

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, January 5, 2023

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 absent, Solicitor Jake Linn present.

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Randy Spence to table the approval of the minutes from the December 15, 2022 meeting pending review of the audio taped recording of the meeting.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2023-01: to Repeal Village of Wintersville Ordinance 2022-20 which Authorized the Administrator to Enter into an Energy services agreement on behalf of the Village with Optics Consulting LLC and Declaring an Emergency was read.

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

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Carman DeStefano to approve.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Reports & Announcements and Communications

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

The Chief of Police and Captain Fabian are organizing a weight loss challenge event welcoming all employees to participate.

Mayor's Report

Motion by Carmen DeStefano seconded by Pennie Scarpone to approve the purchase of one Snowflake Christmas Street Light spending up to \$1,000.00.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

The Village has been looking to hire part-time CDL drivers and a retired man interviewed for the position.

Chief of Police Lou Vandeborne appointed Eric Hashbarger as the new nuisance officer effective January 1, 2023.

Thomas Straka will stay on as the Code Enforcement Building Permits Officer.

Administrator's Report:

No report.

New Business

Nominations were opened to elect a new council president. Jason Mattern nominated Bob Merriman. Pennie Scarpone nominated Randy Spence. Nominations were closed.

Roll Call Vote: Randy voted Spence; Carmen DeStefano voted Spence; Pennie Scarpone voted Spence; Jason Mattern voted Merriman; Bob Merriman voted Merriman.

Vote 3-2 for Randy Spence as Council President.

Mayor Petrella said that the new 2023 Committee Members will be decided. The January 9, 2023 finance meeting is cancelled. Mayor Petrella asked council to review the Rules of Council.

Jason Mattern congratulated the Indian Creek Wrestling Team and Coach Brandon Pendleton for "bringing the team back".

Councilman Mattern thanked the sanitation workers for their kindness to the resident on Grandview Drive who missed the garbage truck.

Councilman Mattern has been notified his name has been pulled as a potential juror, so if he seems absent from some meetings that is why. He welcomed new business, Bell's Pizza. Councilman Mattern addressed the need to get the snow parking passes approved or denied. A meeting of the street committee is set for Monday, January 9, 2023 at 6:00 PM.

Mayor Petrella asked for a motion to remote without cause the Village Administrator Walter Ziemba effective immediately.

Pennie Scarpone made the motion and Randy Spence seconded the motion.

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

Motion passed 3-2.

Mayor Petrella said he is to turn in all his keys, documents and cell phone and a police officer will be with him as he cleans out his office.

Transfers/Advance:

None

Motion by Carmen DeStefano seconded by Randy Spence to pay the bills.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Randy Spence seconded Carmen DeStefano to adjourn.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is January 19, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor