

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2023

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 present.

Officials: Mayor Mike Petrella present, Fiscal Officer Denise Geanangel 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 December 15, 2022 minutes.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Gael Damron to approve the January 5, 2023 minutes.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

None

Reports & Announcements and Communications

Mr. Laukert has been moved to speak under Reports, Announcements & Communications as the representative of SVTRA and BHJ.

Mr. Laukert briefed council on the BHJ Meeting held January 18th where he and Michael Dolak were voted in as chairman and vice-chairman. The widening of Lover's Lane construction could begin as early as this year.

An update on the progress of the new bridge was given with a tentative opening date of May 2023. Once the new bridge opens a study will be done to evaluate the aging Market Street Bridge.

Thunder-in-the Ville will be June 23th & 24th with the fireworks display on June 24th.

Mayor's Report

Mayor Petrella thanked Trevor Kuntz, an off-duty officer, for assisting the Wintersville Police Department at an assault at Kroger's.

Motion by Pennie Scarpone seconded by Bob Merriman to approve W.E. Quicksall & Associates to prepare and provide compliance of an I & I Study for the Village/EPA with required mapping and I&I reduction efforts taken by the Village at a budgetary cost of \$3,400 to \$3,600.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

W.E. Quicksall & Associates has presented the yearly general services agreement to the village for approval. Mayor Petrella will have Solicitor Linn review prior to signing.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Randy Spence to authorize Mayor Petrella to sign approving participation in the ODOT Local Roadway Oil & Shale State Funding Program.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Mayor Petrella is working to get an update as to where the ongoing meter projects stands currently.

The 2023 fire hydrant flushing schedule was shared. Councilman Spence inquired as to why some hydrants are flushed monthly and it is due to TTP's building at the end of the line hydrants.

The OPWC Grant submitted for the Moon Valley/Rex Avenue water line and paving did not get funding approval. W.E. Quicksall & Associates will continue to look for funding.

Sewer superintendent, Teddy Chuich, thanked Captain Fabian for the help in fixing the laptop issues at the plant.

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Pennie Scarpone to hire Jesse Kosegi as the new administrator.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Administrator's Report:

No report.

New Business

Motion by Randy Spence seconded by Jason Mattern to keep the current Rules of Council in place as there were no objections to them.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Gael Damron seconded by Pennie Scarpone to accept the appointment of the committees as presented by Council President.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Mr. Spence said he would like for the Department Heads to come to a council meeting once a month to give an update of their departments and for Committee Chairpersons to report at each meeting. He also did confirm that special meetings does not require a week notice just 24 hours.

Pennie Scarpone cited O.R.C. 735.06 the opening of sealed bids over \$50,000 in a public meeting.

Dr. Scarpone is requesting an appropriation status report, revenue status report and fund status report at the second meeting of the month. The finance committee will be having a monthly finance meeting.

Jason Mattern said he ran into Ettore Canestraro, a former village policeman and Sheriff Fred Abdalla, Jr.

Garden Drive and St. Rt. 43 by Tingler Plumbing needs paved. Bob Smith was sworn in as the Indian Creek School Board President. Mr. Mattern also puts his support behind the honoring of deceased Coach Mel Coleman of the former Wintersville High School.

Mr. Mattern inquired if any snow passes had been issued and six have been issued so far. The street committee has come up with a rough draft application for a snow pass. He wants to be made sure it clearly states the rules of obtaining a parking snow pass.

Mr. Mattern inquired of Chief Vandeborne if he knew who issues approved handicap parking spots and signs for Wintersville residents. Mr. Mattern cited O.R.C. 735.21 requesting an opinion from the Village Solicitor regarding the removal of the village administrator questioning if it is allowed with the majority vote of the elected council or just those in attendance.

Mr. Mattern congratulated Jesse Kosegi on his new administrator job. Mr. Mattern did thank past administrator Walt Ziemba on obtaining over \$20 million in infrastructure grants during his tenure with the village. He did advise that the Regional Planning Commission is helpful in finding grants and does offer training in grant writing.

Mr. Mattern offered his condolences to the family of John "Jack" Kearney upon his passing. He was remembered as a member of the Village of Wintersville Water Board and being able to fix anything.

Mayor Petrella at the end of the meeting asked the residents of the village to please be patient with him & council as they are making the right decisions to move the village forward.

Transfers/Advance:

None

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded by Randy Spence to pay the bills.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern seconded Gael Damron to adjourn.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Next scheduled Meeting is February 2, 2023 at 7:00 P.M.

Denise Geanangel
Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor