

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, December 7, 2023

Mayor Mike Petrella called the meeting to Order.

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

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

Moment of Silence

Also in Remembrance of Pearl Harbor.

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Can I get a motion to appoint myself Randy Spence 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: Jason Mattern yea, Pennie Scarpone yea, Carmen DeStefano yea, Randy Spence yea, Gael Damron yea.

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to approve the minutes for the November 16, 2023 Council Meeting.

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

Motion passed 3-0 2 abstain.

Guests

None

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Resolution 2023-72: A Resolution Providing for Transfer and Establishing Estimated Revenue for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2023 and Declaring and Emergency.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules on the second and third reading of Resolution 2023-72.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Bob Merriman to approve Ordinance 2023-70.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Carmen DeStefano, second by Randy Spence to approve Resolution 2023-72.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-73: An Ordinance Providing for Amending and Revising the Appropriations of Expenditures for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2023 and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Gael Damron to suspend the rules on the second and third reading of Ordinance 2023-73.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Carmen DeStefano to approve Ordinance 2023-73.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-74: An Ordinance Providing for Amending and Revising the Appropriations of Expenditures for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2023 and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules on the second and third reading of Ordinance 2023-74.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Pennie Scarpone to approve Ordinance 2023-74.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2023-75: A Resolution Providing for the Establishment of Funds for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2023 and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Resolution 2023-75.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Carmen DeStefano to approve Resolution 2023-75.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Resolution 2023-76: A Resolution Providing for Additional Estimated Revenue for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2023 and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Resolution 2023-76.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Gael Damron to approve Resolution 2023-76.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-77: An Ordinance Providing for Amending and Revising the Appropriations of Expenditures for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2023 and Declaring and Emergency.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2023-77.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Jason Mattern to approve Ordinance 2023-77.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-78: An Ordinance Providing for an Advance from the General Fund to the 2023 Dog Park Fund for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2023 and Declaring and Emergency.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Pennie Scarpone to suspend the rules on the second and third reading of Ordinance 2023-78.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Pennie Scarpone to approve Ordinance 2023-78.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-79: An Ordinance Providing for Amending and Revising the Appropriations of Expenditures for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2023 and Declaring and Emergency.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to suspend the rules for the second and third readings of Ordinance 2023-79.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Carmen DeStefano to approve Ordinance 2023-79.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Ordinance 2023-80: An Ordinance For Permanent Appropriations for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2024.

Announcements

December 16th and 17th 2023 will be the Light up Contest.

Trash Pick up for December 25 and January 1 For Businesses Only will be Tuesday December 26 and January 2.

Winter is coming if your trash does not get picked up on time be patient we will get it.

Reports and Communications

Mayor Petrella read the Magistrate report Police Report, Code Enforcement Officers Report and updated list for all the nuisance calls for the Month of November 2023.
None.

Charlene Prentice: SVRTA, A 3 year contract was approved for the Drivers today.
The 2 mechanics their contract has not been approved by the board yet.

Mayor's Report

Reminder the Employee luncheon will be December 22 at 12:00 PM it will be catered by Pastaio, Council you are welcome to attend.

Thank You we had a great second Winter Weekend here in the Village.

The Methodist Church invited everyone to attend their light up of their tree.

E-Z Fresh meals had a chili tasting with all the proceeds to be donated to the Tony Teramana Center Center.

Council Women Pennie Scarpone for 2 years in a row for constructing the Float for the parade with assistance by Bob Coppa.

Joel John did a lot of work behind the scenes. The luminaries were awesome.

Wednesday in Wintersville committee did tons of work getting everything organized.

Eastern Construction and Excavating, Brian Stover and Chief Vandeborne for a last minute Surprise at the beginning of the Parade.

Movin & Groovin and the Indian Creek Band.

Tom and Tammy Straka for organizing the Parade and getting everyone out safely.

And I am happy to say we broke the record, this is the second year in a row. This years parade was the biggest parade. Hopefully we can keep that trend going.

A lot of people donated to the ice rink this year so we want to Thank all those people.

Thank You to the Police Department and the entire Public Works Departments they came out for the Parade and kept everyone safe and we want to thank the Citizens for coming out to participate. It was a great weekend.

A Citizen informed me that Lucas Pfoust did a video of Chief Vandeborne chasing the Grinch. It has reached 1.6 Million views and still being viewed, liked and shared. It is being viewed in 5 Countries, US, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and South Africa.

Thank You to Angie Penner and Coach Kucz they brought the Indian Creek Girls Soft Ball Team here for Community Service and they helped decorate here.

Thank You to Mimi and Keith Wilson and their grandkids Emma and Parker Lamp, they have been decorating the Gazebo on Winters Drive for years. It has been a family tradition right after Thanksgiving and it looks awesome.

Council I want to thank you for approving the plan for Griffin Paving and Striping. The work has been completed on Woodridge Drive, Luray Drive, and the beginning of Fernwood.

Thanks to our crews George, Teddy Bobby, Benny, Lavonte, Randy Spence, Pennie Scarpone, and our Administrator Jesse. We had a few water breaks and everyone pitched in.

Next we had a little issue during the Parade, the road was blocked. A citizen made a comment about one of our Police Officers taking a woman from Kroger's parking lot to Pastaio where she worked. The woman told the Police Officer she had to get to work she had bills to pay and that was admirable. The Citizen said that is where your tax money is going. Your right that is where your tax money goes. Our Police Officers would help anyone in their time of need. That is their job. They didn't do anything wrong, they didn't leave the Village. So the next time anyone has an issue with one of my Police Officers call me directly 740-424-1975. There is no need to get on the internet and complain. Administrator Kosegi was very professional in his response which I appreciate it.

Our Police Officers are here to Protect and Serve. That woman needed to get to work, she needed to pay her bills. She couldn't get through because we had the roads blocked. It wasn't her fault at all. Thank You to our Police Force for what you do everyday.

Public Works, the work on Welday, where decisive use to be, Jesse and Teddy will be fixing a catch basin, and at Indian Creek where the spring is on the hillside that should wrap up tomorrow. Then in the Spring we will be addressing the spring by Seinna Woods.

The plows and spreader are on the truck and ready to go for Winter.

The Administrator and I have been discussing the building maintenance on the plan we put in place in 2022, we are going to get new flooring and in 2024 we will start downstairs.

We welcomed a new business into the Village at 402 Main Street "We do Bling and Tiny Dancer".

That is 11 new businesses in 2023 and 24 in two years.

Appalachian Grant process up date.

Jefferson County Sewer and Water, Aaron Dodds has been doing an awesome job.

I did get news today that we are in and we are 1 of 30 activities as they call it the project with Jefferson County Sewer and Water, we are 21 of 32 in the project. Our project is called The Heart of Appalachian of Ohio. The review will be in January 2024, awards will be in March 2024.

Gael Damron: Is there a copy of the project?

Mayor Petrella: I can email you.

Lastly council we have been without a Fiscal Officer for close to a year. I believe we have found someone, Rachel Morrison. I would like to get your approval for her to start part time at \$16.00 an hour.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to appoint Rachel Morrison as part time Fiscal Officer.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Administrator's Report

2023 paving is completed, they came back and did the curbs on Rex and Day Circle.

We have been working on the paving project of Cadiz Road, from Kroger's to just beyond Big Lots, which will include milling, paving, manhole cover, catch basin checked, the sidewalk will be a different project. By mid December I should know if OPWC gave us approval for the project.

The Capital Grant 2023, the dog park is ready to go.

The Capital Grant for 2025-2026 was just released so we are working on that.

The Ohio Department of Development just released a Grant November 28. This is a grant only you can have local match if you want.

We talked about the Main Street Water line project.

Dana Lynn Guard rail is complete.

Water Meter Project about 900 meters have been installed.

AEP pole is charged and on line and ready to go.

The Water Office is getting the new meters and addresses transferred over from the old system into the new system. Deb and Tina are doing a great job.

Next we are going to dig a trench from the Water Garage to the new system box. We need an internet line. That should be done next week. Then Core and Main will do their part.

We will be launching a new web site for the Village.

We are also going to launch a new Facebook page January 1 or 2 2024.

Easement on Cara Place everything is done and we have to build a road.

Building updated, we have been updating security on the second floor. The Mayor had the floors updated, the conference room has been painted, we will be updating the floor in there. The furniture is in good shape. So, if the public wants to come in and have meetings they can.

On the Administrator wall and conference room wall we will have plugs installed for TV's so we can have zoom meeting. TS Electric will do that.

The Company that comes down and works on the Traffic lights, the company is Traffic Control, Dave Clark. It costs a lot of money for him to come down. So I got T S Electric to come in and work on the control boxes. Off the Wall signs will do the bulbs.

I want to thank Council women Pennie Scarpone for asking me to drive the float that is the first parade I have ever been in.

Catch Basin issue on Church Street just before Long Street. Teddy and myself went and looked at it. It is going to be a lot of work because there are 3 AEP poles at that location. For now we put a bigger grate on it. AEP, Columbia Gas and the Cable company will have to be there and stay until we remove the brick catch basin and put in a pre cast one. That will be in the Spring.

Jason Mattern: For the next meeting could you give us an update on the salt, what we are committed to, how much we have and how many drivers for the plows.

Jesse Kosegi: Yes.

Randy Spence: Did we ever get the portable traffic lights?

Jesse Kosegi: Yes. Yesterday we had the portable traffic lights delivered from BWC Grant. We did have some training on them.

Mayor Petrella: For Court we are going to try to put in a small payment window just for safety and security.

Unfinished Business

Pennie Scarpone: I want to thank Holly for making the signs for the Polar Express Float. She saved us a lot of work. Also thank you Bob Coppa. Thank you to the Street Department for the use of their garage and clean up afterwards. Thank you to the Police Department for helping lift the trailer on to the truck. Joel Jons for the Smoke Machine. Dr. Colflesh and his wife for the lumber. Thank You to Randy Spence, Mayor Petrella and Anita Petrella for their financial contribution.

Thank you to Jesse for pulling us in the parade he did a great job.

New Business

Carmen DeStefano: A resident came to me after the water break on Leonard Ave. and stated that the road is not in good shape there.

Mayor Petrella: That is going to be fixed next week.

Transfers

None.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Carmen DeStefano to pay bills.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Carmen DeStefano to Adjourn.

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

Motion passed 5-0.

Next Council meeting will be December 21, 2023 at 7:00 PM.

Disclaimer: These are a draft of the minutes and not deemed official until approved by Council.

Randy Spence

President of Council

Michael W. Petrella

Mayor