

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## COUNCIL MEETING

Held August 1 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: Jan Silva Sanchez, Gino-Erica-Cedric, Josie Bonnette, Johneta Davis, Liz Barker

**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, 2023, 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**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS –**

Gino from Masi Storage Building is here to discuss the tall grass by the railroad tracks. His business signs can not be seen from ST RT 42 due to the high grass. Jesse indicated he would get with the chief about sending a letter to get the railroad to mow.

Casey Davis is on the phone to discuss vacating the property beside the Dollar General and Mileys. Jim Nelson asked if there are plans to develop in that area and Casey did not know of any plans. Jesse asks when the person is no longer here can this property be re-gifted back to the village? They did not think that it could be undone after the fact. What is the need to vacate the property at this time? They are already using the property at this time, why is there a need to transfer the property at this time? Casey feels he is just trying to protect his interest and his tenants at this location.

John Sasber and Johneta Davis have lived in the village for about a year and just wanted to get involved in some of the activities that go on in the village. Talked about the food pantry. Jesse has indicated he has some fundraising ideas he plans to pursue. A lot of ideas were discussed. Talked about the 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks. The closest one around is Recreation Unlimited and they have theirs like a week after the 4<sup>th</sup>.

Josie Bonette – DGHD hosting Keep Delaware Beautiful on August 19th. Nothing official as far as the new building. There will be a public release for the grand opening in September sometime. Some of us will be moving to the new building soon. Josie touched base on the mini-grant to see if we have ordered any items yet. Flu/COVID shots this year? No specific dates were given. Cheryl asks about West Nile. West Nile has been reported around Delaware County. If we get a positive test from the trap at the Fire Department we will come up and spray.

Amee could not attend this evening. 72 attendees for the Summer Reading program. In August the library will celebrate its 95<sup>th</sup> birthday with an open house on Saturday, Aug 26<sup>th</sup>. Recently a group of members have formed a Friends of Wornstaff Library group to fundraise and advocate for the library. Information can be found on their website [www.friendsofwornstaff.org](http://www.friendsofwornstaff.org). There were 67 attendees for the movie in July. August will be our final outdoor market/movie on Friday, August 19<sup>th</sup>. We are planning for the Fall

All formal actions of the Meeting for Council of Village of Ashley concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

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Fair event on Saturday, Nov 4<sup>th</sup> from 9-12. Instead of setting up in the White Lily parking lot, vendors will be in four venues around the village: White Lily, Wornstaff Library, Ashley Connection, and Harrison Place. Reminder the next Friends of Ashley meeting will be Tuesday, August 29<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m. at the library. Ohio Senator Andrew Brenner will be in attendance.

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

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the bank rec for June 30, 2023, and 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**

**POLICE** – Zach is here and discussed the calls on the police report. It was discussed about putting a cruiser out and about to slow down the traffic on 229. It was indicated that they are afraid of vandalism to the cruiser. It was asked if the people who were being cited for speeding; were residents or out of towners. It was ask how hard would it be to change the speed limit? Dave indicated he would like to see more citations for speeding. We need to get the word out and let the people see the blue lights around town. Maybe we could get a speed detector machine to set up and this could slow down the traffic. Jim indicated that Dean was looking at one of the 4 way stop signs that doesn't light up.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS** – We have received a grant for the Waterline Project.

**PERSONNEL** – Dean has nothing to report. We have an employee that is having medial issues and in the next week we will find out more information. It is not a workers comp issue.

**POOL** – Kathy gave an update on the pool. Aug 13<sup>th</sup> is the last day for the pool then it will go to weekends. If the weather is 90 degrees plus we plan to make the pool free admission. The Y-club came out to the pool. We had no police so they used the dump truck, village pick up and Deans truck to block traffic to get the kids across the street safely to the pool and the same when they went back to the school.

**ZONING** – We had a complaint on N Grove Street about a car port that was built without a permit and it is blocking the view in the alley. Went over and took pictures and we are still looking on how to address this issue. Had someone get ahold of me they were fixing up a house and they thought they may have to tear down. Went out to take pictures. There is a drain problem and they may have to tie into a neighbor's line. The Corn Show committee approached me about a banner across the street. Jesse did recommend having the fire department help with putting them up. No trespassing signs at Mileys. Jesse took pictures. The new gas station will need new signs and the zoning code is not up to date to have such signs. Therefore, Jesse rewrote that part of the zoning book.

**Ordinance 2023-003 Change to zoning Code - 1<sup>st</sup> Reading.**

The next regional planning meeting is scheduled for August 31<sup>st</sup>. Dave indicated that he would attend.

Dave Lockhart made a motion to pay the bills, and Mark Wicker seconded.

Jim Detter made the motion to adjourn until September 5th and Penny Bennett seconded.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Renee Rarick