

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, November 17, 2022

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

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

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Randy Spence to approve the minutes from the November 3, 2022 meeting.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Bob Merriman, yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Guests

Bob Laukert representing BHJ briefed council on their recent meeting. They passed a resolution to monitor safety issues wherein they are seeking a 50% reduction in deaths on the roads. The Market Street Bridge in Steubenville was last rehabbed in 2011 wherein it is reaching the 10 year life span. Annual inspections are performed and the bridge as is classified as "poor". It will eventually have to be taken down and the committee is evaluating the need for a new bridge in a new location.

SVRTA has reported overall ridership is up showing a 93% increase for the Village. They are seeking federal funding to replaced 5 buses.

Joel John owner of Exquisite Creations thanked everyone who attended Wednesday's in Wintersville and the police department for their help. They had over 75 vendors and 10 food trucks. The plans are in the works for next year.

Several events have been added to the Wintersville Winter Weekend on December 3rd & 4th. The ice skating hours have been changed to 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Saturday and Sunday. A Gift Market will be held at Blessed Sacrament Church Saturday from 11:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. The tree lighting at Wintersville Methodist Church is Saturday at 5:45 P.M., luminaries 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. will be lit. They can be purchased for \$5.00. All donations are going to the Terramara Cancer Center. Easy Fresh Meals is hosting a chili cookoff.

Sunday, December 4th a style show at Florian Hall will take place and a choir will be singing at the Municipal Building for the tree lighting ceremony.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2022-20: Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Energy Service Agreement on Behalf of the Village with Optics Consulting LLC for Energy Procurement Services and Declaring an Emergency was read for the first time.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules for an emergency read.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2022-20: Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Energy Service Agreement on Behalf of the Village with Optics Consulting LLC for Energy

Procurement Services and Declaring an Emergency was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Carmen DeStefano to approve.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2022-21: Amending Section 351.14 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Wintersville Ohio which Addresses Parking During Snow Removal and Declaring an Emergency was read for the first time.

Motion by Bob Merriman seconded by Randy Spence to suspend the rules for an emergency read.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2022-21: Amending Section 351.14 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Wintersville Ohio which Addresses Parking During Snow Removal and Declaring an Emergency was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Gael Damron to approve.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Reports & Announcements and Communications

November 21st will be last day of leaf pickup. Leaves should be swept to the curb not onto the roads. The recycling bins have been moved next to Cedar One on Canton Road. Anyone interested in participating in the parade of December 4th should call Tammy Straka at the Municipal Building.

The Annual Christmas Decorating Contest will be December 10th & 11th. Each councilperson is asked to have three picks.

Thanksgiving Holiday trash pickup is as follows: Thursday's normal pickup will be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2022.

Mayor's Report

Congratulations to Jake Linn and his wife on expecting their first baby and to Randy Spence who has another grandchild.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve \$1,000.00 for the employee Christmas party.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve the purchase of \$50.00 gift cards for employees.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Petrella thanked Justin Emery, Teddy Chuich, Seth Demos & Sklyer Pfouts for fixing the most recent water break.

Marc Marcus has stepped down as foreman of the street department. Randy Baksa has been appointed to the position.

Administrator's Report:

Mr. Ziembra wanted to remind residents of the trash pickup date for Thanksgiving Day being moved to Wednesday.

New Business

The next finance meeting is to be scheduled after the Thanksgiving Holiday.

Gael Damron congratulated Randy Baksa on his newly appointed foreman position.

Randy Spence congratulated Randy Baksa on his newly appointed foreman position. Mr. Spence inquired if NPL Paving could come back to smooth out the road between Leonard Avenue and Fernwood Road.

Transfers/Advance:

None

Motion by Gael Damron second by Randy Spence to pay the bills.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Gael Damron second by Pennie Scarpone to adjourn.

Vote: Gael Damron yea, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Bob Merriman yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

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

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor