

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, April 21, 2022

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

Roll Call: Gael Damron Present, Randy Spence absent, 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 Gael Damron seconded by Carmen DeStefano to approve the minutes from the April 7, 2022 meeting.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Bob Laukert updated council on the April 12, 2022 BHJ open house. The board's April 20, 2022 meeting addressed the Route 7 property acquisitions on Lover's Lane for the widening project. The Steel Valley Transit Authority may be expanding to Washington, PA and Wells Township, Brilliant area, is interested in service. A levy must be passed for an entity to join and this also allows them to have a representative on the board. Four route changes may be coming. He also reminded that the buses are continually cleaned.

Joel John of Exquisite Creations updated council on Wednesday's in Wintersville upcoming season. It will be held the 1st Wednesday's for the months of May – October. 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM. The theme is "Wintersville-A Growing Community" and they have many more themes planned for this year. There are currently 33 craft vendors, 12 promotional vendors with kid activities and 10 food trucks. The committee did obtain a \$2 million insurance policy. Questions can be emailed to wednesdayinwintersville@gmail.com. Mayor Petrella recuse himself from speaking because of conflict of interest.

Beth Rupert thanked the village workers for their hard work on the waterline break on Parkview Circle. She does have a concern of no communication about breaks and boils orders being on the local news as many elderly residents do not have social media accounts for updates. Councilman Mattern had said at one time there was talk about setting up a "robo-call" system to better inform residents.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2022-04: Amending Section 505.071 Subsections (C)(3) and (D)(3) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Wintersville, Ohio which Address Cruelty to Companion Animals was read for the second time.

Ordinance 2022-05: Providing for Pay Raises for the Village Police Officers and Increasing the Starting Pay Rate for Village Police Officers was read for the second time.

Ordinance 2022-06: Amending Chapter 151.02(c) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Wintersville to Include Juneteenth as a Paid Holiday was read for the second time.

Reports & Announcements and Communications

None

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Petrella thanked the fire department for their assistance at the fire in Steubenville. Mayor Petrella attended the Indian Creek School's open house and was impressed with the very modern and nice building. Congressman Johnson made a stop at the village's offices last Thursday. The Mayor thanked Justin, Teddy and Randy for their hard work on the Parkview water break. Mayor Petrella's company, Economy Lawncare, will be donating mulch for the municipal building landscaping. Mayor Petrella did check with the ethics commission to ensure that it is permissible. Mayor Petrella welcomed a new upcoming business, Wash Rite Car Wash, to the village and thanked them for investing \$3 million into it. The carwash will be located next to Dunkin Donuts and will employ 10 full-time employees and 3 part-time employees.

Administrator's Report:

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Pennie Scarpone for permission to Bid the 2022 Resurfacing Project, i.e.: Warren Lane, Terrace, municipal building parking lot, etc.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Carmen DeStefano to approve the renting of a D-6 Dozer at a cost of \$2,950.00 for one week from Piergallini Rentals.

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

Administrator Ziemba was able to secure a \$5,000.00 Grant from JB Green Team. Administrator Ziemba also sent a Funding Request Letter to the Jefferson County Commissioner's for recreational projects at the Tot Lot, Gazebo @ Winters Drive and the Pump House @ Main Street in the amount of \$25,000.00 of which the Village will fund the remaining balance of \$2,950.00.

Unfinished Business:

None

New Business

Councilman Mattern welcomed the child attending the council meeting and commented on the Civil Studies students that used to regularly attend the council meetings. Councilmember Mattern inquired if the number of parking tickets issued for snow plow parking ordinance violations had been gotten yet. He wishes to thank Congressman Johnson for the visit to Wintersville and said he intends a follow-up phone call to the congressman. He also congratulated the new incoming carwash business. Councilman Mattern wants to source other energy supplies as he has not received the requested data reports from Trebel Energy. He finds this to be an ongoing issue with them. He did remind that the Spring Clean-Up is only 5 weeks away being held in June.

Councilman Mattern spoke passionately about his concerns of Ohio House bill 563. He said it is council's responsibility to protect the village residents. He went on to read numerous current news clippings of shootings and thefts happening at various Airbnb's.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Bob Merriman to create a Resolution opposing the passing of Ohio House bill 563.

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

Councilman Damron reported the Beautification Committee met Monday and they have received quotes for the veteran flags and are waiting for the quote on the brackets. The committee decided on garbage cans without the built-in flower pots and are going with a side door design of which they can attach some type of floral design. The Beautification Committee will have a table set up at the Wednesday's in Wintersville which will be located at Main & Grove Street.

Transfers/Advance:

None

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Gael Damron to pay bills.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is May 5, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor