

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## COUNCIL MEETING

Held Feb 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, Elaine McFarland, Chery Friend, Dean Mosier, David Lockhart, Jim Detter, Jesse Mann

Abs: Renee Rarick

Guest: Liz Baker, Scott Santos, Ameer Sword, Kathy Windborne, Chad Wogan, Josie Bonnett, Josh Cross, Mike Wysocki and Ray Adkins

**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 January 3. Elaine McFarland seconded.

**Roll Call: Mark Wicker – abstain, Elaine McFarland – yes, Cheryl Friend – yes, Dean Mosier – yes, David Lockhart – yes, Jim Detter – abstain. Motion passed 4-0**

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS/CONCERNS**

Provided one-page annual report to Council about the Wornstaff Library. Our visitors, program attendance, borrowing of both physical and digital items, as well as wifi connections have all increased over 2021 statistics. The library provided 164 programs, (83 adult, 81 children).

Dave Lockhart asked question about the design plan for basement. Paul Omness created for the library. The basement will be updated with new flooring, paint, lighting, cabinets, and a renovated bathroom that will be accessible. The library does not have the funds to work on the project all at once. We will need to chip away as funds allow. Mr. Omness provided a list of the order for the projects to be tackled. Council is welcome to stop by to see the plan and basement.

For the Friends of Ashley

Invited council members to the next Friends of Ashley meeting, February 28 at 5pm at the library. Our guest will be Monica Connors, Delaware County Economic Development Director. Ameer will send email reminder to council of date.

Planning Outdoor Markets and Movies on Main events for third Fridays of June, July, and August (June 16, July 21, August 18). As we are combining the events, we would like Main St closed from 6pm to 11pm. The market would be set up from 6:30pm to 8:30pm with the movie following at dusk (approximately 9:15pm). Like last year, we will have a port o john at the event. We hope that combining the events will attract more people to the market. If it should rain, the movie will be shown the next night. However, there will be no market.

John Cross is here from Ohio Edison. Dean and John have been in contact regarding street lights that are out. They discussed the price of new lights with led. John will send us a contract.

Mileys is here talking about the new cruiser is acting up with the fuel. This vehicle needs to have good fuel. Dean ask what code did he get out of it. Mike indicated it was Z300 code. There is a major issue

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going on. The crown vic had about 3 inches of settlement in the bottom of the tank. Dean Mosier will talk to Ford company and see about getting it in to get checked out.

Josie is here about the mini grant program. Talked about applying for this grant etc. Josie would help provide us with help in applying for this grant. She can not write it for us but she can help. David Lockhart indicated that Amee was kind enough to submit for a grant in our behalf before. Amee indicated she is happy to help. Josie stated there is an open house about Healthy Behaviors and will talk about the mini grant. It will be held on Thursday, February 9 from 4:30-6:30 pm.

### **FISCAL OFFICER**

Cheryl Friend made a motion to approve the December 2022 bank rec. David Lockhart seconded.

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

Dave Lockhart made a motion to table the Permanent budget, Mark Wicker seconded.

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

Council discussed the 5 year plan, but didn't seem like much without Renee here to explain.

**POLICE** – Scott went over January report and explained some of the calls. Scott went over the yearly report for the department. Scott talked about a grant he applied for bicycle helmets to do the rodeo this year. Talked about new uniforms that last approx. 6 years vs 1-2 years. Jim Detter made a motion to approve the uniform/pepper spray purchase. Mark Wicker seconded.

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

Jim indicated he has not seen the charger out in a while. Scott indicated Zach had it out last week.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT/GRANTS** – OHM is going to resubmit for a grant for the WWTP to see if we can get some money to help pay for these projects.

**PERSONNEL** – Jim Nelson indicated Allison's probation period us up and she received her \$1 raise today. Allison has been trained to be a backup on payroll. Jim indicated raises were given in December and Cheryl said she would like to talk about it again in the finance meeting.

**PARKS & RECS** – Elaine spoke of the Easter baskets. There will be 2 baskets per 4 age groups. The fire department usually donates to this event. Renee and Elaine applied for the grant for the fishing tournament which is scheduled for May 13<sup>th</sup>. ODNR will be delivering trout on May 5<sup>th</sup>. The gate will need to be locked from the 5<sup>th</sup> till the 13<sup>th</sup>. Elaine received an application for a lifeguard. That is exciting. They need to be at least 15 years of age. I would like for the pool to be open 7 days a week. We still need to check on the skimmer. Josie thinks the cost of a new one will be \$1,500-\$2,000. Elaine has talked to Kathy Winbourne about being a manager. Elaine stated we will pay for the lifeguards certification but they must work in the village. Kathy has reached out to some kids to see if they would be interested in lifeguarding. This will be the first year we can have memberships since covid (if we are open 7 days per week).

**Zoning** – Jessie has agreed to become zoning inspector for the village. This is only for our village and not Marengo. He has decided the pantry is more work than he expected so he would only be interested in

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doing Ashley.

### **Resolution 2023-003 – Zoning Position**

Cheryl Friend made a motion to amend Resolution 2023-003 to make this retroactive to Jan 1, 2023. Mark Wicker seconded.

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

Cheryl Friend moved to suspend the rules, Elaine McFarland seconded.

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

Jim Detter moved to declare an emergency David Lockhart seconded.

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

Mark Wicker moved to adopt, Dean Mosier seconded

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

Jesse has indicated that Verizon is coming back with a tower in the village. There is a tower at the EMS station and they will be placing their equipment on top of that tower. The tower is owned by the county and they have signed off on it. Jesse has read the zoning book and looking at different zoning codes.

**SAFETY STREETS & ALLEYS** – Working on pot holes and getting ready to put in another new hydrant. Jim Detter stated he spoke to Randy and Mark about the tile that goes thru his property. It needs flushed out and Randy usually does this according to Jim.

**NEWSLETTER** – The newsletter went out with water bill and another fine job by the crew.

Jim Nelson is scheduled to attend the next regional planning meeting. Which is February 23, 2023.

We have received a letter and packet from the EPA with several violations. TJ is here to discuss the plan on getting the requested information to EPA and fix writeups that need to be corrected. If we do not respond to this we can be fined \$65,000 per day. EPA is not messing around. TJ went over everything to see what needs to be corrected. 1<sup>st</sup> thing we need to get someone or a committee to oversee that everything is getting done. Then I will draft the first letter to them to explain our plan. We can request a meeting with EPA. Jesse indicated TJ needs to list what needs to be done.

Jesse suggested we go into executive session to discuss this further. Jim Detter made a motion to go into executive session. David Lockhart seconded. All in favor, no one opposed.

We have now come out of executive session at 10:34 pm.

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

Jim Detter made the motion to adjourn until March 7, 2023, Dean Mosier seconded.

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Jim Nelson, Mayor

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Renee Rarick