

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## COUNCIL MEETING

Held November 7, 2023

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The Council convened at 7:00 P.M. in the Municipal Office. Mayor Jim Nelson called the Council session to order with the following members present:

**COUNCIL:** Jim Nelson, Mark Wicker, Penny Bennett, Cheryl Friend, Dean Mosier, David Lockhart, Jim Detter and Jesse Mann

Guest: Kathy Winbourne, Jan Silva Sanchez, Ameer Sword, Chad Wogan, John Salaia, Mike Rarick, Josie Bonnett, Randy Ford, Scott Santos.

**The audience and council were reminded to silence all cell phones. The audience was informed that they were to state their names any time they wanted to talk during the community comments and requests section of the meeting or at any other time during the meeting.**

**Council was reminded to state their names when making a motion and when they seconded the motion. The person making the motion would write the motion down so it could be read again prior to a vote and then the written motion would be given to the Fiscal Officer for the record.**

### **MINUTES**

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for October 3, 2023, and David Lockhart seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter abstained, Motion passed 5-.**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS –**

Ameer from the library gave us an update on the library roof. It has been replaced and the water damage was repaired. This Friday we have our annual district tour. Meet the candidates night. I understand that the village received some calls about the evening. Ameer suggested in the future if the Library puts on an event the village should not have to answer questions, so please refer them to the library. Friends of Ashley have put up the new sign. The fall fair was nice. There were about 100 people who went through the Ashley Connection. Lots of participates in the hot dog eating contest. The final meeting will be November 28, 2023, at 5:00 at Rotary Products if anyone would like to attend. Jim indicated that Chad was a contestant in the hotdog eating contest and was the winner. YEAH, Chad.

Josie is here and she has been giving notice that they are closing books on the mini-grant. She will need to get information from Renee by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Handouts for Drive-thru covid clinic, covid and Flu shots, old string lights that will be collected and recycled properly. Jesse mentioned that in the past we have worked with the Health Department regarding nuisance properties. Jesse ask that Josie give her his number.

A resident is there that lives on Vine Street and could not vote today. Jesse indicated that part of the drive is part of Wall Street and the house sits in Oxford township. Jesse indicated that there are 2 options. One would be to contact the proper agency to see if they can switch you and the other would be to annex into the village. If you want to annex please come to the office and have them get with me and I can help you with that.

### **FISCAL OFFICER –**

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the bank rec for September 2023, and Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes, Motion passed 6-0.**

There are a couple of older checks that have not been cashed. I will get with Allison on the rental house one and contact them and will check on the others.

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I have included in your packet the October reports. There are some negative amounts. I will get those cleared up soon as I was out all last week. I have included the audit for 2021 and 2022. There are no major write-ups. Everything found, the auditors and I have fixed with the exception of payments made directly to OWDA that I did not receive documents for.

Renee explained the Bid Express that we are going to sign up for and use for the trash bid service. David and Renee will begin the training for this and there is no cost. OHM will be using this service for the upcoming projects when they go out for bid. Thought I might be helpful to know how the program works. Jesse has already drafted the documents needed to upload to the program.

Renee received a call from Mitel regarding our current phones and they are no longer covered. They would like to give us a bid and switch phones to more current and up-to-date phones. Jim Detter asked if they were for just the phones or the phone service etc. Cheryl asked if they offered any references etc. The new phone service is called Nextiva. Jim would like to check out this service and see if they would fit our needs. This has been tabled until next month.

**POLICE** – Scott completed training. Attended Touch a Truck. There was a coffee with the chief at the Wornstaff library. Attended the Meet the Candidates event at the Wornstaff library and we attended the trick-or-treat on Halloween. Scott went over the report for October. Scott has two purchase orders. One for training ammo and a gun cabinet. The second one is upgraded handcuffs.

Jim Detter made a motion to approve both purchase orders seconded by Mark Wicker.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes, Motion passed 6-0.**

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS** – OHM is working on a couple grants for the next two projects.

**PERSONNEL** – Dean indicated we hired a new employee. His name is Sean Allen and he started November 6<sup>th</sup>. We also have a gentleman doing community service working with Jeff. They are putting up lights uptown.

### **2023-016 Hiring of New Employee – Sean Allen**

Cheryl friend made an amendment to make the rate \$22 and effective Nov. 6, 2023. Mark Jim Seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – yes, Motion passed 6-0.**

Mark Wicker moved to suspend the rules, and David Lockhart seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - yes Motion passed 6-0**

Cheryl Friend moved to declare an emergency Penny Bennett seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - yes Motion passed 6-0**

Penny Bennett moved to adopt, Jim Detter seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - Yes Motion passed 6-0**

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**ZONING** – Had a zoning permit for Xtreme Motors to add to their garage. There is also a permit requested from Jim’s neighbor on Grove Street. We had a company that was looking at a lot on Center Street beside the apartments. Jesse did not have a problem with that not being a business area. Cheryl asked what kind of traffic volume would be there. David asks what kind of business would it be? Jesse is not aware of the kind of business it is. David indicated that he is not opposed to changing this to a business area, but he would like to know more about the business, etc. David ask if they would be willing to meet with zoning and give us more information. Jesse indicated that yes they would meet. It would help with the business development in town. We got the final plans for the gas station. I have been back and forth with trinkets and treasures. Their attorney is drafting a letter to get the ball rolling. I reached out the mayors court and the Ohio supreme court.

**SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS** OHM met with Delaware county on the waterline project. Delaware is concerned about the road in that area. They want the road to be maintained after the project is finished.

**POOL** – Nothing for the pool

The next regional planning meeting is scheduled for November 30, 2023. There is a letter in your packet regarding their new location.

### **2023-017 Medical Mutual medical insurance for employees**

Cheryl Friend moved to suspend the rules, and Dean Mosier seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,**

**Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - yes Motion passed 6-0**

Mark Wicker moved to declare an emergency David Lockhart seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,**

**Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - yes Motion passed 6-0**

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Ohio Plan Risk Management – Cheryl Friend made a motion to authorize Renee or Jim Nelson to sign the application and return it to Ohio Plan Risk Management.

Cheryl Friend made a motion to pay the bills, and Mark Wicker seconded.

Dean Mosier made the motion to adjourn until December 5, 2023, and Penny Bennett seconded.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Renee Rarick