

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## COUNCIL MEETING

Held July 5, 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, and Jesse Mann

Guest: Michele Mosier, Jan Silva Sanchez, Ameer Sword, Scott Santos, Mike Rarick, Kathy Winbourne, Sharon Adkins, Ray Adkins, Liz Barker

Abs: Jim Detter

**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**

Dave Lockhart made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for June 6, 2023, and Penny Bennett seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 Abs**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS –**

Sharon Adkins is here with her concerns regarding the tire situation. She is upset that the Health Department was called and came to her house. There was a long discussion of Sharon and Ray's concerns. Their neighbor called the office with her concerns about the tires and the risk for mosquitos and Jim Nelson made the call to the Health Department.

Ameer from the library is here and they are having an issue with a leaking roof. May need to be repaired or a new roof. They have had record attendance at the library. Friends of Ashley put on the movie "The Cars" and had over 60 attendees. The next one is Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, with the market and a movie. The sign is on order. We are looking at charging \$100 for a plaque for 2 years and \$50 after that. Sold two plaques; one for the Library and one for White Lily. Wants to Thank the Village for purchasing the pots and for Tracy Parks from Ashley Connection for getting plants in them and putting uptown around the businesses. Friends of Ashley meetings are held on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tues of the month. Aug. 29<sup>th</sup> Andrew Brenner will be there.

Jim talked about the grant we were told we received from the Health Department and a resident offered to donate some money also. We plan to take that money and put in a walking path and we already have the grindings. We would also like to purchase some tables etc. Then maybe we can add a skate park to it in the future.

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**FISCAL OFFICER** – Renee went over the bank rec.

David Lockhart made a motion to approve the bank rec for May 2023 and Dean Mosier seconded.

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

**Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1 Abs.**

Jim discussed the road closure on 22 East starting July 18

**POLICE** – Chief went over the police report for June 2023. Talked about uncovered officers around the village. Gibeyes, drive thru and the Nail all passed. Jesse indicated that when he drives thru Mt. Gilead he sees a police car parked and it slows down the traffic. Maybe we could do that in the village to slow down traffic. Scott said that is an option but afraid of vandalism. A resident indicated that if we do it just during the day time would be better. Jan indicated she has seen the police officer out at Rotary Products and sits out there. That is out of the village of Ashley. Maybe sit one at Mileys while someone is there and can watch it. Scott indicated that he can start moving cars around to be visible to residents. 10 South Harrison Street. He replied to Scotts email. He is still trying to find someone to come and clean it up. Scott sent him a certified letter and he will have 30 days to respond before a citation is issued.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS** – One grant is pending for \$500,000. We are working to get that going.

**PERSONNEL** – Nothing to report.

**POOL** – Kathy left the meeting early. There have been some rainy days. An exterminator was out there and the bees are gone. Seems that the Shelter house has been rented a lot this summer.

**ZONING** – Jesse stated he met with engineers for the gas station. Went over a few things that need to be changed. Looked at setbacks etc and we walked the property. Possibility of a subway restaurant in there. They are looking at a pizza place, but Jesse stated to them that we have 3 places that sell pizza in the village. It is going to be a large building.

**SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS** – Starting Monday, the guys will start the EPA project. They will be doing 10 a week and should be able to get it done by the due date of October 2024. Jesse spoke about an article in the Delaware Gazette about the Village receiving grant money to put in crosswalks in 4 locations.

The next regional planning meeting is scheduled for July 27<sup>th</sup>. Jesse indicated that since he moved he can no longer attend these meetings. Dean Mosier indicated he could be added to the rotation. Jim is going to the 27<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**Resolution 2023-011 – Modifying Phase 2 from 12” to 8” Line**

Mark Wicker moved to suspend the rules, and Penny Bennett seconded.

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

**Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1Abs**

David Lockhart moved to declare an emergency Dean Mosier seconded.

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

**Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1Abs**

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Dean Mosier moved to adopt, Mark Wicker seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1Abs**

### **Ordinance 2023-002 – Accepting Grant from OPWC (\$500,000) For Phase 2 Waterline**

Mark Wicker 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. Motion passed 5-0, 1Abs**

Penny Bennett moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1Abs**

Dean Mosier moved to adopt, and Dave Lockhart seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1Abs**

Bid Express was presented to us by OHM as a way to receive bids for future projects. It does not cost anything and OHM will continue to advertise the different projects for us. Dave Lockhart recommended that we go with this new way of advertising for projects. Dean Mosier seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes. Motion passed 5-0, 1Abs**

The village has been switched from Saturday to Thursday in Bingo. We are looking for volunteers to help out.

Dave Lockhart indicated the new water bills look. This is the new software that Allison has switched over to. And we are looking at August to accept credit card payments.

Penny Bennett made a motion to pay the bills, and Mark Wicker seconded.

Dean Mosier made the motion to adjourn until August 1st and Dave Lockhart seconded.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Renee Rarick