

REGULAR MEETING

June 5th, 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,
and Greg Gibson
Absent - Kyle “Bo” Coconis**

Paul motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held May 1st, 2023. Seconded by Mike. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley - yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Ed moved to approve the Fiscal Officer’s report for April 2023. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Ed moved to approve the Fiscal Officer’s report for May 2023. Seconded by Greg. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lloyd asked Council if they saw the May 2023 Mayor’s Court Data?

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Danny Wiseman

22 Certified Weed letters were sent out and when the time was up for the residents to take care of the grass and weeds we only had 2 yards we had to mow and weed eat. Initially there were 52 yards.

The west side of the municipal building was power washed we power washed the brick flower bed out front, then repaired the mortar around the blocks, and then called Tom Bash (Painters Plus) and scheduled with him to put a special sealer for the water going through the block on the west wall of the municipal building.

Fire – Russell Taylor

There was a total of 112 runs for the month of May 2023. They were as follows:

Fire – 17 Calls

**2 Fire Calls
7 Service Calls
7 Canceled Calls
1 Hazmat Call**

EMS – 95 Calls

**72 Transports
16 Refusals
6 Lift Assists
3 Mutual Aid Transport
1 Medic Assist**

The breakdown (location) of where the 112 calls for service are as follows:
Springfield Township – 55 Village of South Zanesville – 33
Newton Township – 13 City of Zanesville – 8
Wayne Township – 1 Crooksville - 2

The revenue budget for EMS in 2023 is \$190,000 and we have collected \$104,495.10. This is about 55% and we were estimated to be at 41.6%.

Our Chicken BBQ sold out. We sold 1,300 hundred dinners.

I spoke to you Mayor on Sunday about having a community yard sale at the village park. Allow people to rent a space, Mayor Lloyd asked Council what they thought about that. Mayor also asked Kevin Van Horn, Solicitor, would there be a liability issue if they pay for spots. Kevin said he did not know off the top of his head, I would suggest that the Village talk to our Insurance Company. Mayor said we will take care of that.

Chief Taylor said we also have a class on Wednesday with the railroad from 9-5 about railroad safety.

Mayor Lloyd asked Russell “Why are we still transporting the patient at 2335 Old River Road”? Russell replied if she dials 911 we don’t have a choice if she wants to go to the hospital, by law we have to take her.

Police – Mark Ross

In the month of May, the Police Department handled 146 incidents, that included 5 warrant arrests, 4 misdemeanor arrests, 2 We 2 felony indictments of Forgery & Theft, and 32 Traffic Stops. Last year at this time we handled 97 incidents. All Auxiliary Officers completed their required hours in the month of May except one who is recovering from surgery.

This month (May) was most challenging. Chief Ross had 3 separate felony cases to forward to the prosecutor’s office through their new MATRIX reporting system. While in the meantime, conducting a major B&E theft case investigation where \$80,000 of gambling machines were taken from the South House skilled games business. Chief Ross was able to develop good leads in that case where the Sheriff’s Office assigned a detective to follow up as the suspects were from out of town.

Considering that on May 3rd, 2023, collaborating with the Ohio Casino Commission & the Sheriff’s Office two of six search warrants were executed in our village shutting down Triple 7’s and the Gambling establishment next to South Town Café for illegal gambling. The four other search warrants were outside the village. The Casino Commission confiscated machines and cash totaling over \$100,000 dollars. Some of that money will be forfeited to the Village of South Zanesville at a later time because of the Police Departments assistance on their investigation.

As to Officer Spung’s training, he is progressing nicely, getting lots of experience he never had when he was at Muskingum College. Officer Spung has been visible and making arrest when necessary.

As reported in the last two Council Meetings where the Police Department received grant money for the purchase of a Drone in collaboration with the Fire Department. Chief Ross found out there was stipulation with grant money where we had 90 days after the purchase of said Drone that we must produce photos of the drone and a certificate of training or license from the FAA. Chief Ross checked with the FAA and there were two options available. One getting a Part 107 license or request a Certificate of Authorization (COA). Part 107 cost over \$170 per person or go with the COA which cost nothing and covers what we need to satisfy the grants stipulations. Chief Ross has applied for the COA and awaiting a response.

Water – Danny Wiseman

We had 17 Work Orders of which 14 were completed and 3 were new in May.

We also had 60 locates for May.

The high service pump at the water plant has been repaired. It should be installed the first of next week. The total price on that is going to be \$9,780. That is removing, repairing and then reinstalling it.

The electric box and conduit for the generator at the water plant has been installed. I am meeting with the electrician this week to pick an area for the generator at the well field and that way we can pour all of the concrete at one time.

Street – Danny Wiseman

We had to cancel the Gaslight Drive and Ann Circle paving project because the gas company is putting in all new lines and they will be there anywhere from 2 to 4 months. We will have to rebid next year.

All the salt we had to order has been ordered and we should receive our last load sometime next week.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Personnel Committee – Council Member Harlon – We talked about a part-time police officer, Shane Patterson was the only applicant and was interviewed and will work 16 hours per week. We are going to make it that we have an officer on duty and he will be flexible with his hours to be able to cover Sunday's, Monday's and Tuesday's. For the Salaried Employee's we are going to do an annual review and hourly employees with supervisors. Meetings will set up for each employee. For the Salaried Employee's we are going to start out with Taylor, then Russell, then Mark, then Danny, and then Chris. We will start that in July, about a 15 to 20-minute meeting before Committee and Council Meetings. That way we can discuss any issues and see what we can do to help each individual out. Mayor Lloyd asked for a motion to hire Shane Patterson as a part-time police officer per him passing a drug test and background check. Greg motioned to hire Shane Patterson as a part-time police officer. Seconded by Mike. Gibson – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Public Safety/Service Committee – Council Member Nunley – We discussed the Police Levy, at 2 mills which would raise property taxes on a \$100,000 home about \$70 per year. It will bring in about \$53,000 a year to help pay for a part-time police officer and other miscellaneous cost for the Police Department. We also discussed the Drone, there is a liability insurance cost on it, \$550 per year, and there will need to be a certification to operate it, the grant has already been approved and we have received the check for \$6,200. Mayor Lloyd said she thought the liability insurance was a little high, but if you all want to approve the purchase of this drone it will cost us an extra \$550 per year and he (Chris) needs to be able to budget that plus the cost of the drone. So, if I get the motion tonight he will deposit the check and then you guys get trained and we will put a Resolution together to put it action. So, it might take a month or so before we get that done. Mayor Lloyd said you can register the drone to accomplish the training. Council Member Gibson said refresh my memory, what do we need the drone for? Police Chief Ross said it would be used for surveillance for law enforcement, missing child or missing elderly person, accident seen review, and we can also check an area that could be a danger for a law enforcement officer. What brought this up is what happened when the Sheriff’s Office and us when chasing a person, a fleeing felon, down on ST RT 555. No one had a drone. For the Fire Department it does have a thermal, which at nighttime it could locate a child or missing adult. About a year ago we had that drowning of a person in Jonathan’s Creek and it would have been nice to have had it then. Chief Taylor said it would also help on grass and woods fires. Council Member Nunley asked if it would be available county wide. Mayor Lloyd and Chief Taylor both said it could be. Council Member Lowe asked “do we need to pay for anything from the Village side”? Mayor Lloyd said only the liability insurance. Paul motioned to purchase the drone. Seconded by Kim. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Street Committee – Council Member Gibson – As Danny said we have to resend our bid for Gaslight Drive and Ann Circle because of Columbia Gas replacing all of the gas line in that area. It will be rebid next year. Greenhouse Road from the railroad tracks to the stop sign on Kensington Avenue and Stanley Avenue will still be paved this year. We are looking at getting an interest free loan to pave more streets than we discussed in the past.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

A. Rob Guentter Grant Update

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Resolution 1100

A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NESSITY TO LEVY A TAX IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR POLICE PROTECTION AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY (RC 5705.19 AND RC 5705.19(J))

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Resolution 1102 pursuant to statute 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Ed motioned to pass Resolution 1102. Seconded by Greg. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Mayor Lloyd said that we were told that there was a possibility of getting newer playground equipment for the park from Maysville Schools because they are replacing all of their equipment, but there was an issue between the company and the school superintendent so we will not be able to get that.

We had a meeting with the gentlemen that took care of the Veterans Flags up and its going to be some work. Were looking into that and finding out how many poles we have/need and then cost to see what to charge. Council Member Gibson asked if it was going to be like what they did in Zanesville. Mayor Lloyd said yes. Further answers to come.

Mayor Lloyd said to fix what sort of happened with the Drone Grant we weren't all in the correct communication areas so we are going to put a council member on our Grant Committee and that Council Member will be Kim. So, anytime you guys are thinking about a grant talk to the Committee and they can verbalize to the rest of us.

NEW BUSINESS

Council Member Lowe suggest that we have departments start planning a Continues Improvement Plan (CIP) for the future and lay it out in print. I think it would let Council know what you the Department Heads are thinking (planning for) down the road. Such as time lines on buying/modernizing equipment, including vehicles, and such. That way we can strategize as to what money outlays can/need to be possibly there in the future. That way we can have a better grip for budgeting. Mayor Lloyd added we have a form that you guys can fill out and give to Chris and then he will bring it to us and we can discuss it. Chris added we need to get a five-year plan.

Council Member St. Clair questioned that with AEP electric charges going up 30% do to the fact that the Village has an aggregate will the Village be exempt or will it be passed onto us? Chris replied that this increase will be on the AEP portion of the bill but the supplier portion should not be raised. We will see an increase.

MISCELLANEOUS

Mayor Lloyd said our next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 3rd, and we thought with most people wanting to have a nice long weekend that included July 4th, I would like to suggest that we have our meeting on July 10th. Greg motioned to have our July Council Meeting on July 10th. Seconded by Mike. All said yea.

Chris Kerby stated he wanted to give some information to Council that State Treasurers Office Representative came in to see how things were going and that the State Auditor's Office will be here within the next 2 weeks to start the bi-annual audit.

ADJOURN

Mike moved to adjourn, seconded by Ed. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Barbara Lloyd - Mayor

Chris Kerby - Clerk/Fiscal Officer