

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, August 4, 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 absent, Administrator Walt Ziemba present, Solicitor Jake Linn present.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Amendment to Ordinance 2022-10 from the July 7, 2022 there was no vote or roll call on the suspending the third read on this ordinance which make it invalid so tonight we will do a third reading.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to amend the minutes on the third reading of Ordinance 2022-10.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Commissioner Morelli and Commissioner Graham congratulated the Recreation Committee for \$10,000.00.

Commissioner Morelli stated that the Village is doing a great job.

Commissioner Graham stated that the Check was mailed out.

Mayor Petrella stated that the Village did receive the check.

Jason Mattern said that the Money is greatly appreciated and now it is our job to use that money appropriately.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

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 Pennie Scarpone to approve Ordinance 2022-10.

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

Motion Failed 3-2.

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 3rd time.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve Ordinance 2022-11.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

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 2nd 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 2nd 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 2nd time.

Ordinance 2022-15:An Ordinance directing the Village Clerk to certify grass mowing charges to the Jefferson County Auditor's Office for placement on the Real Estate tax duplicate as liens and to be collected with Real Estate Taxes. 1st read.

Ordinance 2022-16: An Ordinance directing the Village Clerk to certify Water Fees to the Jefferson County Auditor's Office for placement on the Real Estate tax duplicate as liens and to be collected with Real Estate Taxes. 1st read.

Ordinance 2022-17: An Ordinance directing the Village Clerk to certify Sanitary Sewer Fees to the Jefferson County Auditor's Office for placement on the Real Estate tax duplicate as liens and to be collected with Real Estate Taxes. 1st read.

Ordinance 2022-18: An Ordinance directing the Village Clerk to certify Sanitation Fees to the Jefferson County Auditor's Office for placement on the Real Estate tax duplicate as liens and to be collected with Real Estate Taxes. 1st read.

Reports & Announcements and Communications

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

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

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.

The Speed Sign will be out in different areas of the Village so please slow down.

Mayor Petrella reported fake RoboCalls acting as a representative of the Village of Wintersville has been taking place. Also on the internet. He reminded residents to attend the village committee meetings and council meetings to keep up to date on all village business. If you have any questions call the office or any Council Member. Also follow News from Wintersville on Facebook for accurate information.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Petrella Thanked Tom and Tammy Straka and all the volunteers and sponsors especially Council for their sponsor for Thunder in the Ville. It was a huge success there were a couple of bumps with it being the first year back Tom and the Volunteers deserve a ton of credit.

Thank you to Randy Spence and Bob Merriman for their help also.

Congratulations to Jordan Hiles, she was the 2022 OVAC Queen of Queens at the All Star Games this year.

Thank You to Justin, Randy, Lou, Teddy and Bob Arnold who all worked on several water breaks. And thank you to the Police department for helping out.

Thank you for the guys who helped clean up after the storm that came through.

Thank you to all that donated their time to help get the benches up and the veteran banners.

A quick update on the manholes we have 6 more to do.

We are going around and getting the fire hydrants repaired and painted.

We wanted to thank all the businesses big and small for investing back into the Village.

I want to thank our police department s they are now fully staffed.

I would like to thank the Police Department for all the work they do for the Village.

Administrator's Report:

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

No bid on the 2006 Ford Expedition VIN# 1FMPU16546LA97251.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to approve selling the 2012 Chevy Impala VIN# 2G1WD5E32C118747 for a bid of \$1,159.18. 2009 Crown Victoria VIN# 2FAHP71V19X131654 for a bid of \$1,059.18.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Salt Prices have gone up \$4.55 a ton.

The OPIOID Settlement we received our first share check of \$1,465 it is to be for 18 months. However the approved purchases with this is very limited. We may need some legal guidance on this.

The Village did purchase the Kubota Tractor for \$28,400.00. We are going to hold on to the old one and not sell it for a while.

The next item I have is South Avalon Drive where the sanitation and plow truck back into the drive way and turn around we put some asphalt on it last year. The Gentleman is nice enough to let us use his drive way I have a quote of \$8,930.00 to go back 14 feet and make a concrete pad it will come out of the Sanitation R & I Fund.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve to Concrete a pad in South Avalon at the price of \$8,930.00 for our trucks can turn around.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Unfinished Business:

Randy Spence asked the Employee referral program.

Solicitor Jake Linn said he thought it would be legal.

Jason Mattern asked about the back hoe training that would need to be an agreement made with the property owner.

Jason Mattern asked about Walnut Park and dog restriction.

Walt Ziembra to enforce that we are hoping to get one with this new complex.

Randy Spence we discussed at the last meeting about the 4 Departments and making a head of each Department to get things done in a timely manner.

Walt Ziembra we have that now.

Vern is Street and Sanitation, Justin Water and Teddy is sewer.

Mayor Petrella said we could have and Maintenance supervisor we could give him some more money to do this.

Walt Ziembra stated that just because you have CDL doesn't mean you can be a snowplow driver. Same thing I wouldn't put a new guy out there digging up a water line.

New Business

Jason Mattern the Seven Ranges Fire District had their meeting. There was a nice article in the Herald Star regarding the benefits of the new facility at the Fire Department

Also speeding is an issue and motorcycle safety.

Rob Barker has some issues on Winters Drive regarding water run off not going to the drains.

Carmen DeStefano regarding Beechwood and the pot hole and the water breaks if we could get some gravel or black top over there.

Mayor Garden Drive Park is looking great but there are things that need done at Walnut Park. The estimate to power wash, Painting, labor and material is \$2,575.00.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Carmen DeStefano to approve the work to be done on the parks in the amount of \$2,575.00.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Petrella the roof at Walnut park needs replaced the estimate is \$4,800.00.

Motion by Randy Spence to replace the roof at Walnut Park in the amount of \$4,800.00.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Petrella has estimate for the cameras at various areas in the village

Village Building	\$9,020.45
Street Garage	\$6,662.76
Walnut Park	\$7,136.99
Garden Park	\$2,979.21

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to approve the amount of \$25,799.41.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Randy Spence asked if there were copies of DVD's of the council meeting.

Walt Ziembra Yes in my office.

Transfers/Advance:

None

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to pay the bills.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Petrella reminded everyone that starting in September we will be going back to 2 meeting a month the first on will be September 1, 2022.

Next scheduled Meeting is September 1, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor