

Minutes for the January 27, 2025 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

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

Mayor Hershberger announced that Cheffy Drugs will celebrate their 100 Years Anniversary on Friday, January 31, 2025 at noon.

2 Minutes

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on January 13, 2025 and the minutes from the Work Sessions on January 21, 2025.

McCort - Absent Misner - Aye Yarnall - Abstain Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye Hill - Abstain
Motion carried 3-0-3

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$114,003.42.

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

b. Jeannie Hannahs Fiscal Officer asked Council to approve Ordinance #4000-Amend Annual Appropriation Ordinance #3998 to book the OPWC Paving/Street Project Loan.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve Ordinance #4000-Amend Annual Appropriation Ordinance #3998 to book the OPWC Paving/Street Project Loan, with suspension.

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

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mrs. Misner to approve Ordinance #4000-Amend Annual Appropriation Ordinance #3998 to book the OPWC Paving/Street Project Loan, motion for passage.

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

c. Richard Myser Village Solicitor read and explained Ordinance #4001-Amended Clothing Allowance Ordinance.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Ordinance #4001-Amended Clothing Allowance Ordinance, with suspension.

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

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve Ordinance #4001-Amended Clothing Allowance Ordinance, motion for passage.

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

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

5 Safety

a. Fire Chief Hall "Thanked" Chief Sirianni and the Police Department, Sheriff's Department, and the Water Treatment Plant Guys for all their assistance with the ice rescue last Friday. Chief Hall suggested posting "No Ice Fishing" and "No Swimming" signs at all the reservoirs. Mr. Myser informed Council that they had three options; (1) The Mayor could make an executive decision declaring it a dangerous situation with Council's approval, and put the signs up on a temporary basis and take them down when the danger subsides. (2) Council could pass legislation and make it permanent by an Ordinance. (3) Or do nothing.

A concerned Citizen asked Mayor and Council why they wanted to punish everyone because of one incident, also stating that regardless of the season, accidents could happen.

Mayor, Council, Fire Chief, and Police Chief engaged in a lengthy discussion including the Village's liability, not limiting Anyone's rights, and safety concerns.

No Action was taken.

Chief Sirianni added a special mention to Lance Fisher and William Wells for their assistance with the ice rescue.

b. Chief Sirianni "Thanked" Council for the uniform allowance increase.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

8 Water and Sewer

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator presented Council with an amended water withdrawal agreement with Antero to be extended until March 14, 2026.

Mr. Tickhill moved, seconded by Mr. Johnson the approval of the Antero Water Agreement extension.

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

b. Mr. Deal stated that the 2003 Chevy pickup that is used at the Wastewater Treatment Plant has several issues and needs

replaced. Mr. Deal stated that \$50,000 was approved in Water and Sewer Capital Improvement. They have been looking into purchasing a Ford Maverick that is a little over \$25,000. Mr. Deal asked Council to consider giving him approval to spend up to \$30,000. Councilman Tony Johnson asked if we had a truck we could rotate and put down there and purchase a full size one to equip with a plow. Mr. Deal stated we have one ton trucks but nothing that he knows would be good to put down there. Councilman Les Tickhill stated it is a good savings and it doesn't come out of the General Fund.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill the approval to purchase a truck for the Wastewater Treatment Plant for up to \$30,000.

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

Motion carried 4-1-1

c. Mayor Hershberger reviewed with Council the recent Work Session held regarding the Ohio EPA and RCAP Waterline Project to supply water to Hendrysburg and Fairview, and to include the loop on Mt. Olivett.

Pam Ewing approached Council stating she is with RCAP, a non-profit organization that helps small Communities navigate through project development and funding for infrastructure projects and was contacted by the EPA a few weeks ago to help with extending water out to Hendrysburg and Fairview and the Mt. Olivett loop. Ms. Ewing outlined several funding sources they are going to pursue along with the Ohio EPA, and their deadlines. Ms. Ewing stated the ultimate goal is to get the Village to step up to the plate and take water to the Communities that do not have access to public water that have been trying to for over 40 years. The EPA has made this Project the top priority in the state of Ohio. The nomination is due to the EPA in March. So this puts the Project on a fast track. Chris Hunt from Hunt Engineering will provide rough design plans in order to be scored for the loan forgiveness plan, which is due with the nomination application, along with an updated contract and an Authorization Resolution. Ms. Ewing stated it has been stressed to her several times from the EPA that there will be no cost to the Village of Barnesville, Regionalization eligible which means that it will be all grant funded with no debt.

Councilman Brian Yarnall asked about a start date and how long the Project would take. Ms. Ewing stated the Project would not be started before the Fall of 2026 and expected to be an 18 month Project.

Mayor Hershberger reiterated that by going into agreement with Hunt Engineering and approving the Resolution for Nomination it is still non-binding, obviously we want to move forward, but if funding sources would change the Village could reconsider. Fire Hydrants and RFQ requirements were also discussed.

Mr. Myser, newly aware to the Project, will review the proposal from Hunt Engineering and Resolution for Nomination and further discussion to be held at the next Council Meeting.

9 Land & Buildings

a. Mr. Deal provided Council with the Barnesville Vision Center Site Plan for their new location on North Chestnut. Council discussed with Darren and Melissa Leach their request for a handicap parking space on North Chestnut once their building is completed and also requested a variance from the 10' set back required by Ordinance from the property line.

Chief Hall stated He reviewed the plans and doesn't see a problem with it. A discussion was held.

Mr. Myser suggested submitting a written request indicating the necessity for the variance and this be enacted by an Ordinance. Mr. and Mrs. Leach to supply Council with a survey identifying the property pins and a written request for the variance at the next Council Meeting.

10 Old Business

a. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that the Safe Route to School plan was submitted today and the level of funding limit was increased to up to one million.

b. A Resident expressed his concerns with the three drains at the end of North Street not draining. Mr. Deal to look into this.

11 New Business

a. Mayor Hershberger informed Council that we received the Belmont County Tourism Gap Grant application and asked Council for their suggestions on the next mural at the next Council meeting.

b. Mark Lucas asked Council to consider putting a handicap parking space in front of the apartment building on North Arch Street.

c. Mr. Johnson congratulated the Robotics Legacy Team on winning their tournament for the third year in a row.

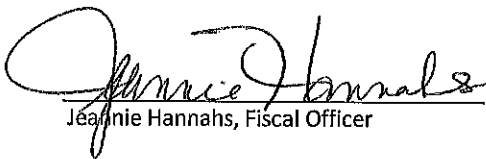
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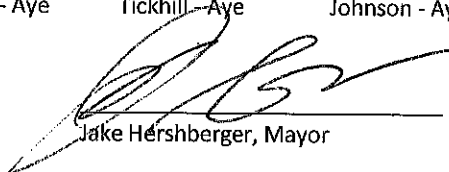
13 Adjournment

a. Mr. Johnson made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Tickhill at 8:25 pm.

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

Motion carried 5-1


Jeanie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer


Jake Hershberger, Mayor