

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, May 5, 2022

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

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

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Dr. Pennie Scarpone to approve the minutes from the April 21, 2022 meeting.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Commissioner Tony Morelli spoke about they are a couple of weeks out from awarding the recreation grant, the county get a percentage of the permissive tax and the year it is less than last year. With the American recuse money we plan to put some into the recreation fund. We would also want to help with the fireworks if possible.

Shelly Polsinelli of Garden Drive spoke concerning the Air BNB she state she was against it in the neighborhoods where they are.

Jason Mattern stated that Mrs. Polsinelli has been very understanding through this whole process.

State Representative Ron Ferguson stated that New Hampshire just passed into law what is proposed in Ohio.

Jason Mattern asked for some clarity on HB 563.

Mr. Ferguson advised that it is to bring short term rental in line with long term rentals. Also any zoning that would prohibit the use of rental in general would also apply to this.

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 third time.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Gael Damron to approve Ordinance 2022-04.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

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 third time.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Gael Damron to approve Ordinance 2022-05.

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

Motion passed 5-1.

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 third time.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Gael Damron to approve Ordinance 2022-06.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Reports & Announcements and Communications

Mayor Petrella said the Cynthia Rose Phillipson Charitable Foundation Rainbow Run Walk will be held Sunday June 5, 2022 at 9:00 Am at the Indian Creek High School.

Mayor Petrella reminded residents that after our project is done one line payments will be accepted in 2023.

Mayor Petrella reminded residents of the Summer Parks Program June 13 thru August 5, 2022 at Walnut Park from 9:00 to 1:00 for ages 5-13.

Mayor Petrella announced the swearing in for the new Police Chief would be Friday May 6, 2022 at 4:00 PM here at the Village Office.

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

Spring Cleanup schedule is every Monday in June according to your trash pick up. Please check the prohibited items. Also check J. B. Green Team's facebook page for items that they will take.

Mayor's Report:

Mayor Petralla attended Ohio Valley Business and Professional Women. I would like to congratulate Jeannine Sawson she was this years women of the year for their group.

Mayor Petrella gave Council an update on the new Police Chief Vandeborne is doing a phenomenal job.

Mayor and Walt Ziembra went over some project from the Parks and recreation Meeting, we did turn in some cheaper estimate so we can get some of this work done. We will have to see what the Commissioners will be able to help us with.

Mayor Petrella stated we do have money in the Park & recreation fund and there our some quotes in your packets.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Carmen DeStefano for L & M to install a metal roof and soffit and fascia at the Winters Drive Gazebo for the amount of \$4,900.00.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Dr. Pennie Scarpone, second by Jason Mattern to purchase a 12 x 24 new gazebo for \$11,232.00 for the tot lot in Garden Drive.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Dr. Pennie Scarpone to purchase flag poles for the memorial park at the pump house in the amount of \$2,500.00.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Dr. Pennie Scarpone to put out for bid a 2006 Ford Expedition VIN # 1FMPU16546LA97251 with a minimum bid of \$10,000.00 which is no longer need or used.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Matter, second by Gael Damron to amend Ordinance 2018-02 Mayor Court Cost to raise from \$85.00 to \$100.00 to cover court cost.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Bob Merriman to retro-actively approve the 6 month probationary period for new police officers and approve earned accrued time from first date of employment and update policy manual reflecting these revisions.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Administrator's Report:

Hydrant Flushing will be starting May 21 to 27 from 10:00 PM to 6:00 AM.

The Village to be taking application for summer help which will be at minimum wage.

Gael Damron asked what the kids do at the summer parks program.

Walt Ziemba stated is was started about 10 years ago or longer. They meet at Walnut Park to come and play, do crafts and play gamed. It is just to get the kids out.

Unfinished Business:

Randy Spence asked about the cameras at the garage.

Mayor Petrella spoke with Chief Vandeborne and we are making call this week to get cameras updated.

New Business

Gael Damron said the Veterans banner are doing well. The Community Garden program is in the works. On Wednesday in Wintersville people were brining in bulbs and plants to get started. The pump house is in the works and also working on the signs.

Jason Mattern congratulated Lou Vandeborne on becoming Chief keep up the good work.

Jason Mattern also thanked for having the documents before the meeting scanned to the councilmen. He also thanked the Administration and Code Enforcer regarding the issue on Canton road with Dollar General. He also asked if we could look into putting a sign and route 43 by Locust Street.

Walt Ziemba said that it does not meet the criteria and the road is not our responsibility.

Jason Mattern stated he talked with the Mayor regarding the winter parking.

Carmen DeStefano thanked council for the approval on the police pay raises this will help Chief Vanderborne to attract more Police Officers.

Rand Spence asked if we could patch some holes on Day Circle.

Walt Ziemba said once we get some summer help.

Gel Damron announced that there would be a Finance Committee meeting on May 12, 2022 at 6:00 PM.

Carmen DeStefano announced that there would be a Parks and Recreation Meeting May 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Dr. Pennie Scarpone said that someone mention to her that in Pennsylvania they sell tickets that residents can put on larger items for pick for \$15.00 to \$20.00 a ticket during the normal garbage pick up.

Walt Ziemba said during out regular trash pickup we normally don't have a roll off box. We get 5 roll off boxes for the month of June. Most of the time if someone sets something out we'll take it. I will talk to the Mayor about maybe getting a roll off box.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Dr. Pennie Scarpone to pay bill.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is May 19, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor