

Regular Council Meeting

Thursday, December 21, 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 present, Gael Damron present.

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

Moment of Silence

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading of Minutes

Motion by Carmen DeStefano, second by Jason Mattern to approve the minutes for the December 7, 2023 Council Meeting.

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

Motion passed 5-0 1 abstain.

Guests

Rich Gunther: Just wanted to say that the administration is doing a great job.

Ordinance and/or Resolution

Resolution 2023-80: An Ordinance For Permanent Appropriations for the Village of Wintersville for the Calendar Year 2024 was read for the second time.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to suspend the rules on the third read.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Pennie Scarpone to approve Ordinance 2023-80.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Ordinance 2023-81: An Ordinance Providing for the Transfer of Funds from a Village Money Market Account into a Village Sweep Account both Located at First National Bank and Providing for the Closure of the Money Market Account and Declaring an Emergency.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to suspend the rules on the second and third readings of Ordinance 2023-81.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to approve Ordinance 2023-81.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Announcements

Light Up Contest Winners:

105 Starkey Blvd.	Charles Albert
643 Canton Road	Steve Cowser
270 Woodridge Drive	Margaret Cline
109 Dana Lynn	Robert Burns
293 Beechwood Blvd.	Jerry Lanham
110 Tera Manor Drive	Rebecca Panebianco
200 Stardust Drive	Daniel Bove

These were the top 7 Winners.

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

Reports and Communications

Robert Laukert: Steel Valley Transit met today with Mechanical Union and there was no finalization on the contract.

Cross Creek Township had forwarded a letter to the President of Steel Valley Transit requestion bus service in the area of Cross Creek. There will be a meeting after the first of the year regarding this.

Contract for the Current Manager of Steel Valley Transit was renewed November 1, 2023.

Steel Valley Transit entered into a contract with a consulting firm out of Columbus with regard to the property across the bus service on Adams Street and 5th Street. They were fortunate to get a grant approved by the Department of Development.

Also I wanted to thank Council and Administration on everything that has been done for the community.

Charlene Prentice: SVRTA, Rider ship with Steel Valley is up. Mr. Laukert covered everything else.

Thank you for a great year.

Mayor's Report

Reminder the Employee luncheon will be tomorrow at 12:00 Council you are welcome to attend.

The Administrator did get some grant funding for Cadiz Road.

Great Job Jesse on that grant.

The City of Steubenville, they will be putting a new valve on their two lines at the Goodwill building on Main Street, that will allowed them to tie into the pump house.

I want to thank Interstate Services, Commissioner Morelli and Council President Randy Spence, we were able to give out Turkeys and Ham to the community. Interstate sponsored that to help families in need.

Council and everyone here are doing things for the community and I would like to Thank everyone. The Public works are getting things done.

For the 2nd year in a row our Police Department has ended the year with a full staff, which is tremendous. We have a waiting list of Officers who would like to be full time officers for the Village. Great Job Chief Vandeborne, keep it up.

Another new business Hometown Speech Therapy in the Goodwill Building.

That is 12 new business in 2023. 13 New businesses in 2022. That makes a total of 25 new businesses in a 2 year span.

Lastly I have never missed a Council Meeting however I apologize in advance , my top priority is family first, however if my Daughter is born in the next few weeks I will be missing a meeting.

Just want to wish everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Administrator's Report

2024 Paving project: What we will have to pay, OPWC will pay and the grant. We have to look at curbs, manholes and school zone lights.

2025-2026 Capital was released which will fund the Dog Park. We will see if we get that.

Another grant, Ohio Development Grant comes out January 17th, 2024, to start new water lines from Wendy's to Park Drive on Main Street and Cadiz Road the time frame on that we may have an issue on that.

Our second option was Main Street to Krogers and out Canton Road. Another one is the pump house which we have been working on since May of this year. Another one is a water line from

Luray Drive to the Fire Department for their Fire School with a fire hydrant. Ohio Department of Development decided maybe a large project and a small project.

Also we could use the grant for the overage in the water meter project. For a lot of extra money spent on the Water Meter project that was not included in the bid. We could possibly retain some of that money for internet lines, router and equipment.

Water Meter Project: We have about 1000 meters installed. T.S. Electric installed the new internet line from the garage to the tower for Core & Main for the new water meters.

Core & Main will be in the Village next week to hook up the internet and other software.

For these 1000 meters we only have one plumber. I contacted Fort Steuben Maintenance to see if they have a plumber to come in and do just the businesses which would help tremendously. The girls are putting in the information in the new system. Then they can learn how to do the Billing then we can start the online payments.

Second thing I talked to Let. Gegick, Chief, and Captain Fabian about the AED Grant they do every year. We got some batteries and that will close that grant out.

We need to get an AED for the 2nd and 3rd floors of this building.

We did the bid yesterday for the Dog Park. One of the biggest bid opening that W.E. Quicksall ever did. 12 bids, 9 people showed up. One was sent by email which wasn't allowed. Another gentlemen was 2 minutes late we did accept his bid. There was a mathematical error in Border Patrol's bid. I suggest we go with the lowest bid that was read aloud.

Randy Spence: What was the mathematical error with Boder Patro's if everyone else got the same bid package.

Jesse Kosgei: They really didn't explain the error.

Pennie Scarpone: You can't except that lowest bid after the numbers were read aloud.

Randy Spence: Do we have to make a decision on that tonight.

Jesse Kosegi: No. We can make a decision next meeting.

Unfinished Business

Pennie Scarpone: When do you foresee having these meters completed if we find another plumber/

Jesse Kiosegi: As soon as I get conformation bout another plumber I will let you know. Core and Main will pay for the extra Plumber.

Pennie Scarpone: Where did we find to store the old meters?

Jesse kosegi: Sewer plant.

Pennie Scarpone: So will we auction those off?

Jesse Kosegi: The Village of Bridgeport needs about 500 meters. We need to sell them maybe to other Villages.

Pennie Scarpone: Why is the bid on Cadiz road so low?

Jesse Kosegi: I was estimated this past year.

Gael Damron; On the Ohio Department of Development grant you said there was some brain storming on the grant has anything been mention about putting a sidewalk down Canton road.

Jesse Kosegi: No. It's only for Water, Waste Water and Sewer.

Jason Mattern: On Border Patrol quote if we could have Jake Linn look into that and see what the official work on that if we could even accept that bid.

On the AED, I know Cintas will help with that and also do training.

Randy Spence: On the Luray Drive water line to Fire Department was there money that had been earmarked for that.

Jesse Kosegi: No money was earmarked for that, there was a grant. I found a file nothing was done.

Randy Spence: Is the web site anywhere near completion.

Jesse Kosegi: Yes, Facebook page I am working on. Captain Fabian is working on the web site. The goal is to have it up and running by January 1 or 2. With the facebook page there will be 3 monitors.

Jake Linn: Could I get a motion to go into executive session for pending litigation.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Pennie Scarpone to go into executive session for pending litigation.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Gael Damron, second by Carmen DeStefano to return to regular session.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

New Business

Randy Spence: Thank you to everyone who participated in the light up night. Thank you Rachel for accepting the Fiscal Officers position. I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Safe New Year.

Jason Mattern: Welcome aboard Rachel. Jesse Thank you the lights through town are very nice. Seven Ranges meeting will be January 7, 2024. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Gael Damron: Welcome Rachel. Jesse I really appreciate everything you do. Merry Christmas.

Transfers

None.

Motion by Randy Spence, second by Jason Mattern to pay bills.

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

Motion passed 6-0. Jason Mattern abstained from 49828.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Motion by Jason Mattern, second by Randy Spence to Adjourn.

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

Motion passed 6-0.

Next Council meeting will be January 4, 2024 at 7:00 PM.

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Rachel Morrison

Fiscal Officer

Michael W. Petrella

Mayor