

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## COUNCIL MEETING

Held October 3, 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

ABS : Jim Detter

Guest: Michele Mosier, Chad Wagon, Kathy Winbourne, Scott Santos, Liz Barker, Joe Pennington, Mike Rarick, Ryan Ridenonr

**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 September 5, 2023 and the Special Meeting Minutes for September 14, 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**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS –**

Joe Pennington is here and wants to say thank you to everyone that helped this year. Wants to make car show bigger. Next year he wants to bring in a big band, McGuffey Lane. He is working on sponsors right now. Dean asks what the price is to come here. Joe indicated they want \$6,000. The hours would be 7pm-10pm. Thank you Joe for all your hard work on the corn show.

Amy could not attend the meeting tonight but gave us a brief update. Today the roof on the original building of the library is being replaced. The Meet with the Candidates will be on Oct. 11 at 6:30 p.m. We will have all three mayoral candidates attending as well as Kelsy Wicker for BPA, Mary Kate Pembroke for Buckeye Valley School Board, and a representative from the Delaware Public Health District to discuss the upcoming levy. They are finalizing the details for the Saturday, Nov 4 Fall Festival from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m. We have pushed out a save the date. A final map and listing of activities will be available prior to the event. FOA is also having a business decorating contest with voting to take place on the day of the event. Corn stalks have been added to the light poles and bales of hay will be coming to add fall décor for the event. I am very pleased with all the businesses participating. Hopefully, we will have community support.

Jim ask TJ if he has heard anything about the paperwork he submitted. No he has not. TJ indicated that an electrician is coming out to take care of the communication system. He called into Republic in Upper Sandusky to remove contaminated soil that they have piled up. The new motor is \$5,200. TJ indicated that he is at the plant every day for 4 hours each day every day. If the alarm would have been working we probably would have caught this spill sooner. Cheryl ask where do we stand on the samplers we purchased? He needs to get them installed. Jesse ask if he has taken all the training classes he needed to take. Yes he has. Did you have to take the test. TJ indicated not yet. Jesse indicated that he may get someone to sign off on his paperwork etc.

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Becky Matthews is here to discuss traffic control. She lives at 404 E High St. She has indicated that there is a lack of traffic control in this town. She indicated that she had spoken to the sheriff's department and spoke to the Ashley PD. The sheriff indicated that there are speeders every where. Ashley PD indicated that if we sit down on one side of town then they would commit crimes on the other side of town. Becky said if the police would not sit at the office all day and sit downtown to slow these people down. There was some discussion about Mayor's court. But with the police levy not passing we are very short-staffed. Chief ask Becky who she spoke to because it wasn't him. He indicated she is not sure who they were, but there were two of them she spoke to. It was brought up maybe put up speed bumps. Those are not acceptable on our roads. Maybe speed trailers? Well, then people will use those to see how fast they can go. Jim indicated that we need to give out some tickets so people see that we are pulling people over. Jesse brought up the speed limit on the East side where it changes to 55 right at Ashley Road. If we get that pushed out then we would be responsible for the bridge repairs. Jim has the name of a person at the state that he will contact to see about getting another traffic study in the village.

### FISCAL OFFICER –

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the bank rec for August 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**

**POLICE** – The Chief indicated there were 6 citations and 6 warnings issued. We have been working on online training. Public events we will participate Touch a Truck, Coffee with the Chief and Chief will be attending Training for Child Abduction the 24-26. Jim ask Scott if he has a list of firearms ect. we need for our insurance. Scott would like approval for shotgun. Funds are coming from donations from bingo.

Mark made the motion to approve the shotgun purchase. Penny seconded.

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

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS –

Scott Root was in yesterday to pick up some paperwork on the water line. We also have a resolution for the WWTP to apply for funding.

### **Resolution 2023-015– Authorizing OHM to apply for Funding on Phase 2 WWTP Improvements**

Jesse requested an amendment to remove water line and replace with sewer plant. And in section 1 remove 1930's waterline and replace with sewer plant.

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

Cheryl Friend moved to suspend the rules, and Mark Wicker seconded.

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

Penny Bennett 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, Motion passed 5-0, 1 Abs**

David Lockhart moved to adopt, Cheryl Friend seconded

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**PERSONNEL** – Dean has been accepting applications for a new employee to replace our employee who is going to be retiring on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Dean indicated we went through all applications and is currently in the process of starting interviews.

**ZONING** – Jesse has spoken to the attorney for Trinkets and Treasures and this is a go. Just waiting on the attorney. We are on the 3<sup>rd</sup> reading for the signs for the gas station. We will do that now.

**Ordinance 2023-003 – Zoning Code for Gas Station Signs.**

Cheryl Friend moved to adopt, Mark Wicker seconded

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – yes, Penny Bennett – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes,  
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Mike Rarick asks what kind of gas station is it going to be. Jesse indicated he did not know. Dean indicated that it is going to be a Marathon or a BP. Jim asks Randy if they got a chance to camera over by the gas station. He indicated no he has not. Jesse spoke about the underground retention pond. Jim indicated we do have a full committee for planning and zoning. The railroad people came in and sprayed behind the storage buildings. He went back a few days later and it doesn't look like anything is dying. Mike said it will take at least 7 days. Jim told Jesse that a gentleman wanted to put up a canvas shelter. He did not see anything in the zoning book about something like this.

Jim stated the guys have been busy. Got the water meters read. We have some trees that need to be trimmed due to the buses scraping on them. That will be done this week.

**POOL** – Cheryl ask Kathy if there are some things at the pool that need to be done for next year. Kathy indicated that there are some things that need maintenance at the pool. The sewer drain in the men's restroom needs to be fixed. The skimmer is not working and needs to be repaired. We will need new lifeguard chairs for next year. One of the guards got hurt getting down. An incident report was filled out.

David Lockhart indicated that he has a letter from Jan Sanchez that he will read. She had a prior commitment and could not be here. He read the letter.

Penny Bennett indicated that it was brought up that some committees need members. Can that be put in the newsletter or on Facebook? Jim indicated that Renee puts that in the newsletter and we don't get any response.

The next regional planning meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2023. Jim indicated that he would attend.

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

Penny Bennett made the motion to adjourn until November 7<sup>th</sup>, and Mark Wicker seconded.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Renee Rarick