

Minutes for the January 13, 2025 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

Mayor Hershberger provided the Mayor's Report to Village Council and highlighted a few of the Projects.

Mayor Jake Hershberger asked Council for any nominations for Council President.

Mrs. Misner nominated, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to reappoint Tony Johnson as Council President.

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

Motion carried 3-0-3

Mayor Hershberger provided Council with a list of Committee Appointments for 2025.

Mayor Hershberger suggested to reappoint John Duch as Vice President and Ronna Allen as a Member of the Board of Commissioners for Public Parks.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the reappointments of Mr. Duch and Mrs. Allen to the Board of Commissioners for Public Parks.

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

Motion carried 4-2

Mayor Hershberger suggested to reappoint Brad Hudson as Citizen on the Planning Commission for a six-year term.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to approve the reappointment of Mr. Hudson to the Planning Commission for a six-year term.

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

Motion carried 4-2

Mayor Hershberger suggested to reappoint Melissa Leach to the Board of Architectural Review for a three-year term.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the reappointment of Mrs. Leach to the Board of Architectural Review.

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

Motion carried 4-2

Mayor Hershberger suggested to reappoint Terry McCort to the Appeals Board for a two-year term.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the reappointments of Mr. McCort to the Appeals Board.

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

Motion carried 3-0-3

Mayor Hershberger stated that Council needs to appoint a Village Representative to the JEDD I Board, the position formally held by Mr. Bill Knox. Councilman Les Tickhill currently holds this position on JEDD II.

Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to appoint Mr. Tickhill as the Village Representative on the JEDD I Board.

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

Motion carried 3-0-3

2 Minutes

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on December 30, 2024.

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

Motion carried 4-2

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. McCort moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$66,973.94.

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

Motion carried 4-2

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

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

Motion carried 4-2

c. Mayor Hershberger updated Council on recent correspondence from the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding paving State Route 147 in 2026. Mayor Hershberger asked Council for permission to sign the Village Paving Resurfacing Agreement that will confirm consent to ODOT to move forward with the planned work.

Mr. Johnson moved, seconded by Mr. McCort to permit Mayor Hershberger to sign the ODOT Agreement.

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

Motion carried 4-2

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator updated Council on the OPWC Paving Project. Mr. Deal stated we are the number two priority project for the District. The Project includes nine streets. Mr. Deal detailed the grant, loan, and total amounts of the Project.

5 Safety

- a. Chief Hall presented Council with the Fire and EMS Departments Report Summary for December 2024, along with the Annual Report Summary for 2024.
- b. Chief Sirianni provided Council with the Police Department's Report Summary for December 2024, along with the Annual Report Summary for 2024.
- c. Mayor Hershberger, on behalf of Police Chief Sirianni, asked Council to consider increasing the Police clothing allowance by \$200. Chief Sirianni provided an itemized list that Officers need and the approximate costs. This prompted a discussion to increase the clothing allowance for all full time workers in each department. Fire Chief Hall stated an increase for the EMS Department would be determined on the Employees' hours worked.

Mr. McCort made a motion, seconded by Mrs. Misner to amend the current Ordinances for clothing allowances to reflex an increase of \$200 for all full time Employees in all Departments, and the EMS Department's increase will be determined on the Employees' hours worked per Chief Hall.

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

Motion carried 4-2

Mr. Myser to prepare the amended Ordinances for the next Council meeting.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

9 Land & Buildings

10 Old Business

- a. Mayor Hershberger discussed with Council the roof replacement for the Depot. A discussion was held on checking into other options that may be available while still keeping the historical look, value and registry. Mayor Hershberger to look into possibly more options available and provide this to Council.
- b. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that the Depot Committee will sublease office space at the Depot to Cast and Baker during the construction of the Rails to Trails and Tunnel Project. Mayor Hershberger detailed the terms and stated it would be for approximately ten months.

Council expressed their approval. Richard Myser Village Solicitor to draft the lease.

c. A work session was scheduled for Tuesday, January 21, 2025 at 9:00 am with the Ohio EPA to discuss a water project and a work session to follow at 11:00 am to discuss more details regarding funding support for the State Theater.

d. Councilman Terry McCort discussed with Council doing some upgrades to the Bohandy Building and an estimate he received from Greg Williams. A discussion was held on interior improvements including flooring, an additional bathroom, drywall and painting.

Mr. McCort suggested utilizing Employees from the Park and Cemetery Departments during their slow time.

Mr. McCort asked Council to authorize improvement costs up to \$45,000.

Mr. McCort made a motion, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to spend up to \$45,000 on improvements to the Bohandy Building.

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

Motion carried 4-2

Chief Hall advised Council that these improvements may not meet code regulations for the next tenant or buyer.

e. Councilman Les Tickhill suggested reviewing the Village Loan Program again. A discussion was held. Mr. Myser to review the previous Ordinance for the Program and prepare a new similar Ordinance for the next Council meeting.

11 New Business

- a. Dwayne Pielech owner of Ohio Valley Waste Systems introduced himself to Council. He recently purchased Pickens Hauling and stated He would like to continue business as usual but with a more uniform standard rate, and discussed the various payment options.
- b. Mayor Hershberger congratulated the Cheerleaders on winning OAC State Championship.

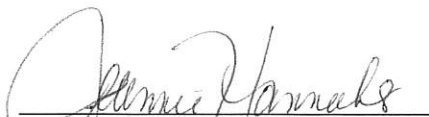
12 Executive Session

13 Adjournment

a. Mr. McCort made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Johnson at 8:03 pm.

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

Motion carried 4-2


Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor