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COUNCIL MEETING

Held August 2, 2022

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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, Chery Friend, Dean Moiser, David Lockhart, Jim Detter, Jesse Mann.

Abs: Elaine McFarland

Guest: Jan Silva Sanchez, Sheets, Josie Bonnette, Sheila Hiddleson, Mike Rarick, Hannah & Scott Crabtree, Loren Shirk, Ameer Sword, Holly Williamson, Elizabeth Barker, Josh Cross, Josh Cross, Janell ePyle, Dawn Poplin Jones, Brad Poplin, 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 July 5th 2022. Dave Lockhart seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes,
David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - yes. Motion passed 5-0.**

PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS

Cheryl Friend had a question on the BPA minutes about the issue with outstanding bills from Oxford Woods. Renee is not aware of that status and neither is Dave Lockhart.

Sheila Hiddleson is here from the Health Department. Talked about the Olentangy Clean up flyer, Aug 20th if anyone is interested in helping. All supplies are provided for volunteers. DGHD is still offering vaccines if anyone is interested. We are on the rise for covid cases Sheila ask if we received the email regarding the no smoking at the park. Yes Elaine was taking care of that and we did receive the email.

Sean Root will start with the WWTP phase 2. We are getting ready to submit what we call a permit to install to the EPA. Our nomination is due Aug 31, 2022 for construction. So design is about 70-80%. We are going to be sitting down with Monte and TJ and anyone else that would like to attend Aug 15 to do a page flip of drawing. We did receive lab analysis from TJ this evening. Jesse ask about federal funding that Sean was going to attend some training. The water nominations were due April 2022 of an increase of about \$20 mil for principal forgiveness. Jesse ask if that will impact the WWTP Phase 2? We are in a good period to nominate our project due to EPA having additional funds.

1930's Waterline – Hydrant testing has been completed. Field work will be starting up during the next few weeks. Will know soon if the pump station is required. April 2023 start construction.

Paving – Construction documents will be completed and day now. Will have the advertisement this week to Renee to get put in the paper.

Casey Davis – Vacation of Street / Alley is not on conf. phone.

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Doug Cruz is here to discuss the land bank for 17 Vine Street. We have had 2 sales and no buyers. Has been a problem with the residents have moved back to the property. Health Department is now involved. Sheila indicated their next step they are going to address the burning issues and trash and notify that there squatters are on the property.

Resolution 2022-012 – Land Bank for 17 Vine Street

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David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - yes. Motion passed 5-0.**

Jim Detter moved to declare an emergency Mark Wicker seconded.

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Larry Mickey is in the process of tearing town an existing structure on West High and put in a new manufactured home. He has supplied us with a drawing. Jim wanted to make sure there is enough room to put in the workshop in the back of the property. Larry indicated there is plenty of space. Cheryl ask if the mfg home going to be a single story or double story? Larry indicated that it is going to be a single story. Cheryl expressed that the address is in the historical district and without a current zoning inspector not sure what the rules are. Jesse indicated that it is a single story replacing an existing single story so it should not be a problem. Cheryl also ask if he is going to take advantage of the CRA program? He did indicate that he was planning on using this program.

Josh Cross – is here from the Ohio Edison and indicated that Haley did a good job at reporting street lights that are out. Josh indicated that they do not have anyone that goes out and checks for this anymore so they rely on residents to call these in.

Jan Silva is here and wants to know what is going on with having a meeting with the sheriff? Dean indicated that he talked to the sheriff and he wanted to attend but he is in Oklahoma. Jan expressed if it was going to be a town meeting with the sheriff or private meeting? Dean said he is not sure he is waiting to hear back.

Loren Shirk stated what he wanted to say what Jan said and it won't make a difference until we talk to the sheriff, but the fact still stands we are still using general fund money to pay for the police department. Another resident ask if this meeting will be private with just council only? Jim indicated that is the possibly. It is with the discretion of the sheriff and what he wants to do.

Jesse has indicated there is another option, as he heard someone say that is not entirely correct. They stated the sheriff would come in and provide information and then the council would decide? Generally that is correct however that is not always how it works. There is one other option in the Ohio Revised code, that is if you go and collect a petition of registered voters that is greater than 10% of number of people who voted in the last governors race and you take those signatures and drop it off at the board of elections with a resolution of whatever you want it to say, then it would go on the ballot for the voters and if it passes then that becomes an ordinance for the village so it gets decided that way instead of getting decided by council. If you feel strongly about something and you feel you have public support behind you

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then that is one option you have to go and get that put on the ballot and have your voice heard that way. It is not necessary up to council to make a decision you have another option.

Jan stated that we have do have more patrols every day. We don't have to have a dedicated sheriff up here all the time. We still have those 4 patrols coming thru Ashley every day and they respond to most every 911 call that goes thru their office, especially if we don't have anyone on duty and it won't cost the village any money. Another resident indicated that there was just a shooting outside of town and it took the sheriff 10 min to get up here. There was an EMT that responded but they are not going in that house unless there is a police officer on site and if someone had been shot that person would lay there and die. Dave Lockhart indicated he does not know what the 4 patrols consist of if they are just on the main drag or what and another point is they are not going to write up citations for our ordinances on junk cars etc.

Amee is the director of the Wornstaff Library, we experienced at the library some property damaged and Amee witnessed it and the Chief was able to find these persons and I indicated to them they are not allowed to be on our property ever again. If that was the sheriff if he would even know where to look. So I would like to put it out there that I like the fact there is a police officer in our village.

Gwen Shirk has a comment that we have deputy sheriff on our back streets and seen them quite often and with everyone saying it will take an hour for the sheriff to respond and does everyone realize they are considered our back up. They are not considered our primary source of security and like two weeks ago my daughter called me and said our chief was in Westerville in the middle of the day. So we do not have someone here all the time. Its common knowledge that people voted down the levy and one of your meetings you said maybe we didn't understand what we were voting and you have those people there backing up you always want a police officer there in minutes its not always going to happen. When Jim and whoever when down and met with the sheriff what would it cost if we didn't put a sheriff up here but had extra patrol? Jim Nelson indicated that it would cost \$170,000 for one car and one deputy up here in the village. When we talked to the sheriff and I will give you an example what he gave us. They patrol orange township does employ some extra officers, keep in mind orange township has 45,000 people and orange township does not want their own police department due to the cost. Gwen stated she does not think our residents understand how much are police are not in the village and the sheriff are our backup and we are using our general fund money when we have fire hydrants that don't work on the East side of town. Can't we use the general fund money for that? Jim Detter spoke up and indicated first we are talking about the police department and not the fire department. Detter then ask Scott why was the cruiser in Westerville? Scott indicated he attempted to address a person with a junk motor vehicle. Detter indicated that one of the biggest things we have an issue on is junk motor vehicles that was address at the last meeting. Gwen indicated that her and Loren have talked about junk motor vehicles in this town for 20 years and nothing has ever been done about it until the first levy failed and now they want to address the vehicles. Gwen is sorry but that is the way it is. Jim Detter ask Scott what the policy was for officers going into Delaware for lunch? Scott indicated they should only be going to Delaware if it is official business. If they want to go thru a drive thru while there that is fine. Dave Lockhart indicated it is not a pressure issue as it is a volume issue. That is due to the condition of the pipes in the ground that are corroded and reduced down to much smaller capacity. Unfortunately, those supply lines aren't going to get fixed until we have a project approved and funded thru EAP or OPWC because we are talking millions of dollars that we don't have in the general fund nor will have in the general fund. So that project is dependent on the lines in the ground. Gwen is asking why are they out of service where the new pipes were installed? We don't think we have any hydrants out of service. Ok, how long does it take to get the information on the sheriff. Gwen ask if she needs to call him. Detter stated if she wants to call the sheriff then please call them.

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Amee – Summer reading has concluded. We had 81 kiddos sign up and 55 completed the program. Had gave out 55 pool passes. Didn't know how many actually used the passes. We would like to thank council again for the pool passes. The last movie on Main street is August 12, Back to the Future. Outdoor market has not been so great. We actually had 20 people attend the market. We had 9 vendors at last months and a food truck.

Someone ask where the money from the Ashley Corn Show go. It goes to American Legion and they donate to a lot of organizations.

FISCAL OFFICER

Cheryl Friend approved the bank rec for June 30, 2022 and Jim Detter seconded.

Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - yes. Motion passed 5-0.

Appropriation 2022 -002 – Appropriation Ordinance. Renee explained some of the adjustments needed.

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POLICE – Scott went over the motor vehicle investigation list. There are 14 cases listed. Went over police report. Shoplifting is up at the Dollar General, several animal calls. Scott talked about the vandalism at the library. They have been found. We still have 5 or 6 helmets left over that we are passing out to those seen without a helmet. Jim Nelson ask what coverage we have for the corn show. Jim indicated that Mark and Jeff will be putting up signs Thursday afternoon to close road. Jesse asked about the shooting. Ask if someone was shot? Chief indicated it was a drive by shooting out on East of St Rte 229.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS – OHM is in process of working on grants for a couple of our projects.

PERSONNEL – As Renee mentioned we did fill the water position. We have a lot of work ahead. We feel Allison will be a good fit for the job. She is very kind and has a lot of knowledge. Jim Detter has requested go to into executive secession at the end of the meeting, so the residents can continue to listen to the rest of the meeting.

PARKS & RECS – Loren ask if there is any money in the budget to cut down all the trees growing up in around the reservoir? Jim indicated that he will work out a plan to get the trees cut and hauled off. Loren mention that if it could be done before the catfish tournament.

Elaine is working with Cardington and wants to get the pool open everyday next year. School opens

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August 17so the pool will only be open on Saturday and Sundays. Labor day is the last weekend the pool will be open. It will be FREE Saturday, Sunday and Monday. There was a pool party on Sunday, July 31 and there were approximately 100 people there.

SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS – We still have the zoning position available. Sean Root indicated that he is the zoning person in Cardington and he would be willing to offer his services here in the village. Cheryl Friend indicated we can not afford his services. There was a water main break at Ashley Road and 229. Zimmerman came in and fixed the break.

NEWSLETTER – Nothing to report

Jim indicated it was his turn to attend the Regional Planning Meeting.

Letter from the American Legion to close the roads for the required time. Cheryl Friend made the motion to close the road for Corn Show, Jim Detter seconded. All in favor – say i.

Jim Detter made the motion to go into executive secession, David Lockhart seconded.

Jim Detter made a motion to come out of executive secession, Cheryl Friend seconded.

Cheryl Friend made a motion to have a resolution to hire the new water clerk at the next council meeting. Mark Wicker.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes,
David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - yes. Motion passed 5-0.**

Cheryl Friend made a motion that personnel have a meeting with Randy Ford, Mark Wicker seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes,
David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter - yes. Motion passed 5-0.**

Cheryl Friend indicated that the fire department had a special meeting and they want to increase their levy funds to hire full time employees. It was indicated that the deadline is tomorrow for paperwork to put on the November ballot.

Jim Detter made motion to pay the bills, Mark Wicker seconded.

Cheryl Friend made the motion to adjourn until September 6, 2022, Jim Detter seconded.

Jim Nelson, Mayor

Renee Rarick