

**REGULAR MEETING**  
**October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2023**

**Meeting called to order at 7:04 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, Bo Coconis, Mike Nunley, and Greg Gibson**

**Paul motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023. Seconded by Ed. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan - yay, St. Clair, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.**

**Ed moved to dispense with the Fiscal Officer’s Bank Reconciliation Report for September 2023 as we are awaiting the bank statement. Seconded by Kim. Lowe – yay, St. Clair – yay, Harlan – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis - yay, and Gibson - yay. Motion Carried.**

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

**CITIZENS AND GUESTS**

**Chase Wallace – 32 Poplar Dr. – Mr. Wallace handed out a copy of his properties plot. Mr. Wallace then stated 32 Poplar Drive is neighboring home of the village park and I want to build 24 X 32-foot pole barn that would help support my business and family. I own and operate R & R and we remodel homes, do roofs and siding. So, we are intending to build a shop and if you look at the paper (plot document) you can see where my shed is located, that kind of outlines where we are going to approximately end up. About 10 to 15 foot of the building would end up on park property. This part of the property that I outlined we verbally agreed that I would maintain that section, which I currently do, it looks like it is my property but it’s not, it’s the parks property, but I maintain inside that. I also looked into building forward, to stay off the parks property but it was land over the sewer line, like where the caps are, so we would not be able to pump. Mayor Lloyd said you came to us before and asked for the carport, correct? Mr. Wallace said no. Mayor Lloyd asked there is not a carport on property? Mr. Wallace said there is a carport, yes. Mayor Lloyd said and part of that carport is over into the park, correct? Mr. Wallace said I think a corner of it does. Mayor Lloyd said since that (carport) is not a permanent fixture we ok’d it but there is no way we can allow a building like what your wanting to build, we can’t sell this property to you, or we can’t give it to you, because it is a public park. Mayor asked “does Council have any say on this”? Mr. Wallace said his understanding is that it could come down to a vote from the Council. Council Member St. Clair asked where are you wanting to put your pole building. Mayor Lloyd stated where the L is on the plot map. Mr. Wallace showed Council Member St Clair on the plot map. Council Member St Clair asked do you have any other options. Mr. Wallace said there are power lines in the back yard and if I put the building up here (showed Council Member St Clair on the plot map) it would still be over it is still going to come over. Council Member Lowe said what is this right here (pointing at plot map)? Mr. Wallace stated it is a carport. Mr. Wallace said basically when I first bought the house 3 years ago I had my toolshed out there and it got broke into and had a lot of my stuff stolen. I feel like we had a major part in getting some of the people out that area that were causing the problems. There were known traffickers and drug users which were a danger to the community. Mayor Lloyd said I know you have done a really nice job and especially**

maintaining that part of the park on your own without even being asked to, but because it is a permanent fixture I myself personally, a question of what the liability would be, Mayor Lloyd said there would not be any liability. Mr. Wallace stated it would help me secure my stuff, it would make me more efficient. Mayor Lloyd said I understand all that and if anyone (council) wants to make a motion and vote on it go right ahead. Council Member Lowe said I don't think we can do anything until we know what the rules are. This property was given to the Village and what is the rules on it. Mayor Lloyd said that we maintain it as a public park. Council Member Lowe said then we can not let you build anything permanent, if the agreement originally with who ever gave it (park property) to us, I was not here when that happened, but we have to do things that are correct and if it was given to us by someone and it was to be maintained as a public park, then if we allow you to build a permanent structure over on to it then where do we stand. Mr. Wallace said he understood it would be on the parks property but it doesn't like effect the ability of the property. 98 % of the people that go back there, the way that is set up, that all looks like my back yard, like everything is going to be on the side of that bush and it is not going to look like it is on park property at all. I understand, I was going to build it but I figured the right thing to do was to come down here and ask permission and kind of give you my thoughts on it. Mayor Lloyd said I appreciate it, but I hate to be the one to put the stop sign up. Mayor asked Council you have power over me if somebody wants to make a motion and vote. Kevin Van Horn, Village Solicitor, said I don't know if you can do that. Number one even if it is not something that was donated to you it is owned by the village and I don't know if you can make a private deal and sell a public property to a private individual. If the Village of whatever reason become defunct you can turn over the property to the public. Mr. Wallace stated I am not looking to buy it. Mr. Van Horn said that the Village can not give you the permission to do it either. It is a good thing you didn't build on it because you can't do adverse position against a government entity and then they would have had to come in or had you tear it down. But, I don't think they can allow you to build for a non-public purpose. If it was going to benefit the greater good as far as the public at large, the village at large, then I think they can use the land for that purpose and for that purpose only. As far as the donation I don't I don't know about the donation, but if it was donated for a specific purpose and the village accepted it for that purpose and if it runs with the land, which means in perpetuity, then they have to abide by that as well. So, I don't know if they, Council, can make a motion and I don't know if you can vote on a motion. Council Member Coconis asked if we could go back and look at the records, to go back and confirm for his purpose and for potentially other future purposes. Council Member Lowe said we can't do anything illegal. Mr. Van Horn is our Solicitor, our legal advisor, and we have to be careful on Council of the Village of what we do and we are not trying to be mean, but we can go look at this and take a look at all the stuff and see where we are at and give you a better answer after we get all of the details. We know you were given permission to have these temporary structures, a carport can be moved and it was basically an agreement that helped you and your helping us with keeping up with this (maintaining property) but I can't about something I don't know. Mr. Wallace asked when you say greater good for the community, in my line of work I do a lot of local work. Mr. Van Horn stated it is a business that operates basically for the public and get business from the public it is for the greater good but it is not like a government greater good. In other words, it has to serve the whole village and it has to be for purposes of making the village better as opposed to bettering your individual economic good. I will research it and I'll try to find the original grant of the land to the village and I'll research if the village can sell it to you but as I sit here now I don't think the Council has the ability to do what it is you want them to do. I'm not sure they have the ability to put that shed on the property. Mayor Lloyd said unfortunately you will not get an answer tonight on your request. We will have Kevin look into it, I'll also give it to the Rules Committee and let them do some research and get a definite answer tonight. Mr. Wallace said Ok.

**John Johnson – 3795 Mona Dr. – I do Santa Claus all over the State of Ohio and I come to the board today to see if I can do the Santa Claus here in South Zanesville. I would be happy to do it, I would give you more time than the other Santa Claus’s have for less price. Mayor Lloyd said we (the Village) don’t do the Santa Claus. That is the Zanesville South Business Association. Fire Chief Taylor said they already have a Santa Claus for this year.**

**DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**Administrator – Danny Wiseman**

**Nothing**

**Fire – Russell Taylor**

**There was a total of 101 runs for the month of September 2023 along with 4 dropped calls. They were as follows:**

<b>Fire – 18 Calls</b>	<b>EMS – 83 Calls</b>
<b>2 Fire Calls</b>	<b>56 Transports</b>
<b>7 Service Calls</b>	<b>16 Refusals</b>
<b>4 Canceled Calls</b>	<b>5 Lift Assists</b>
<b>2 Hazmat Call</b>	<b>2 Mutual Aid Transport</b>
<b>1 False Alarm</b>	<b>4 Mutual Aid MVA/No Pt of Contact</b>
<b>1 Over Heating</b>	
<b>1 Citizens Complaint</b>	

**The breakdown (location) of where the 101 calls for service are as follows:**

<b>Springfield Township – 54</b>	<b>Village of South Zanesville – 25</b>
<b>Newton Township – 17</b>	<b>Newton Township (Perry) - 1</b>
<b>City of Zanesville – 2</b>	<b>Wayne Township – 1</b>
<b>Roseville - 1</b>	

**The revenue budget for EMS in 2023 is \$190,000 and we have collected \$208,247.88. We are \$18, 000 over our projected number for the year with 3 months to go. This is about 75% and we were estimated to be at 109.6%.**

**While I was on vacation I was working with the Fraternal Order of Eagle’s and they donated us \$7,500 to purchase to more equipment.**

**Council Member Coconis asked if that grant was for something specific. Russell said it would be for personalized individual Thermal Imagine Cameras so when you go into a house fire you can search for people. That will be 12 to 15 units.**

**Police – Mark Ross**

**In the month of September 2023, the Police Department handled 167 incidents, that included 1 warrant arrest, 3 misdemeanor arrests, 1 felony arrest, and 27 traffic related offenses. In September of 2022 we handled 164 incidents, putting us on par from last year.**

**As you all know, in September, Officer Spung put his two weeks notice in as a fulltime officer. Officer Spung was picked up by the Zanesville Police Department where he will be making more money as a fulltime officer. However, Officer Spung**

requested to be placed on the Auxiliary Officer Roster as SZ-9. That request was granted.

In the meantime, I have been aggressively putting the word out along with flyers concerning a fulltime position opening. At this time, there has been no applications nor interest parties. I had been told that \$17 per hour is too low and we may not get anyone. Other agencies are having the same problems filling their rosters.

Other news, Cruiser #3, the Dodge Charger, has been having mechanical issues. This past month it has broken down three times due to radiator and hoses malfunctioning. The last major breakdown was when Officer English was taking evidence to BCI for lab testing. Upon return a heater hose busted that caused the engine to overheat. The vehicle had to be towed from Columbus along I-70 and it is still in the garage finishing up the costly repairs. Hopefully in the future, we can see fit in replacing Unit 3.

Due to Mason, the local mechanic, retiring, we have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the County Commissioners to use their mechanics at the County Garage. They specifically take care of all Sheriff Cruisers. Their labor cost is \$45 an hour and parts are at their discounted costs. Compared to \$65 labor cost we were paying before.

On September 27<sup>th</sup> we had an open Public Forum for the up-coming levy. We only had one couple show up supporting the levy. I have been told by other residents they are in support. Please continue to put the word out as early voting will be starting soon. If you have any concerns or questions, feel free to bring those up.

Mayor Lloyd asked if there was going to be a second forum? Chief Ross said yes and that we were trying to figure out when we are going to do it.

Council Member St Clair asked what year the vehicle was that broke down. Chief Ross replied 2013. Council Member St Clair asked do you know the mileage? Chief Ross said between 42,000 and 50,000. Council Member Gibson asked if it has 40,000 miles, it probably has about hundreds of thousands of idle time, I mean what major problems have we had with this car? Chief Ross said radiator and radiator hose and now a head gasket. The front end also had to be redone because Dodge's had problems with front ends. Council Member Gibson asked did the head gasket blow because the radiator hose malfunctioned and it overheated? Mayor Lloyd said it was the radiator hose 1<sup>st</sup>. Council Member Lowe asked why do we send a 2013 car that is undependable to Columbus, Ohio when we have 2 new squads sitting out here? Chief Ross because both of those units were being used. Council Member Gibson asked if we had to send a police car to London – BCI Labs? Chief Ross said yes. Council Member Lowe asked why was the car not switched. Chief Ross said the car was running fine before it went to Columbus. Council Member said why did we not send one of our new squads. Chief Ross said Like I said both of them were being used at the time. Council Member Lowe said what is the wisdom of prudence when that squad car could have been left in town, could have sent a new one which could have got up there and back without any problems. Now we paid a tow bill all the way from Columbus. We can not afford to keep buying and buying and buying and buying in the situation we are in. There has got to be a time when we start using our heads. Chief Ross said in this case that car was fixed and I was told it was fixed and runnable just like any other car.

**Water – Danny Wiseman**

**We do not have the numbers for Work Orders because we are switching the computer system.**

**We had 43 locates for September.**

**The generators are getting closer to being completed. The gas services were installed at the well field last Friday and the gas service will be installed tomorrow at the water plant. So, there will just be a little bit of wiring left and then the test that will have to be run before they are put in service.**

**I have ordered 3 new Fire Hydrants out of the grant money we got so they are on the way. 8 to 12 weeks or longer is the lead time. I am also getting prices for the valve insertions, 6-inch water taps for the end of Shawnee and E. King.**

**We did flush hydrants on September 18<sup>th</sup>. We got through fifty some hydrants out of the sixty-eight. Eight hydrants were bad which we already knew that, but two of them have been fixed with new hydrants being put in. So, we have 6 not working with 4 to be put in with the grant money. The 52 that I flushed worked properly, no issues, and 6 hydrants belong on private property that don't belong to us. They are in the shopping center and some on Rains Circle. They belong to McClelland Inc. but we do maintain them such as flushing them. There are 5 hydrants in the Kackley Addition that are older hydrants and will open for fire protection, but I only want to use them for fire protection because they do not shut clear off. Council Member Lowe said we have 2 new in before the grant. So, we have 6 bad ones yet and we have 3 ordered. Danny replied yes and I have another one already that we can use, so we can replace 4. Council Member Lowe said so that will leave 2. What was the total grant. Chris Kerby stated \$164,600. Danny added we still do not know what it will cost us to install them, some of them are not just hydrants but valve insertions as well and that is \$10,000 a pop and we need at least 3 or 4 insertions to isolate the hydrant on Maysville Pike so I can change it. Council Member Lowe said so, it was \$164,600 grant and 2 went in on another grant. At \$164,600 you have 3 hydrants ordered. Do we still have \$164,600 left? Danny replied no, we have spent \$10,000 already and Chris Kerby stated the generators will come out of that grant as well and that is \$50,000. Council Member Lowe said so that is \$60,000 out of this grant and leaves us with \$104,600. How much is the 3 hydrants cost us? Danny replied over \$10,000 and shipping costs, what are we going to do with the balance of the money? Danny replied valve insertions, tapes to put hydrants in, and labor to install the valves and hydrants. Council Member Lowe asked do you have any idea what that will cost to accomplish that work do you. Danny replied probably \$5,000 a hydrant just to install them, \$10,000 for each valve insertion, labor to dig them up and 2 taps which will be \$3,000 to \$5,000 each. Council Member Lowe said that is \$71,000 or so, so, we will have some excess left over, maybe. Will ever fire hydrant be fixed that is bad with this money? Danny said all but 2. Council Member Lowe asked why 2, can't we use this money to do those 2? Danny replied if there is money left over we will do them. Council Member Lowe said the Village council wants every fire hydrant in this village working and I want them maintained on a regular maintenance schedule. Council Member Coconis said first of all I appreciate everything and we did not run into any difficulties that we could have. I definitely do think if we have hydrants we need to make sure they work. Council Member Coconis asked what do you think the timeframe will be when the work gets done so we can see if we have money to fix the 2 hydrants. Danny replied in the spring.**

**Street – Danny Wiseman**

We added the 2<sup>nd</sup> stop sign on Beechrock at South Pembroke. Have not had any complaints or issues so far.

Trying to patch areas in the streets, we have already done some cutting where we need to dig them bad areas up. Mayor Lloyd said we have a hole in the alley behind me again and it is deep.

**REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES**

**Insurance Committee – Council Member Coconis – We are starting the process of renewal of Liability Insurance with things that we bought, like added the drone. We are also trying to get ahead of Medical Insurance, we are looking at the process of doing Form Fire for all employees. That is the 1<sup>st</sup> step and we are setting a date of completing those forms, trying for 2 weeks from this Friday. Then we can bid out for different insurances. What we have been told is the increase will be around a 5% to 10% increase of what we pay currently. Then we can look at all of our options and as a reminder last year we had a 28% increase which is one of the sparks that caused some interest. The good news is we are starting earlier and not waiting until November or December to get the Form Fire going. So, at this point as soon as we get the Form Fire done we will turn everything into the Insurance Company and formalize what the next step is.**

**Finance Committee – Council Member Lowe – The appropriations budget process is going on. The Fire Truck Grant is hard to get and maybe someone else could write a grant for us but they want money to, so, I can't see that happening because the fees could be excessive and we are paying Rob. The Tanker shuts down while going down the road at random and nobody can figure out what is wrong with it. It is a 1997 Tanker and there is no way to test the thing. Council Member Gibson asked what type of motor is in it? Council Member Lowe said a Detroit Diesel. Landon Duhamel stated there is 2,187 hours and 22,000 miles. Council Member Gibson stated he might have a couple of connections, there was some old fellows out around Adamsville that is all they did their whole life was work on Detroit Diesel engines. Council Member Lowe said if we purchase a truck it is going to cost us money, of course. You can get a loan for 6% interest and then we could get a meeting with Springfield Township to help us with this. Council Member St Clair asked how much would a new tanker be. Mayor Lloyd said about \$450,000. Council Member Coconis asked for reports that specifically when the tanker shuts down.**

**Personnel Committee – Council Member Harlan – We talked about the Assistant Fire Chief position and make it an hourly position instead of a salaried position.**

**COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS**

- A. Rob Guentter appointment letter to the Southeast Area Transit Board for South Zanesville.**
- B. Village Personnel Chart – Who reports to Who and a committee listing.**
- C. Muskingum County Ballot Question – What will be on the November 2023 Ballot.**
- D. Increase in Bidding Threshold.**

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

**Ordinance 2023-11                    AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR AMENDING AND REVISING SPECIFIC LINE-ITEMS IN THE APPROPRIATIONS OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

**Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Ordinance 2023-11 pursuant to statute 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Bo. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan - yay, St. Clair, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.**

**Paul motioned to pass Ordinance 2023-11. Seconded by Greg. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan - yay, St. Clair, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.**

**Ordinance 2023-12                    AN ORDINANCE FOR THE VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE TO PROVIDE FIRE PROTECTION TO SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP**

**Greg motioned to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2023-12. Seconded by Bo. Lowe – yay, St. Clair - yay, Harlon – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.**

**Ordinance 2023-13                    AN ORDINANCE DESIGNATING THE FIRST MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH TO BE THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE AND COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED SUGGESTIONS FOR THE YAR 2024**

**Mike motioned to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Ordinance 2023-13. Seconded by Bo. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan - yay, St. Clair, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.**

**Resolution 1110**

**A RESOLUTION TO MAKE THE ASSISTANT FIRE CHIEF POSITION AN HOURLY PAID POSITION**

**Ed motioned to pass the 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of Resolution 1110. Seconded by Paul. Lowe – yay, St. Clair - yay, Harlon – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson – yay. Motion Carried.**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mayor Lloyd asked when are we doing Trick or Treat? Zanesville is having Trick or Treat on Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm to 7:00pm. Mike motioned to have Halloween, Trick or Treat, on Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, from 5:30pm to 7:00pm. Seconded by Ed. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan – yay, St. Clair, and Lowe – yay. Motion Carried.**

**Chief Taylor said we are having another meat raffle on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup> at the Grotto. Doors open at 6:00pm. Council Member Gibson asked how much does it cost to get in. Chief Taylor replied \$5. We are also having a gun raffle and all the proceeds are going to the memorial.**

**Chief Ross asked if Ordinance 728 which was established in 1972 in regards to livestock could be revised. We had an incident here in the village that a resident had a donkey in his backyard. Mayor Lloyd said down the alley from me after you go around the corner there are ducks and chickens. Mayor Lloyd placed this into the Rules Committee.**

**MISCELLANEOUS**

**None**

**ADJOURN**

**Ed moved to adjourn, seconded by Paul. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:53 PM.**

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**Barbara Lloyd - Mayor**

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**Chris Kerby - Clerk/Fiscal Officer**