

**REGULAR MEETING
February 5th, 2024**

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

Paul motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held January 2, 2024. Seconded by Mike. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

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CITIZENS AND GUESTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Danny Wiseman

None

Fire – Russell Taylor

Total runs for the month of January 2024, we had a total of 105 calls for service as follows:

Fire – 22 Calls	EMS – 83 Calls
6 Fire Calls	60 Transports
3 Service Calls	12 Refusals
9 Canceled Calls	5 Lift Assists
2 Hazardous Situation	6 Mutual Aid MVA/No Pt of Contact
2 False Alarm	

The breakdown (location) of where the 105 calls for service are as follows:

Springfield Township – 42	Village of South Zanesville – 28
Newton Township – 23	City of Zanesville – 9
Harrison Township – 1	Wayne Township – 1
National Trails – 1	

Our new budget for this year went from \$190,000.00 to \$250,000.00. We have raised \$23,726.00.

This morning at 5:43AM we got a call to Shipley Road. When we first arrived, the home was already fully engulfed. We ended up having 3 patients. 2 of them we transported to the hospital for injuries. One of them only has a 20% chance of surviving. We also went to Crooksville Saturday night. There was a house fire that we helped them out with.

The other thing I wanted to bring up to the mayor and council members. I had to take off a few days in January for a Family death. My wife's mother's brother fell and hit his head, they had him on a vent for a week and then they finally realized it wasn't doing anything. It took a long time to get the arrangements together for the funeral. I had to use a lot of the vacation time I had, and I would like to ask the council if they can forgive me for that so I can have some vacation time for the rest of the year. I spend a lot of time responding to calls that are outside of what I am paid for, and I am hoping you take that into consideration.

Barb suggests we put that to the personnel committee and come back to it next month.

Police – Police Chief Mark Ross

In the Month of January 2024, the police Dept. handled 124 incidents, compared to 78 incidents in January 2023. Out of the 124 incidents there were 6 accident investigations, 1 felony Theft & Tampering with Records indictment, 2 Warrants attempted or served. There were 41 traffic citations/written & verbal warnings written.

As you all may know, I had an accident with Unit one, while responding to a verbal domestic dispute call, causing moderate damage to the cruiser, fortunately no one was injured. This was an unfortunate event that I do not lightly.

On a good note, the Department received the three Panasonic Touch Screen computers and equipment, that was bought and donated by the Muskingum County Prosecutors office. All three are in the process of being installed in the cruiser. Once Unit 1 gets out of the repair shop, there will be a news release with photos of all three cruisers.

In addition, you may have seen our newest member to the fleet, a 2019 Dodge Charger cruiser listed as Unit-3. The vehicle is running well and is now fully equipped for duty. This cruiser will be used as a spare and sometimes will be out to give the newer ones a break.

On to personal, the Department is now down to two auxiliaries. My wife recently resigned to take the Chief of Police Job back in Junction City. The others that had left was because of new job opportunities where they could not fill their obligations to the department. Yet, I have not had any applications for the full-time job, I had one stopped in to see what it was about and another, seeking auxiliary position. Maybe the council and Madam Mayor will consider raising the hourly rates a little bit more to attract possible candidates or consider splitting the hours with a higher rate for part timers. I will continue to spread the word. If you have any questions or concern, feel free to ask.

Bo asked if we sent a thank you letter to the prosecutor's office. Mark said we are in the process of having a media event to thank them. We want to show off the cars and everything we've done here.

Water – Danny Wiseman

For January we had 43 locates. Just letting you know the generators for the well field and the water plant are up and running. We had a little issue with the Gas company at the water plant. Trying to get that worked out to get it set up to run. I had a pump go down at #10 well, we put in our spare pump and motor. We are pumping it now, we will have to have it tested before we can put it back into operation. The EPA requires you to do certain testing before you put it back into operation. We still have some major water leaks. We have found several. We are still pumping over 100,000 gallons a day than we should. When I get one fixed, there's another one.

Paul asked how much water does an average household use? Danny replied that the basic minimum is 250 CF. Everyone is different. It depends on the household.

Street – Danny Wiseman

We have been using a lot of salt. We still have plenty and we still have room to buy. I think we did a pretty good job on the streets. Keeping up with what we had to work with and things. And also, we had a last-minute EPA Grant that we only had 2 weeks to get ready. And it's for a new salt bin. I had to come up with some prices. It will be a concrete wall salt bin. This is pretty much what the EPA wants you to have as far as Salt infiltrating into the ground. We can get a grant for up to \$75,000.00. The bids I got are right around \$83,000.00. We might have to pay a little bit but ours is falling apart.

Paul says we bought some property that we were planning on doing some things with, would we be able to do it over there? Dan replied that they have already picked out a spot and that's where they plan to build.

We also got a grant for some locating equipment. The flow testers are available, we are looking at about \$5,000.00 dollars of free money.

Mike Nunley asks, a lady called me about Gayla Drive. Wanted to know if we can check on the pot holes? Danny replied that they have not been out in that area, but the guys are out and about.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Public Safety Committee – Council Member Kim St Clair.

The committee met to discuss an ordinance to ban the use of marijuana in public places such as the park and also banning marijuana dispensaries. We want to talk to Kevin because the state has not passed yet as far as the legalization on marijuana. So, we were going to wait on passing an ordinance until the state has things final.

Kevin stated, there are some villages that have passed ordinances. Paul said we don't have to wait on anything. We should do what's best for the community. Kim states, Chris is just pointing out that if the state passes something, we do not.

We also talked about the pay for the Police Department. Mark wanted to discuss some options pertaining to hiring officers. There is an option to suggests 2 part time officers or just one full time. If we do the 2-part time no benefits will be paid out, which is a benefit for us. He wants to recruit from the academy and possibly have a 3rd part time officer at some point. Russell also gave us a fire truck update. A new truck will cost around \$480,000.00 and that's only if the levy passes, we can have the new truck by September of this year.

Finance & Insurance Committee – Council Member Bo Coconis

The finance committee discussed the budget, pay increases. Barb believes it could be possible the pay raises could be more. We will have to see what happens with council. On the police department issue, it was discussed that it will be better for the village to hire 2 part time officers to get them a hire pay rate. If we can get budget straightened out, it would be possible that we hire a 3rd part time officer.

We also talked about pay raises. It could be May or June before we make it permanent. The personnel policy can be passed tonight.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

A. Personnel Policy Update

Paul motioned to pass the updated personnel policy. Seconded by Kim. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

B. 2024 Appropriations Budget

C. Newly Elected Council Member Training

D. The Required Gas Aggregate Meeting to be held February 12, 2024 @ noon and 1:30PM.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2023-18 AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF LIVRSTOCK WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE

Ed motioned to pass the 3rd Reading of Ordinance 2023-18. Seconded by Kim. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Passed.

Ordinance 2024-1 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE NEW PERSONELL POLICY AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY.

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Ordinance 2024-1 pursuant to statue 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlan – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Greg motioned to pass Ordinance 2024-1 seconded by Bo. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Resolution 1115

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MUSKINGUM COUNTY COMMISSIONERS TO ACT AS PURCHASING AGENT FOR THE GAS AGGREGATE FOR THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE AND DECLARING THIS AN EMERGENCY.

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Resolution 1115 pursuant to statute 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Kim. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Ed motioned to pass Resolution 1115. Seconded by Greg. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

Ordinance 2024-2

AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF SOUTH ZANESVILLE, STATE OF OHIO DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Ordinance 2024-2 pursuant to statute 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Bo. Gibson – yea, Coconis – yea, Nunley – yea, Harlon – yea, St. Clair – yea, and Lowe – yea. Motion Carried.

Mike motioned to pass Ordinance 2024-2 seconded by Bo. Lowe – yea, St. Clair – yea, Harlan – yea, Nunley – yea, Coconis – yea, and Gibson - yea. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

MISCELLANEOUS

Council member Paul Lowe suggested we do another community clean up day. This time I would like to clean up Clay Street, and both sides of Maysville Pike and maybe 719. Barb replied we will put it in the committee to discuss it in detail.

Bo brought up the Straker Foundation about a grant to work on the Park. We need to have a group out together, to talk about pickle ball or playground equipment. It is so dated that we need to update the park and figure out what we want it to look together.

ADJOURN

Ed moved to adjourn, seconded by Bo. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Barbara Lloyd - Mayor

Taylor Bennett – Asst. Fiscal Officer