with the bids that ODOT received for the Rails to Trails & Tunnel Project. Mr. Deal commented that three bidders are close and they are good bids but ODOT has not awarded the project yet.

c. Mr. Deal informed Council that the OPWC Paving Grant for 2025 went into the County Sub-Committee as the #4 priority project and came out of that meeting as the #1 priority for the County. This is a good indication that we will get funding. The next step is the District Executive Committee. The paving project will include nine streets.

#### **5 Safety**

a. Chief Hall informed Council that He and Asst. Fire Chief Harvey Giffin condemned the property at 231 Hunts Avenue last week for safety reasons, now trespassing issues can be enforced.

b. Chief Hall informed and encouraged Council to attend the Fire Department's Christmas Party on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 6:00 pm at the Elks.

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

d. Chief Sirianni "Thanked" Everyone for working with Him on the pay scale increases.

e. Resident Mark Lucas "Thanked" the Police Department for doing an excellent job with issues on North Lincoln Avenue.

#### **6 Parks and Recreation**

a. Mr. Myser presented Council with the 2nd reading on 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.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve 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, with suspension

Johnson - Aye      Hill - Abstain      McCort - Aye      Misner - Aye      Yarnall - Aye      Tickhill - Aye  
Motion carried 5-0-1

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve 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, motion for passage.

Johnson - Aye      Hill - Abstain      McCort - Aye      Misner - Aye      Yarnall - Aye      Tickhill - Aye  
Motion carried 5-0-1

b. Mayor Hershberger, on behalf of Jill Hissom Director of the Chamber of Commerce, regarding Christmas Light up in the Park,

requested a donation from the Village to help with the lights again this year to help them continue to expand.

Mr. McCort made a motion that the Village make a donation of \$1000 to the Chamber for Light up the Park, seconded by Mr. Johnson.

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

**7 Cemetery**

**8 Water and Sewer**

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that he is currently advertising the annual bulk chemical bid for the water treatment plant for 2025. Mr. Deal provided Council with a copy of the advertisement. The bid opening will be held on Wednesday, November 27, 2024 at 10:00 am in Council Chambers.

**9 Land & Buildings**

- a. Laura McBride - 420 North Chestnut Street - New Vinyl Siding
- b. Brandy Waterhouse - 624 Wiley Avenue - New Vinyl Siding
- c. Adam Ackerman - 302 West South Street - Privacy Fence
- d. Les Tickhill - 108 & 110 Pine Lan - New Metal Roof
- e. Albert Bohandy - 226 West South Street - New Vinyl Siding
- f. East Main Street Church of Christ - 329 East South Street - New Metal Roof

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

Tickhill - Abstain      Johnson - Aye      Hill - Aye      McCort - Aye      Misner - Aye      Yarnall - Aye  
Motion carried 5-0-1

Mr. McCort asked Council for an update on the consideration of placing a flat fee on all building permits or keeping it based on construction cost. A discussion was held.

Mr. Myser prepared Ordinance #3997-Changing it to a flat fee of \$50 per building permit, but stated it can be amended if necessary.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Ordinance #3997-Amend Barnesville Codified Ordinance 1321.01 (b) Building Permit Required; to a flat fee of \$25 per building permit, with suspension.

Misner - Aye      Yarnall - No      Tickhill - Aye      Johnson - Aye      Hill - No      McCort - Aye  
Motion failed 4-2

1st Reading Only

g. Councilman Steven Hill asked for an update on the Depot grant. Mayor Hershberger stated that the spending has to be completed by mid 2026. There are multiple applications out trying to get additional funding. Depending on the funding secured, the Village may have to reduce the scope of the project or reconsider different options.

h. Mr. Deal informed Council that bids for the gas and oil leasing on the approximately 10.376 acres in Warren Township will be accepted until December 16, 2024 at 4:00 pm, and the bids will be opened at the regular Council Meeting that evening at 7:00 pm.

Mr. Deal provided Council with a copy of the advertisement.

**10 Old Business**

a. Mr. Myser reported to Council that He, the Mayor, and Mr. Deal received an email today from Legal Counsel stating that the Courts dismissed the first complaint filed by Scott Sommers completely. The second one is still pending.

**11 New Business**

a. Jeff Miller and Dale Betts Somerset Township Trustees approached Council with concerns of an overflow culvert at Slope Creek under South 16 Road by the boat ramp. Mr. Miller stated they are just bringing it to the Village's attention that it needs replaced, it is a ten foot culvert that was placed in 1963 for overflow for Slope Creek. A discussion was held. Council suggested they talk with the County and keep the Village posted.

**12 Executive Session**

a. Executive Session to consider the possible sale of property under Section 121.22 (G) (2) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to enter Executive Session at 7:50 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 8:17 pm.

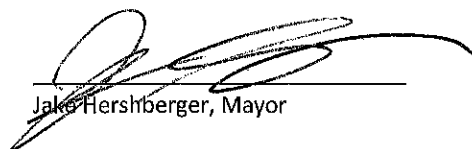
Hill - Aye      McCort - Aye      Misner - Aye      Yarnall - Aye      Tickhill - Aye      Johnson - Aye  
Motion carried 6-0

**13 Adjournment**

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Misner at 8:18 pm.

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

  
Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer

  
Jake Hershberger, Mayor