

Minutes for the February 24, 2025 Council Meeting

1 Roll Call

Misner - Here Tickhill - Here Johnson - Here McCort - Absent

2 Minutes

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the minutes from Council Meeting on February 10, 2025.

McCort - Absent Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye

Motion carried 3-1

3 Finance-Contract-Ordinance

a. Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to approve the payment listing in the amount of \$155,141.55.

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye McCort - Absent Misner - Aye

Motion carried 3-1

4 Street-Alley-Sidewalk

a. Roger Deal Village Administrator updated Council on the Rails to Trails and Tunnel Project. The actual listed start date was February 13, 2025 per ODOT. The detour signs posted around town are only for pedestrians due to the tunnel closure. Mr. Deal also stated that Railroad Street will be blocked off at times during the Project.

5 Safety

a. Chief Hall informed Council that the Fire Department will hold a spaghetti dinner on Thursday, March 20, 2025 from 4:00-7:00 pm at the Fire Station. Eat in or take-out will be available.

6 Parks and Recreation

7 Cemetery

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that it is time for our annual Cemetery clean up. Residents are asked to remove grave decorations from all Village operated Cemeteries by March 15, 2025. Decorations not removed by this date will be disposed of by the Cemetery Staff.

8 Water and Sewer

a. Mr. Deal reported to Council, with one of the worse droughts, Slope Creek water level was down only seven feet at the worse situation during the drought, and is down only one and a half feet as of today, so we held well and have made a great comeback.

b. Mr. Deal informed Council that the Belmont County Engineer's Office agreed to replace the culvert that we previously had discussed with Somerset Township Trustees on South 16 Road. It is posted that the road closure will take place from March 3, 2025 through March 14, 2025.

c. Mr. Deal "Congratulated" Patrick Keiser on receiving his Class I Water Operator License in record time, and He is currently working on his wastewater license.

9 Land & Buildings

10 Old Business

a. Mr. Deal informed Council that he presented Richard Myser Village Solicitor the survey and description for the additional acreage for the practice ballfields from Mr. Barr. Mr. Myser to prepare the deed for the next Council Meeting, and then the annexation plat will be prepared by Mr. Barr for the previous and additional acreage. Mayor and Council "Thanked" CCU Coal and Construction Company for the donation of the property.

11 New Business

12 Executive Session

a. Executive Session to Consider the Appointment or Employment of a Public Employee or Official under Section 121.22 (G) (1) of the Ohio Revised Code.

Mrs. Misner moved, seconded by Mr. Tickhill to enter Executive Session at 6:13 pm.

McCort - Absent Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye

Motion carried 3-1

b. Mayor Jake Hershberger returned Council to Regular Session at 7:15 pm.

McCort - Absent Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye

Motion carried 3-1

c. Mayor Hershberger announced that there are two vacant Council seats to fulfill.

Mayor Hershberger Thanked everyone for their participation, we had very qualified people step up and willing to serve our Community.

Mayor Hershberger announced that the first vacant seat being from Mr. Steven Hill with a term date through December 31, 2025.

Mayor Hershberger opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Johnson nominated Mr. Tim McKelvey, seconded by Mrs. Misner to the first vacant seat with a term date of December 31, 2025.

Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye McCort - Absent Misner - Aye

Motion carried 3-1

Mayor Hershberger announced the second vacant seat being from Brian Yarnall with a term date through December 31, 2025.

Mayor Hershberger opened the floor for nominations.

Mr. Tickhill nominated Brad Hudson, seconded by Mrs. Misner to the second vacant seat with a term date of December 31, 2025.

Johnson - Aye McCort - Absent Mrs. Misner - Aye Mr. Tickhill - Aye

Motion carried 3-1

Councilman Mr. Tickhill encouraged Everyone to run in November with the filing deadline being May 5, 2025 for an Independent Candidate.

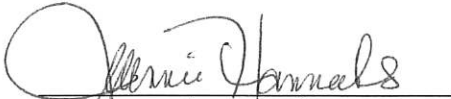
Mr. Myser stated the new Candidates will be sworn in at the beginning of the next Council Meeting on March 10, 2025 at 7:00 pm.

13 Adjournment

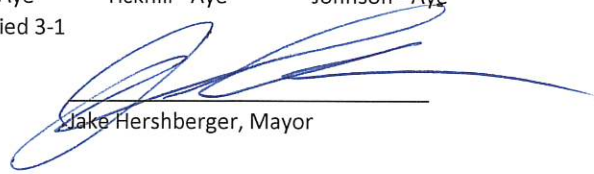
a. Mr. Tickhill made a motion to Adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mrs. Misner at 7:20 pm.

McCort - Absent Misner - Aye Tickhill - Aye Johnson - Aye

Motion carried 3-1



Jeannie Hannahs, Fiscal Officer



Jake Hershberger, Mayor