

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, April 20, 2023

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

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

Officials: Mayor Mike Petrella present, Fiscal Officer absent, Administrator Jesse Kosegi present, Solicitor Jake Linn absent

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Can I get a motion to appoint myself Pennie Scarpone as administrator and or clerk for this meeting?

Motion by Carmen DeStefano, second by Gael Damron to appoint Pennie Scarpone as administrator and or clerk for this meeting.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Bob Merriman to approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting. of April 6 2023.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Guests

None.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Ordinance 2023-09: An Ordinance amending several Chapters and Section of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Wintersville, Ohio to change the Position of Building Inspector to Code Enforcement Officer was read for the third time.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Pennie Scarpone to approve Ordinance 2023-09.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-10: An Ordinance amending Chapter 1341 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Wintersville, Ohio was read for the third time.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Pennie Scarpone to approve Ordinance 2023-10.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2023-29: A Resolution Authorizing Participation in the ODOT Salt Contracts Awarded in 2023 was read for the second time.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Carmen DeStefano to suspend the rules for the second and third reads.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Gael Damron to approve Ordinance 2023-29.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-30: An Ordinance Creating and Implementing Section 993.13 of the Codified Ordinances on the Village of Wintersville was read for the second time.

Announcements

Cynthia's 5K Rainbow Run May 21, 2023

F.O.P. Lodge 97 Annual Golf Outing June 11, 2023

Thunder in the Ville June 23 & 24 2023 at Jefferson County Airpark

Reports and Communications

Mayor Petrella: Water department superintendent. Please come on

My name is George Kovach Supervisor for the Water department we had been approved for USDA grant before I took the position and there was a balance of \$7,000 left over and we were able to use that to get us a trailer for the water department for specifically water brakes to have all of the material and tools in one spot ready to go so I didn't have to gather anything up or throw it in trucks and also provide a place for my workers to get out of the rain if it's raining and stay warm when it's cold. Tom's trailers in Pa had the lowest estimate at \$6,700. So that's when we went with Jessie has a few more details to iron out. But we're getting that one after that soon. We had a couple of water breaks last couple of weeks one on the 3rd and the 7th that

went reasonably well managed to get those taken care of we have usually have one handheld for reading meters. Now we have two so that we can try to make it more efficient and quick for our workers to get it done faster. The guys from Core and Main are coming down next week to help program that new remote and also to discuss the meter project that will be coming hopefully starting in July we've got a new alarm system updated and installed in the water garage so that any past codes or anything would have been erased so that only present employees with authorization can utilize that. And we're also updating the software in our computer to make emails and sending and receiving a lot easier.

Mayor Petrella : Now our Sewer department superintendent.

Teddy Chuich: How is everyone doing? Good? How are you? Give me a little rundown of the wastewater department. Basically, the guys and myself make cleaning up the plant cutting grass spraying weed killer getting the leaves out of there from the fall. They've been doing a really good job at that. We actually had to go out and pull a couple pumps at are lift stations one was Terrace and before something happened and kept reading high temp and what that means is it's either low on oil in one side so before something happened to it, we had to pull it get it serviced before something else down the road happened to lift station, so we got that taken care of. We got it to Randy and he's going to service it for us. And same thing down at our main treatment plant. We have a scum pit and what the scum pit does is it takes all the scum off the top of the clarifiers and dumps it into our pit and it's pumped back to the head of the plant. So one of those pumps went bad. We had to get that service and Randy Cloudbooks got to take care of that for us and change oil and rewind it for us. About a month ago I got a hold of Chris from Pro tech and what he does is he manages our SCADA system and what our SCADA system does is it tells us if something is wrong and it lifts station and so that was an all the way hooked up from years back. I got with Jesse, met with Chris and we're going get that system taken care of. So basically what we do every week is we go Monday, Friday, we go to live stations, make sure they're running Okay. Spent about 20 minutes half hour at each of them. And but that's not saying once we leave there, something happens. So what the SCADA systems got to do is notify us down the plant and say hey, Teddy, Steven, Alan, there's a problem that say Moon Valley, Terrace, Leonard Avenue, get down here check it out. So in the long run, that's going to save us. Tree trimmers up and down the road or plant trimming the trees back from our drying beds. And that's basically all I got. Does anyone have any questions?

Mayor Petrella: Thank you guys.

Next Sanitation department. Superintendent Come on up

Bobby Arnold: The sanitation has few things going on. I got two new customers. Happy with us in the Village one's the new car wash also PC bank now we got them to pick up. And a few other things Gale fencing you got our fence gates closes now. So we are legal. Start having the gates wide open or closed and now we've closed every night. Keep people throwing trash in our hoppers, also we got the dumpsters are word for spring cleanup which will come up here in June, which the mayor is going go for more information on that later on through the meeting. So I don't have to go through the schedule. He's going to do the scheduling for me. Thank you, Mayor, and one of the things that you guys can do for me is help find me a driver. I'm the only driver but I got two other ones. Three other ones to back me up. It's two items here tonight. And the other guy he works on the street side his name's Mark and I definitely need a CDL driver. So if you guys know anybody, please help me out. I'd be grateful appreciation. Okay, and that's about it. Guys, I have any questions.

Jason Mattern: I got a question or comment. Bob, looking for CDL drivers is going to be

extremely difficult. We have hazmat CDL drivers over where I work and we're in West Virginia. What we just did recently was we went to the Rockefeller Center in New Cumberland they have a CDL program up there and sometimes you can get kids right out of the CDL school up there that may be interested for a job Bob let me get your info I can at least maybe give you the contact we have up there with Sal chemical. And maybe that's an Opportunity landed kid right out of CDL school ready looking for a job. It's an extremely difficult market for CDL drivers. Let me let me let me see right after me and I'll get your number shoot you a text and try to hook you up at the Rockefeller Center.

Mayor Petrella: Police Department Chief Vanderborne.

Chief Vanderborne: Good evening, everybody. Since last meeting, few things. Our last full time hire James Harris. He's been on for three months if everything goes according to plan next month, he will be turned loose on his own on his own turn. Then we'll be running at least two officers per turn 24/7. On March 27, we swore in a part time officer Ed Pfouts, Ed comes here with over 30 years experience as an officer. He was on the highway patrol on the sheriff's department's we can plug him right in and he's good to go. There's very, very minimal training that he will have to do so he's going to the uniform shop on Monday. And from then on, you'll see his butt in the seat of a cruiser 8294 Our newest cruiser. It will be striped next week and it will be outfitted next week and it will be put on the road next week. Next week, both of my clerks Jen and Natalie, they're going away for clerks training for Magistrates Court on Thursday and Friday. So that'll put me in their office for two days answering phones Other than that, it's just been a daily grind downstairs with what we do. Any questions?

Jason Mattern: Well, I got I got an awesome past couple of weeks I've been driving around just checking out neighborhoods had a little extra time. And you know, I seen a larger presence of the police out pulling over speeders. It's well appreciated. Okay. I got a lot of positive feedback on that on April fourth, apparently a note affects CDL drivers, okay in the state of Ohio, instituted some hands free or whatever, remote control. You're not allowed to use a cell phone. Okay, on April, April 4, and it's a very serious issue that we have here. I driving through town and Steubenville and Weirton and on the highway there is a ton of people using their phone even chatting on the phone with the with the visuals. I really hope that that's something we can enforce moving forward. Illegal to hold a cell phone or electronic device in a hand lap or other part of the body. Okay. And that's the way we understand the rule over at Sal Chemical. If you could look into that and just you know, I don't know how we get notified on new rules and regulations are out there. But if we can look into that and I'm all for whatever support you need to enforce that T because there is a lot of distracted drivers out there. It's there's a lot of it's springtime. A lot of kids want to get out and run around. A lot of our two wheel friends are driving out there now. Whatever support you need to make sure we're enforcing this to force you got it?

Chief Vanderborne: Well the first thing we needed was for that to pass and it did pass in the past you can never pull someone over for that. That couldn't be that was not allowed being the primary reason to pull someone over. Now you can so with that pass and that's going to be a big help.

Jason Mattern: Keep up the good work, Lou. Appreciate it. Thanks.

Mayor Petrella: Mr. Laukert

Robert Laukert: Thank you Mayor, Robert Lockard your representative to council to Brooke Hancock, Jefferson County Metropolitan Planning Organization. And that's one report I'll give

you for April 19. When they present all the information pertaining to that meeting, there's a lot of detailed stuff that I'm going to present. I'll just give the highlight of the activities that went on with regard to that agency is required because the small metropolitan agency of the overall comparable agencies in the state of Ohio. As result they're required to provide a self certification to the state of Ohio Department. of transportation. And basically what it does, it's complying to all of the federal regulations. were maintaining the proper organization with regard to the operation of the Metropolitan Planning Organization. Basically, that's rather long and detailed. I'm not going to read all that but it was passed by those in attendance.

He's a transportation planning representative for BHJ. And Coney Chrisman is his name, he presented information regarding current activities. One is State Route seven Steubenville. A grant with regard to replacing a bunch of poles for electronic stop signalization and as a result of poles were delayed now they're here. There's going to be a completion of the installation. Those in the near future that will be complete. Lovers Lane, basically 95% of Lovers Lane with regret of the acquisition of property from land owners has being complete. Next process will be applying for additional grants have to complete that project. And then include widening of Lovers Lane. The plan was in this month, the power company will begin the operation of evaluating and removing and adjusting the poles that have to be moved to the future of the road. Also, the gas company will also be responsible for completing their work to move the gas lines accordingly. And that will be done. Hopefully this month completion date on those. Hopefully they're talking about a month to complete it. Thereafter, Grant will be obtained hopefully to widen the road and they're looking at 2024 that have been completed. I don't know what the timeframe is to get that complete. But mike Dolak from the city, the engineer and BHJ representatives various believes this project will be completed without much delay or any problems. With regard to the new bridge the problem with that is been a delay on the West Virginia side because of the weather situations and a contractor not getting back on the job to complete a section basically over Routes 7 to Third Street. So once that is complete that section we are advised by the West Virginia Department of Transportation representative that will be completed starting right now. And hopefully quickly, but then this is delayed the state of Ohio in completing their turn about on Third Street where it ends. They have to design and build that, that's part of the Ohio's problem. It's been delayed because of delay on the part of West Virginia. As far as the bridge itself, West Virginia dot indicated it will be late July. So all we can do is just hope for the best. Once that's done, Ohio will complete their work with regard to transportation overall with regard to new industry, Department of transportation in Ohio as a grant an amount of \$800,000 in Licking County to upgrade the transportation system to cover the building of the new Intel factory if you want to call it where they will be developing new microchips, but instead of a house take a lead with regard to producing this amount of money when new industry is coming in. Over here in our area. We're looking at the increased potential with regard to transportation like we have completed already Steel Valley, getting people to Amazon and that on the state of Ohio side. They were very pleased with regard to that big accomplishment work at getting people to a big Amazon's involvement. Other than that there's not much more with regard to ODOT in that meeting. I have a meeting Steel Valley Transit on March 16. I couldn't present information on that date because the clerk was here and presented her information regarding evaluation of the system here. There was a presentation from EM Media with regard to video clips, covering 30 seconds, 15 five, and very different short clip within 30 seconds to a minute, basically is just presenting information to the public with regard to the operation of steel Valley Transit System. And that's about all that was regarding that presentation. As far as the operations manager indicated, systems are the operation system with regard to maintain buses and is very good. Bus Service is good, no problems there with regard to getting people around with regard to overall transportation. It was 46.5 increase over 2020 22 to the current so it continues to improve to transit system operation of Steel Valley within the overall operation area. Wintersville

itself was 82% increase over the same period and Robinson township 145% increase. I gave you that information before moving on to the previous years. Other than that. Steubenville requested information concerning the youth getting bus service to the pool in Steubenville at a reasonable rate. Once established, we requested that they have a pool pass they have to them to get that discount when they get on the bus. If they don't have a bus pass. So that was recommended. And it was accepted at the meeting tonight and I just came from so there it's been approved. Or the kids that I don't know about Wintersville never tried to furnish information, you know, like offering kids a service that they may use the bus service to get down to that pool. I don't know or the Mingo pool. I don't even know if that one's open to tell you the truth. Other than that, overall the bus services doing well financially no problem there. They're mainly tonight that I just came from same thing operation is good overall ridership has improved tremendously and it still continues to improve.

Bob Laukert: With regards to Jim everyone, the owner, president of EM Media. He presented information with regard to direction of the program that they're hired to produce in connection with Steel Valley that is a television commercial. He said based upon a contractual agreement we have with him in that phase he's not involved in the app, website, new developed program, that's another entity, but he just gave that report with regard to a consultant that was hired by Steel Valley, out of Columbus, Ohio, completed a draft report with regard to application to the State Department of fun development state of Ohio concerning the development of the property across the street, it's the empty lot across the street, that's potentially to develop a project in the future concerning the right money to be obtained for the purpose of putting up a building so they can store vehicles for charging purposes. The purposes of the new future of bus service, which you will be elected as opposed to gas, a gas vehicle if you're trying to get one would it be almost nine months to get one transition to electric. And that site here once this grant application is approved, which it was tonight, they will go to the state agency. Hopefully they'll approve the grant is only for about 239,045 basically it will be what's the purpose of cleaning up the project, the land, analyzing the soil and replacing whatever has to be done. So that that property could be utilized for future development of that building. The electric units that have to be installed. There has been discussion amongst the board with regard to access money that the board has to could potentially be utilized to obtain certificates of deposit, several area banks were contacted tonight was asked with regard to obtaining agreement with Chase Bank, here in Wintersville so that a maximum of \$250,000 the boarded felt that would be \$240,000 could be put into the CD program. And it has to be renewed every three months at 4%. So it's more money that the board is watching and not losing any money just sitting there in the bank account with regard to Adam Street locations, I took certification. That's all done. Other than that that's all. That's a lot of it. Sorry to go through all this stuff at one time, but these meeting come up and I have to go it's hard to get these things completed by sitting down and preparing a handout right away cause I had one yesterday, one today, aand one four. So and there were other lengthy meetings and details meeting so if you ever have any question concerning my participation in your behalf of these various agencies, you can always get a hold of me.

Jason Mattern: Mingo pool is going to try to open up this year but they're searching for lifeguards, and they just told me to sharpen up your resume and send it on down for lifeguard position it's open Bob. They are looking for lifeguards are going to try to open that pool this year.

Robert Laukert: He's fortunate that his daughter is now around.

Mayor Petrella: Thank you Mr. Laukert. We appreciate you representing us. Thank you

Mayor's Report.

Mayor Petrella: Our summer Parks program will begin on June 5 2023. through July 28 2023. It will be at Walnut Park as normal. The time is going to be 9am to 1pm. Monday through Friday, ages five to 13 anyone under the age of five must be accompanied by a parent register registration must be done by parent or legal guardian at the Municipal Building. before June 5. So many children out there looking to get involved in our summer Parks program. Please stop by the village building with your parents. Next our spring pickup is coming up. As usual. We will be doing the Mondays in June besides June 20 and will be pickup that'll be a Tuesday. Due to the holiday on the 19th. So if your garbage is normally picked up on Tuesday, your pickup date will be picked up on June 5th. If you garbage is picked up on Wednesday you pick up day will be June 12. If your garbage is picked up on Thursday, your bulk pickup day will be Tuesday June 20. And if your garbage pickup is normally on Friday, your pickup is Monday, June 26. We will keep announcing these we will put them on the internet. They will also be posted in the lobby here and I believe Deb always puts it also on the water bill so we'll make sure she follows up with that. Everyone can make sure you see a copy of this just so you know what items are prohibited on the list. There's a long list obviously no hazardous waste. No construction materials, other prohibited items are tires. mattresses, electronics. Anything with Freon gas refrigerators, freezers air conditioners. So we will keep announcing this and get that out to the public.

Mayor Petrella: Next Great job all our guys that came out on our water break. Even our administrator was there. Great job Jesse.

I want to wish congratulations to the Indian Creek marching band they took first place at the Smoky Mountain Music Festival down in Tennessee. Want to thank Chief Vanderborne, the Wintersville Police Department, Wintersville Fire Department and the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. It was a little last minute but we decided to give them a nice ride in with some sirens and some lights as they got back from Tennessee on Sunday night. So thank you all for doing that for the kids. They greatly appreciate it.

Thank Mr. Bob Coppa and Skyler Pfouts did a great job power washing painting and cleaning the wall which that project I'm sure Gail will probably talk about a little bit but want to thank them for their hard work over there. Our solicitor Jake Linn is not here tonight. Like to congratulate him and his wife. They had a baby girl. That is where he is at her name is Melanie Michelle Linn, so we want to congratulate them everyone is at home and they are all happy and healthy.

Lastly, reminder that our meetings in June, July, and August we will be back to one meeting a month for the summertime as normal. May will be our last meeting that we will have two meetings in a month. Until summer's over rest I'm going to leave up to our administrator here.

Administrator's Report:

Jesse Kosegi: Thank you for First of all, thank you for passing the salt ordinance. I can get that going. We closed out our 2223 Salt contract. We are filled to capacity was solved but we still had to wait another 160 tons. So we did that to make our 90% Promise.

I talked with Randy from Street Department we decided that about 900 tons will get us for the rest of the year. We're probably going to have a little bit extra leftover so Cross Creek township was nice enough to let us use their facilities to store the salt because we have we'd have no

more room. So thank you to them. JB green team we got the \$5,000 grant thank you to them, emailed them and thank you for what they did, and helping us out. We're going to use that for buying and benches and also probably do some more trash cans on the side for that. I don't know if I need permission to move forward with that grant to use funds for reimbursement since this is the first time I've done it. If I needed to let me know stop me while I'm ahead.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Carmen DeStefano to move forward with the JB Green Team grant for 2023.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Jesse Kosegi: Thank you very much for that. Also myself and the Mayor got an email Tuesday evening about seven o'clock that we were awarded the OPWC 2023 paving grant project. And this is huge, because we were contingent. We were number 13 out of 12 other projects that were funded, and the only way that we were going to get funding is if one of them dropped off. Well, one of them dropped off. So we are going to move ahead with your permission to do paving for Rex, Russel, Day Circle, Patton, Simpson Woodridge Drive from Eisenhower to Simpson, and Marshall Road. So, what we're going to do there is I've already contacted Quicksall who did the engineering on it. We're going to get the ball rolling on that they, sent me the agreement to move forward. Prior to that, we are going to check every catch basin and drain. We're going to VAC it we're going to jet it. We're going to get a camera to make sure we don't have to do any repairs before we they tear this road up. So that's going to be a priority every time that we do paving those roads wherever they are, they are going to get looked at since we have to do that for a maintenance agreement anyways for Storm Sewer, water, whatever. So that'll be taken care of. A lot of people would be happy, we're excited about it. And there's another reason why we're excited about it. And I'll get into that as well. Could I get permission to move forward with this project and sign an agreement with Quicksall engineering.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Bob Merriman to move forward the Quicksall agreement on the OPWC 2023 paving.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Jesse Kosegi: Thank you. Bureau workers comp grant. The bureau workers grant is almost completed. I got it pretty much finished up. We decided that portable traffic lights for the village is what we're going to do. It's going to benefit the whole village it's going to benefit the Water, Street, Sanitation, Police department as well. It's something that we could all use. And the I'm waiting for a quote to do to get this finished. So I will come back next council meeting with the with a price but I talked to the gentleman from Cincinnati who sells these he sold them all across the State of Ohio. It's a system it's a four. It's portable traffic light system. It has four lights, tuned in northbound or tuned a southbound east west wherever we want to talk about but there's two lights each and he explained it to me and I will get all the specs on it at the next meeting. I'm just waiting for a quote. And then when that happens, I will let you know. I'm done with it. I'm just waiting for the quote and to send it to Bureau Workers Comp for approval.

George talked about the USDA grant. There was a \$7,000 access because the beginning of the grant back in 2021. We started out with four vehicles went down to three. The price of the vehicle skyrocketed, they went down to two and what they can afford so we added a \$38,000 access from a grant loan. It came down to 7000. So we had \$7,000. We had to spend it was already earmarked. So I asked the USDA, what can we use it and they gave us suggestions Street and water got together and wastewater came up with a with a trailer that can be used. So George got four for bids. One from Tom's trailers, one from Murph's RV, one for Bravo trailers and another one from Jason Dietsch. Which was out of state. Tom's trailers was the first was a top one. All this has been approved prior to me being here. I will email USDA tell them what we're going to do but they did approve it.

Also, wastewater is doing the upgrades for phase six. It will take place at the pump stations on Cara Place, Industrial Park, Powells Lane, the drive in, Goodwill lift station. The sewer system is reaching the end of its useful life pump stations are failing pipes need replaced the scope of the project consists of rehabilitation of 7400 linear feet of sanitary sewer, six manhole replacements, 52 manhole rehabilitation and five pump station renovations. Pump Station renovations consists mainly of replacing pumps controls pipe fencing and driveway approaches. This is already agreed upon to move prior to my arrival the total cost of this project is \$2,019,500 through a OPWC loan the water meter project I'm going break this up into two parts because this is a lot there's a lot going on with this.

So the first part is we're getting ready to start this finally we have a deadline of December 31 of 2023. And for this project, I also have an agreement that I need permission to between the Village of Wintersville and Quicksall engineering. But before I asked for that, this project we almost lost. We're looking at \$955,000 that we were going to lose for this project. And the reason why was there was no communication between us and OPWC and I found this out when I went into a meeting with OPWC correction with Core and Main to other project and a couple other people so what happened was is when the village signed the loan papers in 2021 of December, you had 12 months to start digging to start completion. Nothing was done. Nothing, there was no communication to OPWC, the problem was is a computer chip shortage. I knew that when I got hired. The mayor says about this water meter project so I talked to the gentleman his name's Grant from Core and Main. He says Jesse I don't know when we're going to have it. It might be three months it might be 10 months we don't know your computer chip shortage. I said okay. Not a problem. Fast forward to March. I call Core And Main. No idea. I call the salesman of record main. No idea. Come to find out the salesman from Core and Main was not the original salesman of the project. He retired. So we have everybody on different pages. Nobody knows really what's going on. So I called a meeting I said we need a meeting here at the station. And we need people here to find out what's going on. Long story short, I sent an email to OPWC stating I having this meeting I find out what's going on. Just give a heads up. I get an email back after the meeting stating that I understand that you are the new administrator. But you're in violation of this loan. And I have put a request in that we pull your funding because there was no communication. He had no idea. But he gave me a chance to state my story on why I was late. What happened and what we need to do. So immediately, I contacted Core and Main, my contact person is Katie. Katie is the current person there she used to go to who's helped me out a lot. So I talked to her. I said Do you know anything about this loan? And she's like, no. Now there were some documents that I was missing, gotten most of those documents back, that's not a problem. I had to do a lot, it probably took me two and a half weeks to do seven hours a day to get this all caught up to find what was going to happen. So fast forward. I typed my letter of apology to OPWC. I asked for forgiveness and I asked for an extension. I got an extension. Katie helped me write the letter. She says I know how to do this. I typed what I thought and we move forward. So OPWC gave me an extension July to December 31. It has to

be done, has to be done. If it doesn't get done we are probably facing a lawsuit, because we're out. Now we're out about a million dollars. So immediately, we had about seven people I said this is what I'm missing. The biggest thing I was missing was the bid. I didn't have I didn't know where it was I know we had a done. So 4:15 on a Friday, I was at the office. It was second or third March. She texted me or she emails me says I found a bid. I said good. I said so I needed because if we didn't have a bid, I have to report that we're in trouble. So we got to bid everything is up to speed. We have to get this done. I immediately when this all happened. I advise Quicksall. I'm hiring you as consultant right now to help me get through this. And so they did. Now we're going to have Quicksall as our engineer to finish up where it was left off. I've been in contact with OPWC his name James William from day one. We've had a gigantic chain email this is what we're doing. So immediately, Quicksall correction, Core and Main sent down some computer parts, the antenna that's one up on the water tower. They just emailed me today about getting a list of everybody who has a meter in this town because they're going to start sending out postcards to tell them what's going to be happening. I have this contract that I have for them is for \$50,000. We have money in the loan to cover it. But we might have to pay a little bit extra out of our own budget to pay for this because he she did a 5% markup because of inflation. I says well we can do that its either 50,000, but which either we put forth the extra money or we face a lawsuit because this has to be turnkey by December 31. So that's where I'm at with that. And that's what we've accomplished. In the past month. It's going to happen. It's going to work. Everybody's working fast to get this done. And next week we're going to have our first meeting, we will have monthly meetings in person and Wintersville, worst case we might have to have a Zoom meeting. Same as the face six upgrades. It's an in person meeting in Wintersville every month. So every month, I'll know what's going on. And that's where we're at. I'll find out more next week. But that's, I just need permission to sign this agreement so we can move forward and have this project done as soon as possible.

Pennie Scarpone: I just have a quick question, Jesse. You said 50,000 for engineering. Wasn't it appropriated of 100,000?

Jesse Kosegi: Yeah, there was 103,000 in there. Yes. It's, it's for their whole cost and everything. Worst case scenario, depend on how it's broke down. We might have to pay a few \$1,000 I don't know exactly the exact amount because they're just appropriating because this project is a year behind. But Core and Main is going to do the meters for the price that they quoted a year ago. That's not going to change, the only thing that might change is another engineer. And that's about it. I will have more in detailed cost of that. Worst case scenario on the appropriations are the extra costs. We're looking at \$40,000. Prior to what was signed for what there is \$103,000 appropriated for engineer. We're going to save money is we're not going to have a person from Core and Main or from Quicksall there every day as the as the person like the point contact will have one of our employees which will save a lot of money every day. So somebody from the water department or somebody from the sewer department will be there to assist them however they need to go to houses and change these meters.

Jason Mattern: So what do you need? I make a motion to get it for the village again in agreement with Quicksall to move forward water meter project. Bob Merriman seconded.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Jesse Kosegi: Just a couple more things. State Route 646. I got a call from the gentleman from ODOT and it was like the first couple of weeks I was hired. We bill ODOT every year for the 646 intersection the lights for the maintenance, so we bill them \$2,000 a year. I submitted a bill for \$2,000 for 646 Light maintenance since we agreed to take care of the lights. They pay us, so that was sent out. It was sent out last month and I he said he didn't get the bill so I sent it out again. So that's taken care of. Next week also with Quicksall is we're going to be starting at 2024 paving project They are starting the applications for that. That's going to be we're looking at Cadiz Road as our big road to start with. We're going to speak with them about a couple other roads. I think we'll have to readjust the roads with the infrastructure. And what was done. But Cadiz Road is going to be our main thing next year, but we're going to start next week for funding possibilities for that. That's all I have if anybody has any questions.

Jesse Kosegi: Also real quick. The roof up here had some holes and some tears in it. So call Kalkreuth, they came in and fixed eight holes in the membrane and a cost of \$752. So that was taken care of. The Protech Teddy talked about could that is the to upgrade all the SCADA systems with all the lift stations for communication and for cameras. That purchase which saved us money because there was already wire our electrical end conduit ran to it. It was going to be done but it never got finished. We do have the money in his fund if I could get permission or approval to spend \$21,580 for those lift station upgrades.

Jason made a motion to move forward on the lift station upgrade Gael Damron seconded the motion.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Jesse Kosegi: One more thing and I'm done. The Jefferson County engineers office sent out their materials that they purchased that we want to purchase for bulk, they do it for like every municipality and township in the county for 2023. It's \$2,500. So what it is, is we give a copy of what we want slag salt, other would be guardrail, culvert hot and cold mix, etc. We tell them what we want the amount and where we get it from. And we can spend up to \$2,500. But before we do that, we tell it we give our wish list, send it into the engineers office and they'll give us an okay if it's okayed. We'll take this form, and we'll take it to the place that we wanted to purchase these products. It's a little \$2,500 grant which helps out I talked to Randy and Mark about it and told him I was like you guys, whatever you guys need, get with the other departments. See what we could use and they will give it back to me tomorrow and I will email that out to the to Heather at the engineers office and I'll let you know about it. So That's all I have..

Gael Damron: I have a question for you, Jesse. Actually, with all that said, Do we have any plans as far as patching goes?

Jesse Kosegi: We've been doing that and we've already started with that we've been sealing, we have a sealer that we've got for a month. So they seal Cadiz Road they're starting to patch but sealing is the big thing because this this company gave us a let us use a sealer for one month. And they've been using it get trained on it. So they did Cadiz Road he did Springdale and they're going to be every nice day they're going to be

going around ceiling and patching for the rest of week. A lot of Cadiz Road.

Gael Damron: Because there's couple like where the one water break or whatever it was on Cross Street, that across the road. It needs it's, getting really bad dip on it that was first thing the second thing is do you have any idea where the bench from between the barns and Molinaro's went where they put their access road in?

Jesse Kosegi: Yeah, it got it got moved down to McDonald's for now. And then it's going to get moved back.

Gael Damron: Because the people that sponsored it wanted to know where it went.

Jesse Kosegi: It's getting moved. We got moved down there, we're going get another one with the other benches.

Gael Damron: Okay, that sounds good.

Pennie Scarpone: I have a question. When is Columbia gas going to patch their lines. Jesse Kosegi: I talked to them yesterday. They're going to start in three to four weeks. They're going to go through and do all their patch work finishing up work in Moon Valley, Leonard and Avalon and then shortly after that, they're going to go back and do the patch work for the road that needs done. So I talked to Mark Molinaro, I talked to the engineer from Columbia Gas and MPL representative reached out to me and he's like, we're on it. I said, Okay.

Jason Mattern: Jesse last year, we tried to there seems to be like a flooding issue back behind Terrace. And I know at one point previous administrator was trying to get in contact with Brandon Andersen and with the Jefferson County Soil and Water to get that cleaned out or try to prevent some of that flooding down there. Do we know that progresses

Mayor Petrella: we have on the list the issues? Okay, one solid week of good weather. We're working attempting to get it done as soon as possible. Worst case, it might be something we may have to get quotes on it shortly if the guys can't get to it.

Pennie Scarpone: So all the sewage talk. Do we have an updated contract with the county?

Mayor Petrella: No. I spoke to Commissioner Morelli today and asked him one more meeting would be with them regarding the sewer sewage contract and the water contract and he is trying to get with Mr. Rosivich to figure out a date.

Pennie Scarpone: The Wednesday in Wintersville where's the music going to happen? Someone asked me that. Do you know is it going to be at the village?

Mayor Petrella: I think yes. I think it' is.

Unfinished Business

Gael Damron: I don't find this under unfinished or new business. But in regards to the Great Wall of Wintersville project on the Beautification Committee the wall project has been moved to June 5, 6 and 7 through the days due to proms, field trips, and the

predictable unpredictable weather we've been having on Saturdays. The students have agreed that even though they're out of school that they are going to complete the project. Those three days or if we need to go beyond that. Wednesday in Wintersville, it also starts in May correct. The first Wednesday of May.

Mayor Petrella: Yes, that's what I saw online. I think it is May 3.

Gael Damron: Okay, May 3. Is everything going to be out here? Or are we still going to have everything set up along the streets?

Mayor Petrella: It'll be both from what I'm what I've been told. There will be one point of crossing.

Gael Damron: Okay, but I thought they were going to put the food down here.

Mayor Petrella: There'll be food vendors. I think handicap parking and obviously the police need an emergency lane that will still be open.

Gael Damron: We have to talk to the Beautification committee we were talking about. If we're going to do a booth again, we're going to have a meeting on the first of May to see to see if we're going to have a booth at the at Wednesdays in Wintersville will again like we did before, because we've been working predominantly on the Great Wall project so we haven't revisited the other projects. That we had outstanding from last year. So we need to have a meeting of the Beautification Committee to address those. And then also to see if we're going to have a booth because of the we're still doing the veterans banners. I didn't know if you were going to do any more. Any further projects with the flag that they're going to do.

Mayor Petrella: We tried to get estimates and put the flags up before Memorial Day.

Gael Damron: There's nothing that we can think of offhand that we can do to put a tag up there for businesses to sponsor those. I mean, you're going to put them up anyhow. But like I said, I've had various businesses say, you know, if we're going to be doing this, what can we do to support this? Since we don't have veterans? We've never really come up with an answer for that other than the tags on the benches.

Mayor Petrella: I don't have an answer for that, to be honest with you. I just don't think anything should be what the I think the American flag should just be kind of by itself.

Gael Damron: I didn't know if we could put something around it or something not on it because we can't just create the flag, but I'm just saying there was something you know, we had mentioned before, and Bob had mentioned that there was if we put something, like another little jet out from the flag or something on it, that they would pay for both, I kind of explained to him that. That's not very fair. But regardless I'm being asked to look into it. I'm hoping I'm trying to get to businesses to go towards the benches and the plates but they have been adamantly asking about we don't have veterans can we put a banner up with some kind? I don't know what to do and how to answer them. But we might want to consider if we do the Beautification Committee booth that perhaps our council members would also support that just for anybody comes up with questions.

New Business

Mayor Petrella: Just got a bid for, only one bid for to install approximately 70 provided banners brackets. Remove old flag holders as well, so it came from Signs Ltd. for these installations. The cost is \$2,700 and that will provide 70 banners in brackets remove the old flag holders. The American flag banners will go on the outside of the pole where the snowflakes are throughout town. Those will stay up all year long. So that way they're on the outside which is towards the sidewalk and it will stay up all year long. I need permission to move on the bracket project.

Carmen DeStefano made a motion to move forward with the bracket project Pennie Scarpone second.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Transfers

None.

Mayor Petrella: I need a motion to adjourn please.

Gael Damron made a motion to adjourn the meeting Carmen DeStefano second.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

All right. This meeting is adjourned. Our next meeting will be Thursday, May 4 2023 at 7pm
Thank you.

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Randy Spence
President of Council

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Mayor