

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, February 10, 2022

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

Roll Call: Gael Damron Present, Randy Spence present, Carmen DeStefano present, Pennie Scarpone present, Jason Mattern present, Bob Merriman present.

Officials: Mayor Mike Petrella present, Fiscal Officer Denise Geanangel present, Administrator Walt Ziemba present, Solicitor Jake Linn present.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Gael Damron to approve the minutes from the January 6, 2022 meeting.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Randy Spence second Bob Merriman to approve the minutes from the special meeting held January 26, 2022.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Council Re-Organization

Village Council will meet two times a month beginning March 2022 on the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the Month. The June, July and August meeting will be held once a month on the 1st Thursday of the month.

Motion by Gael Damron second Randy Spence to approve two meetings a month.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

The committee member's list is attached. Mayor Petrella reviewed his appointments as follows:

Planning Commission: Carmen DeStefano
Wintersville Planning Commission: Bob DiBenedetto, Bill Davis and Bernie Cashlioli
SVRTA: Bob Laukert and Charlene Prentice
RITA, BHJ and Seven Ranges Fire District: Bob Laukert

Motion by Randy Spence second by Bob Merriman to approve the rules of Council.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Attorney Jake Linn has been hired as the village solicitor.

Persons Appearing Before Council

None.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

None.

Reports & Announcements

Mayor Petrella read the Magistrate, Police and Code Enforcement officers reports for the month of January.

Mayor Petrella announced his municipal building maintenance plan to include replacing all lights with LED bulbs reducing energy cost by 35%. He has asked that the electrical contractors prepare their bids in three phases for each floor of the municipal building. He has had Kalkreuth Roofing in to address the numerous leaks and he will be having the interior walls painted as well.

Mayor Petrella has spoken to State Representative Ron Ferguson about the proposed gas tax halt. The Capital Budget Project deadline is March 18, 2022.

\$5.00 parking permits will be available soon to residents that request it in lieu of moving their cars from the streets for snow plowing. The permits will need to renewed yearly.

Mayor Petrella asked the Village Administrator for emergency funding in the amount of \$12,787.50 to outfit a Village truck with a salt spreader and plow.

The Mayor did receive a call from the Jefferson County Sherriff's Office commending Officer Meya Potenzini and Officer Sean McGinnis for a wonderful job assisting their department on a call.

Mayor Petrella also commended the street department personnel for their hard work through the recent winter storms, Justin Emery and his crew for the numerous water breaks and the Patrolman directing traffic while the traffic lights were out. He also gave a thank you to AEP linemen for a job well done.

Administrator Report

Administrator Walt Ziemba completed his annual report to include paving schedules and the five year capital project plans. The water meter replacement project will go out to bid at the end of the month. A discharge permit is being obtained for the sewer plant and he is working on developing a facility plan.

Residents are dumping their sump pumps in the streets which is not allowed.

Administrator Walt Ziemba said the Ordinance addressing grease traps coming into the sewer plant needs updated.

An additional 500 ton of salt has been ordered.

New Business

Gael Damron spoke on behalf of the beautification committee updating Council on the Marquee signs, benched and garbage cans with planter they wish to have I the Village. She will obtain cost estimates for updating to a marquee sign. She will be working on a JB Green Team grant for the benches and working to clean up the Memorial Park by Chase Bank.

Gael Damron also wishes to make a calendar of dates the council members can rotate attending the Jefferson County Commissioner's Meetings.

Randy Spence announced the Personnel Committee will be meeting Thursday, February 17th at 6:00 PM to draft an employee performance review sheet.

Mayor Petrella noted that the Village does not own or operate any social media sites.

Jason Mattern thanked everyone for their hard work on the incidences on Marshall and Beechwood Roads.

Chief Art Fowler introduced newly hired Partrolman Michael Campbell to Council. Patrolman Campbell has three years experience and was sworn in earlier today.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to waive the probationary beginning pay and start him at \$16.00/hr.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Transfers

No transfers.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to pay bills.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Dr. Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is March 3, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor