

**REGULAR MEETING
January 3rd, 2023**

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Mayor Barbara J. Lloyd with the recitation of the “Pledge of Allegiance”.

Roll Call – In Attendance – Paul Lowe, Kim St. Clair, Ed Harlan, Mike Nunley, Bo Coconis, and Greg Gibson

Mike nominated Ed for President of Council. Seconded by Bo. Mayor Lloyd asked if there were any other nominations. None were presented. Mayor Lloyd asked Ed if he would accept and Ed said yes. Mayor Lloyd asked all in favor. Everyone replied yes.

Paul motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held December 5th, 2022. Seconded by Greg. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Ed moved to dispense with the Fiscal Officer’s Bank Reconciliation Report for December 2022 as he is awaiting to close out the year. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lloyd asked Council if they saw the December 2022 Mayor’s Court Data?

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Danny Wiseman

Danny stated he received a call today stating the Mini Hoe would be here the end of February or beginning of March.

Fire – Russell Taylor

Total runs for the month of December 2022, we had a total of 109 calls for service (YTD 1165) as follows:

Fire – 18 Calls	EMS – 92 Calls
4 Fire Calls	68 Transports
5 Service Calls	14 Refusals
2 Canceled Calls	8 Lift Assists
2 Hazardous Situation	2 Mutual Aid Transport
1 False Alarm	1 Mutual Aid MVA/No Pt of Contact

The breakdown (location) of where the 109 calls for service are as follows:

Springfield Township – 48	Village of South Zanesville – 45
Newton Township – 9	City of Zanesville – 4
Harrison Township – 1	Wayne Township – 1
National Trails - 1	

Lt. Landon Duhamel presented the 2022-year end totals.

The 2022 Run Totals were:

Fire – 251 Calls	EMS – 914 Calls
61 Fire Calls	645 Transports
70 Service Calls	153 Refusals
90 Good Intent	101 Lift Assists
18 Hazardous Situation	43 Mutual Aid Transport
10 False Alarms	39 Mutual Aid MVA/No Pt of Contact
1 Gas Call	6 Medic Assists
1 Severe Weather Call	
20 Dropped Calls (Already on Calls or 98.3%taken)	

The breakdown (location) of where the 1165 calls, an increase of 54 calls from 2021, for service are as follows:

Springfield Township – 524	Village of South Zanesville – 394
Newton Township – 110	City of Zanesville – 77
Harrison Township – 16	Wayne Township – 15
Roseville – 13	Crooksville – 9
National Trails – 4	Washington Township – 2
Falls Township – 1	

Our top responders of the year were:

Lt. Bill Ross – 185 calls	Lt. Landon Duhamel – 163 calls
Chief Taylor – 104 calls	Dakota Mascher – 93 calls in 9 months
Tim Lantz – 89 calls	Asst. Chief Adams – 42 calls
Kelly Bryan – 39 calls	Wesley Wiseman – 31 calls
John Mears – 10 calls	Ethan Secoy – 8 calls
Chad Cunningham – 6 calls	Summer Burr – 3 calls

Mayor Lloyd asked if we have figured out how to charge for those. Landon said we have talked about them but the majority of them will no longer occur as the individuals are no longer with us.

Revenue for EMS was budgeted for \$165,000 and we have collected \$197,688.86. We were \$32,688.86 over our projections.

We are having another meat raffle on February 4th.

Council Member Coconis asked with the increase in Springfield Township calls what do we get from them? Chris Kerby stated we get \$140,000 per year plus any insurance payments for EMS Services.

Council Member Lowe for the Fire/EMS, great job, we thank you for your service, your sacrifice, and willingness to do these kinds of things for the community. Also, to the Police Department as well. You guys have done a fantastic job. We appreciate all of you and I want all of you to know that the Council and Mayor and everyone appreciates you.

Police – Shane Paterson

There was a large packet that was distributed by Chief Ross.

Officer Mascher went over the numbers for the Police Department.

In December, the Police Department handled 133 incidents, that included 5 warrants, 4 accidents, 42 traffic stops, 1 misdemeanor arrest, 1 Felony Drug Arrest. Out of the 6 Auxiliary Officers put in a total of 46 hours. In December 2021 we handled 125 incidents.

For the year 2022, the Department handled 1423 incidents, that included 489 traffic related incidents, 56 accidents, 53 warrant attempts or services, 30 misdemeanor arrests and 25 felony indictments. The auxiliary officers gave a total of 599 hours worked.

At the end of 2021 the department handled a total of 1770 incidents that included 647 traffic related stops and incidents, 66 warrant attempts or services, 52 misdemeanor arrests and 30 felony indictments.

In recap of the Department activities in 2022, we obtained new body cameras, a new cruiser, new lidar unit, and 2 new tasers. The evidence room is now in compliance with current state and federal laws and guidelines with continuous help from Joe Miller. The evidence room operation is a continuing task to stay in compliance with state and federal laws/

Department goals for 2023, first and foremost is to keep everyone safe in the community. Second, is to upgrade our mobile MARC's radios and portables to meet compliance requirements with State and Federal regulations that will be required to be done by 2025. Third, is to gain a part time officer to cover shifts that are not covered by current manpower levels.

Council Member Lowe asked Officer Mascher "How long have you been with the Village?" Officer Mascher responded "3 years in February". Council Member Lowe thanked Officer Mascher for the information.

Water – Danny Wiseman

For November we had 20 work orders of which 16 were completed and the other 4 were new. Not included in those numbers but in the last week we 30 leaks in house trailers and meters that had frozen and busted do to the cold weather. We also had 31 locates and 1 major leak.

Street – Danny Wiseman

Patching some holes.

Council Member Lowe asked what are we going to use the money in the Sewer Fund for? We have a \$199,000 laying there. Chris Kerby stated we are still paying on some loans and the rest we are using for ditching with the new tractor hoe.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Finance Committee – Council Member Harlan – We had a discussion on the medical insurance and right now we are going month-to-month basis as we continue to look and see what other insurances are available. We also discussed the truck that the Fire Department was interested in over at Dutro’s, it had 160,000 miles on it for \$27,500. They were also looking at a 2019 F-150 for \$33,300 with 39,000 miles from Ricart’s, after it was equipped out it would be \$46,500. We could take \$23,000 from the General Fund and \$23,500 from the Fire Fund. The things that the Fire Department is looking for is a FEMA Grant to cover a new fire engine of which we would have to match 5% of the total award, they are talking pay raise, and we don’t really want to finance anything because the finance rates are so high right now and we won’t know much more until the final budget in April. We also discussed if we could get more money on the Fire Contract from Springfield Township. We are tabling the part -time police officer for this time.

Personnel Committee – Council Member Gibson – As a group we discussed the Fire Department pay raises to be competitive with other Fire Departments and keep our good employees. We will have a full Council conversation about that. We also discussed the hours of pay for full time employees and a 36-hour week vs. 40-hour week on a trail basis for 3 months to see how it worked out for everybody.

Ed motioned for Council to go into Executive Session to discuss Personnel matters referencing ORC 121.22 to discuss the appointment, employment dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee and we would like to have the Solicitor present. Seconded by Bo. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried. Went into Executive Session at 7:26 PM.

Bo motioned to come out of Executive Session and 8:06 PM. Seconded by Greg. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

- A. Volunteer Firefighters’ Dependent Fund Certificate**
- B. Wage Survey’s for Fire Departments and Full Time Employees’**
- C. Police Cruiser and back seats bid.**
- D. Preliminary Year End Fund Status Report**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2023-1 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE SALE OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Ordinance 2023-1 pursuant to statue 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Paul. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Mike motioned to pass Ordinance 2023-1. Seconded by Bo. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Resolution 1096

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE TO PICK UP THE STATUTORILY REQUIRED CONTRIBUTION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM FOR THE SOLICITOR OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE PURSUANT TO THE IRC SECTION 414(h)(2) AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Resolution 1096 pursuant to statue 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Greg motioned to pass Resolution 1096. Seconded by Bo. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Lowe motioned to raise the pay of the Fire Department employees and police Officer Mascher up \$1.25 per hour. Seconded by Ed. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried. Mayor Lloyd stated to the Fire and Police employees in attendance ‘I know you are probably are disappointed in that but we are really, really, tight (budget wise) but we wanted to be fair and really appreciate your work and we can look at it again later. But, this is all we can afford at this time’. This will take effect after the next meeting as everything has to be put in a Resolution.

Council Member Harlon motioned to allow the Full Time Employees go to a 36-hour work week on a 3-month trial basis. Seconded by Bo. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Council Member Nunley motioned to purchase the 2019 F-150 with the club to help pay for equipping the truck, we will cover the basic cost of the truck. Chris Kerby stated that the funds are not in the budget but will be by April if they can hold the truck. Council Member Gibson stated they hold truck, buses, or vans for 3 months for him. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Taylor Bennett, Assistant Fiscal Officer, stated we are in the market to upgrade the Villages Utility Billing Software. We have been with CMI, our current vendor, forever. We use/used this system for tax, Mayor’s Court and Utilities. We have changed our Mayor’s Court to another company, taxes we will keep CMI for nor, but Utilities we would like to move on because of all the new meter changes/upgrades. We would like to pay for it on a quarterly or yearly basis. We would have the new system paid for in 3 years. The reason we want to switch is

because CMI's Customer service is horrible and we usually end up fixing the problems ourselves. There is little or no support. The other thing is CMI is trying to charge us for things. When we call them for something that is wrong in their software they are telling us we need to pay them to fix it. CMI also has a really bad turnover in staff and response takes to long. We do have a good vendor in mind which is Software Solutions. They have been trying to win our business for years. The conversion process is generally pretty expensive but with Software Solutions doing it there will be no cost to us. Software Solutions is in Dayton and this is the Software Muskingum County uses. Council Member Coconis asked if the primary reason to change is technical support? Are we outgrowing the old system? Taylor replied yes on both questions as well as cost and moving forward. With the current vendor it is constant let down. CMI is not even to keep as a client. Software Solutions will give us more options for our customers. Bo asked if we reached out to other vendors. Chris said around 4. Paul asked if the prices are all about the same. Chris replied "No", it seems CMI increases yearly and they have shown a lack of caring on their part. Council Member Coconis motioned to switch our Utility Billing to Software Solutions. Seconded by Greg. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

MISCELLANEOUS

None

ADJOURN

Paul moved to adjourn, seconded by Ed. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 PM.

Barbara Lloyd - Mayor

Chris Kerby - Clerk/Fiscal Officer