

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, September 1, 2022

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

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

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Randy Spence to approve the minutes from the August 4, 2022 meeting.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Persons Appearing Before Council

Bob Laukert attended the August 12, 2022 Seven Ranges Fire District meeting, wherein they approve increasing the 2022 appropriations. Mr. Laukert reported that the SVRTA riding pass her increased from \$30.00 annually to \$40.00. The buses need replaced and they are working on grants. SVRTA is offering bus service to the Amazon Industrial Park in Pennsylvania.

Ron Cavanaugh of Beechwood inquired as to the 180 Beechwood are and the sinking patch holes and 141 Beechwood time line for paving repairs. Administrator Ziemba said the time frame looks to be the end of September.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Resolution 2022-12: 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 as was read for the 3rd time.

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve Resolution 2022-12.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

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 3rd time.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve Resolution 2022-13.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

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 3rd time.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve Resolution 2022-14.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-15: 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 was read for the 1st time.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Randy Spence to suspend the rules for an emergency read.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-15: was read for the second and third time. Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Jason Mattern to approve Ordinance 2022-15.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-16: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify Delinquent 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 was read for the 1st time.

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Jason Mattern to suspend the rules for an emergency read.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-16: was read for the second and third time. Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve Ordinance 2022-16.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-17: Directing the Village Clerk to Certify Delinquent 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 was read for the 1st time.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules for an emergency read.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-16: was read for the second and third time. Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve Ordinance 2022-17.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-18: 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 was read for the 1st time.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Gael Damron to suspend the rules for an emergency read.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-18: was read for the second and third time. Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve Ordinance 2022-18.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Reports & Announcements and Communications

The Mayor's Court Report, Police Report and Code Enforcement Officer reports were read.

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

The Wintersville Fire Department Gun Bash is October 15th.

Wintersville Winter Bash will be December 3rd hosting light up night with luminaries and December 4th with the Christmas Parade at 4 P.M.

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.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Petrella wished Councilman Merriman a speedy recovery after his recent surgery. Mayor Petrella congratulated Zion McKee as the Indian Creek player of the week.

Thank you for Laura Rouch and the four volunteers from Voto Sales that painted the old police station. Thank you to Bob Coppa and Councilman Spence for finishing the setup of benches and veteran banners. Thank you to all village employees for going a great job.

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve Optics Consulting as the village energy advisors.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Pennie Scarpone seconded by Randy Spence to approve the creation of the Nuisance Appeals Board: Toby McCoy – 1 year, Jim Antol – 2 years, and Beth Bressler for 3 years.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Petrella welcomed new businesses Buy Here Pay Here used car dealership on State Route 43 and Roadside Hobby. There have been ten new businesses opened in the Village this year.

Administrator's Report

Columbia Gas is beginning the Moon Valley/Leonard Avenue Project. They are currently locating lines.

The paving projects will begin the latter part of September.

New Business

Gael Damron reported that the beautification committee has planned a scarecrow decorating contest. The frames can be purchased for \$50 from Exquisite Creations beginning September 7th through September 28th and returned decorated by October 1st. The scarecrows will line Main Street. A form can be filled out to enter the contest and cash or check is accepted. The judging will be October 5th and displayed through October 31st. The Beautification Committee will be meeting with the principal's and art teachers of Indian Creek High School, Jefferson County Christian School & Catholic Central to participate in painting the mural wall. The Village entrance signs will be replaced in the spring.

Wintersville Winter Weekend will offer \$5 luminaries, craft vendors & food trucks and wrapping up December 4th with the Christmas Parade. All proceeds will be donated to the American Cancer Society. There are three dogs shows at Friendship Park this weekend.

Gael Damron scheduled a finance meeting for September 29th at 6 P.M.

Transfers/Advance

None

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Randy Spence to pay the bills. Mr. Mattern abstained from Check # 47397 payable to Sal Chemical.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Pennie Scarpone to adjourn.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Jason Mattern yea.

Motion passed 4-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is September 15, 2022 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor