

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, May 4, 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 sent, Gael Damron present.

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

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

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

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Pennie Scarpone, second by Randy Spence to approve the meeting minutes for the regular meeting of April 20, 2023 after amended.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Guests

Pastor Timothy Groose, new Pastor of the Cross Roads Christian Church asked to say a prayer at the Council Meeting for National Day of Prayer.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

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

Motion by Carmen DeStefano, second by Gael Damron to approve Ordinance 2023-30.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2023-31: an Ordinance providing for Amending and revising the Appropriation of Expenditure for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2023 and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules on the second and third reading of Ordinance 2023-31.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Pennie Scapone to approve Ordinance 2023-31.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution 2023-32: A Resolution providing for the Establishment of a Capital Projects Fund and Establish Estimated Revenue and Appropriations for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2023 and Declaring and Emergency

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules on the second and third read.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Pennie Scarpone, second by Carmen DeStefano to approve Resolution 2023-32.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2023-33: An Ordinance increasing the Pay Rate for Temporary Help Employees in the Village of Wintersville and Declaring and Emergency .

Mayor Petrella: Council I Mr. Linn prepare this. We've had a few students come in ask him about summer help. Former rate was \$9.30 an hour. Jesse was figuring out other municipalities have raised their rates. Their \$12.00, \$12.50, \$13.00. So that's why I asked Jake to prepare it you guys can discuss and decide if you want to decline but we have to tell these college students something as they're coming in to apply for summer jobs. I think college or high school there was one the other day that day was in college. We do have another one that's was here. I think I think the other one was 17 that's possibly interested.

Pennie Scarpone: How long is temporary help?

Jesse Kosegi: Until August. Till they go back to school

Pennie Scarpone: Just May to August.

Randy Spence: How many are we looking at to employ for temporary help?

Jesse Kosegi: Two right off the bat. We can get to one for sure as of today.

Randy Spence: How many hours a week are they going to get for temporary help?

Jesse Kosegi: No more than 24 hours a week, between 24 to 32.

Randy Spence: No benefits.

Pennie Scarpone: Do they fall under the same hiring for background checks and then is drug testing.

Jesse Kosegi: No. I'm still looking at some of that in the book.

Jason Mattern: What was their responsibility to be Jesse for the temporary employees would we use them in one specific area throughout the village?

Jesse Kosegi: It would be grass cutting for street you know different you know we were going to probably have the one gentleman we hired today. Learn how to do meter reads. That's something he's interested in. He's a he's a wrestler for college. He's in shape. He doesn't mind walking. So that could be something that he might want to do, depending on who we get. But basically their going to go to the street department to start

Jason Mattern: Park clean up.

Mayor Petrella: I know they helped doing locates for the water department and bulk garbage pickup. They helped on that a little bit too. A lot of it's cutting grass.

Pennie Scarpone: How many are we short on the street department

Mayor Petrella: One.

Randy Spence: We want to get this in of course. We want to suspend the rules because we want to get him in now. We don't want to wait three more meetings. Summer will be over.

Mayor Petrella: We got to be able to tell them something. Either the \$9.30 that where we're at or you guys go to \$12.00 or you guys can shoot it down.

Carmen DeStefano: We have two meetings this month. Right?

Mayor Petrella: We have another Yes. We have one in two weeks.

Jason Mattern: We should have a first reading tonight. Anyway, right? I'll put forth a motion to have the first reading tonight on 2023-33. Pennie Scarpone Second.

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

Randy Spence: I have a question first, if you don't mind there. Getting back to that ordinance 2023-33. We have a gentleman that starting Monday correct. If the next meeting, we suspend the rules. And we bring this gentleman in. We still have to debate on the amount he's getting paid. We're going to give him back pay because if we increase it.

Mayor Petrella: He would start at \$9.30. I mean if he accepts the job.

Randy Spence: I just want to put it out there since he was temporary help.

Jason Mattern: I would have no problem suspending rules and having a second third reading at this point in time since we have a guy starting on Monday. I mean, that's one way to avoid the back pay issue, who wants to come to work for two weeks for \$9 and whatever 20 cents and then get back paid on that much.

Mayor Petrella: Jake just showed me that was another reason. We're at \$9.30, in the state of Ohio the minimum Wages \$10.10. I forgot to mention that earlier. They'll be starting at \$10.10 an hour.

Pennie Scarpone: Can't we ask our temporary fiscal officer is, you know, is this healthy to do?

Melanie Smith: You have enough revenue or expenditures in the budget left and we're only at 6%. We're in good shape.

Randy Spence: Do you make you want to make a motion on that?

Jason Mattern: I put forth the motion to suspend the rules have the second third read on 2023-33 Second about changing your motion.

Mayor Petrella: Do a motion to go back to the Ordinance sections.

Randy Spence made a motion to rescind the previous Ordinance of 2023-33.

Pennie Scarpone: Second.

Jake Linn: But we're not rescinding the first reading just going back to the Ordinance.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Randy Spence: Do we have to amend the approval of this motion to reflect at \$12 an hour?

Carmen DeStefano: \$10.10.

Jake Linn: Are you moving to \$10.10 right now, is that what you're saying?

Jason Mattern: But it says a current rate of \$9.30. Do we have to change that right? We can just go straight to \$12.00 without a motion. What do you mean,

Jake Linn: That's fine about the 12.00. But every employee do they get drug test. Then, does part time get drug test, you got to set the standard.

Carmen DeStefano: If you're full time gets drug tests, you're part time, should also. Try to keep everything on line.

Randy Spence: Motion to approve ordinance. 2023 33. Pennie Scarpone so moved. Jason Mattern second.

I need a motion to go back to reports and communications Jason Mattern second by Pennie Scarpone so moved.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Petrella: We have the Magistrate and Police reports for the month of April. Magistrate court, our city revenue was \$7,650.50. state revenue was \$1,649.50 or other revenue was \$64.50 for a grand total of \$9,364.50 for Magistrate court, the month of April 2023.

Police report for April 2023. We had 121 complaints 17 Nuisance enforcement's 142 Incoming Calls, 14 accidents 19 cases and 13 alarm calls 64 traffic arrest and three criminal arrest.

Code enforcement for the month of April 2023. We had 15 licenses for \$1,125 We had 19 permits for \$775 Bringing the grand total to \$1,900 for the month of April 2023.

Robert Laukert: Nothing tonight.

Mayor Petrella: I just want to thank the majority of Council, employees, elected officials from all over the county and the state, most importantly, the citizens in our community in the village here and surrounding communities for reaching out about the incident that occurred it very much appreciated and truly touched by the amount of outreach I had. So thank you all very much.

Next up, we have hydrant flushing coming up the week of May 22 through the 26th. It will begin on Sunday night and it will run till Friday morning. This is the first one of the year for the mandatory EPA twice a year that'll be from 10pm to 6am.

With the holiday this month, we will have no trash pickup on Monday, May 29 For businesses that'll be moved to Tuesday. Also citizens we have our spring bulk pick up so I'm going to read

through our list again, just so everyone is aware and I believe we have this up on the website as well and everything or more call here at the Village building. Monday June 5 will be your pick up if your garbage is normally picked up on Tuesday. If your garbage is normally picked up on Wednesday, your pickup will be Monday, June 12th. If your garbage pickup is normally Thursday, your pickup will be Tuesday, June 20. Due to the holiday on the 19th If your garbage pickup is normally Friday, your pickup will be Monday, June 26. Please remember we have a list of prohibited items tires, mattresses, electronics, freezers, fuels, oils, paints, and no construction material.

Also we got a lot of questions about our summer Parks program. It starts June 5 2023. To July 28. Monday through Friday, it's at Walnut Street Park 9am to 1pm. Every day, ages five through 13 anyone under the age of five must be accompanied by a parent registration can be done here at the building. And if it's after that, you have to do it at Walnut park on the fifth with any questions called Tammy. We did have some people ask what the kids would be doing. The teacher Indian Creek, she's been doing this for a number of years now. She usually sets up games does different crafts. They have the big grassy area that's fenced in so they can run around. The park is safe we got our new cameras in for the monitoring of the entire park. There's also restrooms and usually Indian Creek provides free lunch for everyone. Children are welcome to come they do not have to be a Wintersville resident, but they do need to sign up ahead of time.

Mayor Petrella: Today we were lucky enough to have the Jefferson County Christian School. Come here for National Day of Prayer. I want to thank them for having that here. Hopefully we can keep that tradition. We're lucky enough to have the Sheriff our Police and our Fire and our EMS. A few other Elected Officials were able to attend and some employees from the village here so it was it was very nice this morning.

MPL should be back in the Village within the next couple of weeks all depending on the weather. Obviously the weather has not been great, so I'm sure they're a little delayed. They'll be coming back to fix concrete areas. Anybody's yards that got messed up during the gas line project the asphalt as well. There'll be fixing that.

Next just want to recognize a Normal Citizen. Mr. Tim Brandon. I don't know if anybody heard all the sirens the other night there was a fire I actually was able to watch his ring cam he ran into the house rescued a young girl and assisted with some household pets and another young person that was still in the house during the fire it takes a lot of courage to drop what you're doing run out of your house and run across the street and go into a fire and try to save people so just want to recognize what a Great Citizen we have here in the village for doing that.

Jason Mattern: Where was that fire at Moon Valley?

Mayor Petrella: Skyline.

Mayor Petrella: Lasty, want to welcome we have five new businesses opening up in the village. So first we have the scent candles in Timmimage Photography. Kristen and Tim Bieber they are to two businesses right up here next to Pastaio do where the old all state offices were so they're going to be opening if they're not already opened this month. We want to welcome Sonny boys restaurant took over the old Kings, tobacco and vape which is right by Kroger's and Clear Creek coffee. This will be a mobile drive through the food truck as a drive thru. Drew and Kristen Patterson, Jessie and I've been working a lot with them to make sure they have all their licenses and everything. So that'll be pretty interesting that will be on Main Street. We welcome all our

new businesses and we hope everybody continues to support all the businesses here in the village makes a great impact. With those five that brings us to a total of six new businesses this year. Alone. So hopefully we can continue in that direction. That is all I have. I'm going to turn it over to Jesse for the administrator's report.

Jesse Kosegi: Real quick submitted the Bureau of Workers Compensation grant for funding. Affordable traffic lights is what we chose to go with it is on their list for funding. I haven't got an award or denial letter yet. It's going to take about probably about 10 days. I submitted it last Friday. The best price that we got was trip or double A safety out of Cincinnati. Price is \$61,380. This is a four traffic light system. Two for each direction, as it's a has a battery backup and a solar it could be manually or use automation or automated the other two prices I got was for Pacific Highway was \$59,000 for four lights but no transport system not totally automated. Street Smart Reno was \$90,000 No transport system for four lights. I'll know by probably in the next week whether we got funding or not. And I'll let you guys know further on that, met with Quicksall Engineering for the 2023 paving project that we got awarded a couple of weeks ago actually three weeks ago. Talk to them bidding is going to start May 1 to May 31. They will take care of the bidding on that construction will begin on 8-1 and they have until 11-30 to complete it. The total was \$273,000 OPWC contributed \$134,000 And we have \$139,000 local match. Like as I said we were contingent on that we are the next one to either get the funding or not somebody dropped off which made us eligible for funding for Day Circle, Russell, Rex Avenue Simpson, it's going to be Woodridge from Eisenhower to Simpson, Patton and Marshall. So that's going to be a good thing. As I was talking to them about 2023 We talked about 2024 paving because we're going to be doing applications I believe in July for 2024 Cadiz Road is going to be our number one goal for paving that's going to be a large chunk of money. That is about a year or two behind.

Mayor Petrella: I think our former schedule we used to be 17 years so we're past well past that.

Jesse Kosegi: The Street Department sealed all the cracks a couple of weeks ago. As well as the traffic lights, correction, the school lights, the school lights were put in there in 1985. They need updated and or replaced you can see it when you drive by that's going to be involved in the project. Speaking with Quicksall catch basins, storm drains needs repaired, curbs need replaced and anything else that needs done. We're going to have that all hopefully done. Hope we get the project, get it funded. Something that we all talked about in our Monday morning supervisors meeting is that from this point on from this pavement project to the next pavement project and so on any curbs manholes, drains catch basins are going to be replaced before paving begins. As part of the water sewer storm drain preventative maintenance program each road will be video which means that drains vacuumed repaired where pipes have collapse where it's necessary before paving begins. Anything else it needs address to help sustain the life of the roadway until the next time it gets paved. We're going to make adjustments to roads that are going to be paved that are scheduled possibly to be paved may be done at a later time if they're scheduled work on the near future for have infrastructure. Done water sewer gas lines, no use putting fresh pavement on the road it's going to get tore back up for something we have to replace so I think that's going to help us out in the long run as well. Just preventative maintenance and things we're going to do before the before it happens. So that's all I have. I'll have some more information on road paving. Some other things next council meeting that's all I have.

Jason Mattern: What do you mean by each road will be video we actually going up and down the road?

Jesse Kosegi: No, I mean the drains and all the catch basins and all the pipes.

Gael Damron: Can we get an updated list of the years that were slated for certain virtues?

Jesse Kosegi: Yes absolutely.

Unfinished Business

Gael Damron: Do we have a date yet when the benches are due to come in?

Jesse Kosegi: They were ordered today should be about 14 weeks.

Randy Spence: What is the status on the flags and the banners.

Mayor Petrella: We asked them to try to get it done before Memorial Day is our goal. To try to get everything completed with the veteran banners and the American flag banners up to have that all done by Memorial Day. So that's our goal. Weather is going to play a big part in that.

Pennie Scarpone: Do we have a status have an update on the 138,000 and back property taxes that we owe.

Mayor Petrella: I am trying to get a hold of someone in the Tax Commission Office. We are trying to work it out before we start cutting a big check.

Pennie Scarpone: Do we have a date when this will be done?

Mayor Petrella: No.

Pennie Scarpone: Just looking through the numbers. I wanted to thank Melanie for everything that she's done, with the hours that she spent with us. Thank you very much for that. As I look through these summary reports, she actually has a lot of the expenses not just who she paid but what they were for. This has never really been done in the past. I just want to thank her because she doesn't have to do that. If you look through these reports, they're really nicely done. I noticed that our revenue today is really increased compared to our budget. So that's a good sign. Just for instance on the building permits, We brought in 11,000 and it was budgeted 17,000. That's really great to see that the numbers are up. Thank you, Melanie, and Thank you Tom and Tammy for the permits in the code enforcement, and it's finally going to the right account.

New Business

Gael Damron: Just a reminder that the Great Wall of school project is super late, allegedly going to commence the first Monday, Tuesday Wednesday of June during the days with the students from schools.

Pennie Scarpone: Wednesday's in Wintersville was moved to next week.

Randy Spence: Just a reminder since the Mayor was talking trash earlier on to remind the Village residents that all the trash that's put out for pickup, please put it in a bag. Talking to a couple of guys that pick up trash, it's getting a little sloppy lately so please put it in bags and remember, yard waste is prohibited with your trash pickup.

Pennie Scarppone: Why is that?

Randy Spence: It's because of we have to pay for tonnage to dispose of the garbage that we pick up and grass isn't.

Jason Mattern: I got to work on Wednesday morning. Mr. Coon must have visited half of the streets, tore up a bunch of bags and such. He even actually opened up the lid to my garbage can. I went to put the rest of my stuff in there Wednesday morning. It was a disaster. When I came back home Wednesday night. I mean our street was immaculate, and my garbage can they must even cleaned it out, dumped it I'm saying dumped the whole thing in the garbage they really went above and beyond the call of duty on Wednesday in the neighborhood because we was under attack by you know, the masked animals was over there. But they did an outstanding job and it's greatly appreciated. Sometimes you go through villages or neighborhoods and they didn't go the extra mile there. But these guys actually did to my neighborhood on Wednesday. Outstanding job Bob Arnold and his crew.

Pennie Scarppone: Yeah, we have crows in ours. I thought they were Coons in a tree and I came home and busted them crows.

Randy Spence: Glad to see that we have six new businesses already this year.

Jason Mattern: Shout out to Tim Brandon for being a hero.

Speaking of new business, I was up at Kroger's and came across two ladies with Sonny Boy shirts on, I asked them how it was. They were previous employees at Kings. They didn't particularly have any kind of heads up what was happening but they were very thankful to have a job. They are very excited. You can tell they was happy to work there. Both of the ladies they tried to tell me about a soft opening now so have patience is what she kept saying, but when they have the grand opening they said for sure we get ahead notice on that. Every time I drive past it, it's freaking packed. They bring in the business. So good job for Sonny boys. Keeping those Kings employees. He had 80 employees supposed to be start on day one and 16 showed up.

Mayor Petrella: Everybody want to take a moment and look over the bills before we get a motion to pay them

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Pennie Scarppone to pay bills.

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarppone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Jason Mattern to adjourn the meeting

Vote: Bob Merriman yea, Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarppone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 6-0.

Mayor Petrella: This meeting is adjourned. Our next regular council meeting will be Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7pm Thank you.

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Randy Spence
President of Council

Michael W. Petrella
Mayor