

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, December 15, 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 absent.

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 Pennie Scarpone seconded by Carmen DeStefano to approve the minutes from the December 1, 2022 meeting.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Guests

Bob Laukert representing the SVRTA reported on their monthly meeting, wherein The City of Weirton passed a memorandum of understanding. The Village of Wintersville's ridership is 90.3% over last year.

Commissioner Tony Morelli complimented the mayor, council & administration on a job well done thus far. Mr. Morelli expanded on the Appalachian Grant of 700 million dollars which is left over ARPA money available to 32 counties. It is a technical planning grant and the applicant's final plans are to be submitted by December 2023. Included on the grant it states that the state will provide planners, architects and contractors per Commissioner Morelli.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2022-22: to Approve Temporary Appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023 was read for the second and third time.

Motion by Pennie Scarpone, seconded Randy Spence to suspend the rules.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Gael Damron to approve.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-23: Providing for Pay Raises for the Village Employees Effective on the First Pay of 2023 was read for the second and time.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Gael Damron to approve.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Ordinance 2022-26: Providing for Retroactive Pay Raises for a Village Employees was read.

Motion by Pennie Scarpone seconded by Gael Damron to approve.

Vote: Gael Damron, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea
Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Carmen DeStefano seconded by Gael Damron to approve.

Vote: Gael Damron, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea
Motion passed 4-0.

Reports & Announcements and Communications

The Christmas Lights Decorating Contest winners are:
317 Meadow, 117 Woodland Park, 332 Springdale Ave., 136 Tera Manor, 167 Parkview Drive, 198 Rex Avenue and 227 Sam's Way.

Mayor Petrella asked residents to stay safe and please no drinking and driving over the upcoming holidays.

Many have called regarding the snowflake Christmas decorations needing repairs and they are continually working on the repairs.

There will not be garbage pickup on Monday, December 26, 2023 it will be Tuesday, December 27, 2023.

Columbia Gas will be returning in the spring to finish their cleanup of yards & roadways from their recent work in the village.

The first Winter in Wintersville Weekend was a huge success! Mayor Petrella thanked Pennie Scarpone & the Spence's for putting together the float for the parade. He also thanked Joel John for organizing the event and Cedar One Realty for their contribution to make the event a success. He also thanked the citizens for the participation.

Mayor's Report

Indian Creek School's Honor Society students decorated the village snowplows with "PRIDE"

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve paying a bill from R.W. Moodie & Sons in the amount of \$4,500.00 for worked completed to move the playground equipment from the school to the village grounds.

Vote: Gael Damron, Randy Spence yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Pennie Scarpone yea
Motion passed 4-0.

Mayor Petrella thanked Nick Davis of Heavenly Coach Limo for picking up needed parts for village in Zanesville and delivering to the village as he has a business in Zanesville and graciously helped out.

The Mayor complimented employee, George Kovach for jumping in and helping a resident of Karen Place as to when her garbage pickup day would be as she is new to the area.

Bob Laukert has again been appointed as the village representative for BHJ. The Mayor did appoint Pennie Scarpone as a representative effective January 1, 2023.

Following the Finance Meeting on Monday, December 12, 2022 the Mayor has been told that the village is going to run of money. With that being said: "Not everyone gets a participation trophy's" nor will everyone get a raise this year. He also stated he was told he could not run the village like a business. He is running the village like a business.

Mayor Petrella read off a list of his accomplishments since winning the election of which he ran on: Accountability, Prosperity & Transparency: He solidified switching aggregate companied from Trebel to Optics Consulting, LLC. He stated he had Councilman Spence do a little investigating into Trebel Electric & Gas Suppliers only to find that his company makes \$500,000.00 to \$1,000,000.00 of dollars while only saving residents \$30.00 on their utility bills.

The village is now maintaining their own equipment not have to pay outside companies. Chief Vandeborne will be appointing a new nuisance officer after the 1st of the year. The police department was able to upfit their newest cruiser to be street ready.

Councilperson Damron has spearheaded the beautification committee. Thirteen new businesses have moved into the village this year. The Mayor has put a stop to personal use of village vehicles. He has also hired the new village solicitor, Jake Linn.

Mayor Petrella said there will be additional changes after the first of the year.

Administrator's Report:

No report.

New Business

The next finance meeting is scheduled for January 9, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Gael Damron thanked Davis Enterprises for their quick response and repairs to Crawford Avenue. She also thanked Bob Coppa for all his tremendous help with everything and anything. Mrs. Damron wished everyone a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Carmen DeStefano is happy to see the village moving in the right direction and being able to get the police wages up to par.

Randy Spence thanked Commissioner Morelli for attending this evenings meeting. He went on to thank the Christmas lights contest contestants for participating and the many workers of the Winter in Wintersville Festival Parade. He is happy to see the Mayor stick to his platform.

Transfers/Advance:

None

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Pennie Scarpone to pay the bills.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Motion by Carmen DeStefano seconded by Pennie Scarpone to adjourn.

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

Motion passed 4-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is January 5, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor