

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, July 7, 2022

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

Roll Call: Gael Damron absent, 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 seconded by Carmen DeStefano to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2022 meeting.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Bob Laukart representing the SVRTA reported meetings were held May 19th and June 23rd. The Authority owns a vacant lot on 6th & Adams Street which needs cleaned up including the removal of underground tanks which could be eligible under grant funding. The site is to be eventually be used as a charging station for the buses. The Authority is also discussing raising the annual passes to \$40.00.

Scott Bellicastro of Trebel Energy informed council that his company can help with funding and training of charging station as well as solar programs. Mr. Bellicastro went on to discuss the current electric aggregate and Trebel's fees vs. other electric aggregate companies. He reiterated that his company saved the village over \$70,000.00 putting the money back into the community. He just asked that he not be left out of the negotiations. Councilman Mattern noted that the village has had a nice relationship with him over the years and that he earned the right to be involved in the negotiations.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Resolution 2022-09: Authorizing Katie Saba of W.E. Quicksall to Prepare & Submit an Application to Participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and Small Government Program and Mayor Mike Petrella to Execute Contracts as Required as was read for the 1st time.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules for a 2nd and 3rd read.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2022-09: Authorizing Katie Saba of W.E. Quicksall to Prepare & Submit an Application to Participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and Small Government Program and Mayor Mike Petrella to Execute Contracts as Required as was read for the 2nd & 3rd time.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Bob Merriman to approve.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2022-10: A Resolution Stating the Village of Wintersville Opposes the Passage of Ohio House Bill 563 which Restricts the Regulation of Short-Term Rentals by Municipalities was read for the 2nd time.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Bob Merriman to suspend the rules for the 3rd read.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2022-10: A Resolution Stating the Village of Wintersville Opposes the Passage of Ohio House Bill 563 which Restricts the Regulation of Short-Term Rentals by Municipalities was read for the 3rd time.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Bob Merriman to suspend the rules for the third read.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Merriman to approve.

Vote: Randy Spence Nay, Carman DeStefano nay, Pennie Scarpone Nay, Jason Mattern yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion failed to pass.

Ordinance 2022-11: Amending Section 171.03(a) of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Wintersville, Ohio to Increase the Local Court Costs for Moving, Non-Moving and Criminal Violations by Fifteen (\$15.00) Dollars was read for the 2nd time.

Ordinance 2022-12: A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Mike Petrella to Prepare & Submit an Application to Participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and Small Government Program and Mayor Mike Petrella to Execute Contracts as Required for the Moon Valley (ETAL) Project as was read for the 1st time.

Ordinance 2022-13: A Resolution Authorizing Mayor Mike Petrella to Prepare & Submit an Application to Participate in the OPWC State Capital Improvement and Small Government Program and Mayor Mike Petrella to Execute Contracts as Required for the 2023 Resurfacing Program as was read for the 1st time.

Resolution 2022-14: Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying Them to the County Auditor was read for the 1st time.

Reports & Announcements and Communications

The Mayor's Court Report, Police Report and Code Enforcement Officer reports were read for the month of June.

The Cops & Slubbers fundraiser is September 10th at Florian Hall.

Thunder in the Ville is July 8th & July 9th at the Jefferson County Airpark with fireworks Saturday at 10:00 P.M.

The Josh Merriman Foundation Golf Outing is August 13th at the Steubenville County Club. T-time is 8:00 A.M.

The Wintersville Fire Department Gun Bash is October 15th.

Mayor Petrella reminded residents to slow down going through the village to protect our children and businesses. He also asked that residents please keep their grass cut. Many took advantage of the spring cleanup event and two homes had an enormous amount of trash and will be billed for the overage.

Mayor Petrella reported fake RoboCalls acting as a representative of the Village of Wintersville has been taking place. He reminded residents to attend the village committee meetings and council meetings to keep up to date on all village business.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Petrella requested a moment of silence in remembrance of Perry Lee Pool who passed away June 18, 2022 after 30 + years working for the village.

Bruce Snider has announced his retirement after 40 + years and thanked him for his years of service.

Mayor Petrella thanked Council President Randy Spence for filling in while he was on vacation.

The raising of the manholes project is still underway. The Mayor thanked all involved in helping with the recent waterline break and mentioned the need for an on-call list for the breaks.

Mayor Petrella thank Administrator Ziemba for obtaining a \$375,000 USDA Grant/Loan for new equipment.

Mayor Petrella thanked the sanitation and streets departments for their hard work during the month of June spring clean-up days.

Mayor Petrella requested a motion to waive the six month probationary period for Patrolman Eric Hashbarger and increase his hourly pay rate to \$17.00/hr.

Jason Mattern put forth the motion and Randy Spence seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Petrella welcomed the Massage Joint on Main Street to the Village.

Wendy's did a \$1 Million Dollar renovation and expressed their love of having a business in Wintersville.

Bob and Gael Damron has sold Heavenly Coach Limo to Nicholas Davis and he intends to keep the business in the village.

He also thanked Bob Coppa for his continued volunteer work.

The improvements to the Parks are almost done. Mayor Petrella had asked Teddy Chuich to lead the cleanup projects and he did an outstanding job. Walnut Park is having issues with dogs not on leashes running and relieving themselves in the park without owners. The dogs must be on a lease or kept out.

Administrator's Report:

Administrator Ziemba requested permission to advertise for sealed bids to sell the following vehicles:

2006 Ford Expedition VIN# 1FMPU16546LA97251 for a minimum \$10,000 bid with equipment or \$3,500 minimum bid to the public with no equipment.

2012 Chevy Impala VIN# 2G1WD5E32C118747 for a minimum bid of \$1,000.

2009 Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAHP71V19X131654 for a minimum bid of \$1,000.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Bob Merriman to approve the purchase of a new Kubota Tractor for the sewer department not to exceed \$30,000.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Ziemba reported close to 70 tons of trash was picked up during the spring cleanup and a few loads were taken to the Brooke County Landfill.

Unfinished Business:

Councilman Spence asked the Mayor about the street sweeper.

New Business

Jason Mattern ran into Betty Steiner and said to tell all the older councilmembers “hi”.

Councilman Mattern asked that committee members announcement “talking points” prior to the committee meetings; i.e.: emails with bullet points.

Randy Spence said the personnel committee had discussed an employee referral program where they would pay an employee \$500 for referring a friend to work for the village so long as the new hire stays for one year and \$250 for staying six months. He also reported they intend to do performance reviews this month.

Councilman Spence said that Teddy Chuich, Justin Emery and other employees have expressed interest in getting trained on various pieces of big equipment on weekends.

Transfers/Advance:

None

Motion by Jason Mattern second by Randy Spence to pay the bills. Mr. Mattern abstained from Check # 47042 payable to Sal Chemical.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Pennie Scarpone to adjourn.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is August 4, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor