

**REGULAR MEETING
April 1st, 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

Ed motioned to accept the minutes of the Regular Village Council Meeting held March 4th, 2024. Seconded by Mike. Lowe – yay, St. Clair – yay, Harlan – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson - yay. Motion Carried.

Ed moved to approve the February 2024 Bank Reconciliation Report. Seconded by Kim. Gibson – yay, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan – yay, St. Clair – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Paul moved to dispense with the Fiscal Officer’s Bank Reconciliation Report for March 2024 as we are awaiting the bank statement. Seconded by Ed. Lowe – yay, St. Clair – yay, Harlan – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson - yay. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lloyd stated we are awaiting the March 2024 Mayor’s Court Data, we will have it next month.

CITIZENS AND GUESTS

None

DEPARTMENT HEADS

Administrator – Danny Wiseman

The Park was all cleaned up for the Easter Egg hunt but it got rained out.

Council Member Nunley asked “where the grill is at (next to the shelter in the upper park)”, the grill needs fixed. Danny replied it is already done. People do that to get up on the roof on the shelter.

Council Member Lowe, we were there this Sunday and the bench behind the big toy needs repainted. Also, in where the big toy is we have apparatus on the front left side of this is open and I measured it and it is at least 10’ wide and 20’ deep and I think we need something there. Danny stated that is what we are trying to do. Council Member Lowe continued we were looking into applying for help through the Straker Foundation, can’t we include an additional apparatus for that little section? Council Member Coconis said “yes”. I think what we need to do and what I would ask is that we get together for another meeting for anyone that wants to be involved. I know we have a Parks Committee but I think it is more than just 3 people to give input. We have to have something put together for the fall which is the next opportunity, so we need to get together and figure out what we want it to look like. I do know from the Straker aspect that there were 1 or 2 playgrounds that was upgraded this last set of grants. It is in the wheelhouse of what would be funded but we just need to find out what we want to do. The reason we did not do anything for the spring was it was going to be a relatively small ask. Council Member Lowe asked if the Pickleball Courts would be included? Danny said “yes”.

Council Member Coconis said we need a meeting within the next month in regards to what we would like to see. Council Member Lowe said I think we can have a meeting as long as we put it on our website and open it up to the public. This would only be an informational meeting and no decisions would be made. If anyone goes down toward Athens there is a place called Chauncey that has a playground the similar size of our skateboard park and they put in this really cool track. The kids were on it with skateboards and scooters and it was designed so it keeps you going. I would like to look at that as well for our park.

Fire – Russell Taylor

There was a total of 110 calls for the month of March 2024 with 1 dropped call. The monthly breakdown is as follows:

Fire – 19 Calls	EMS – 91 Calls
2 Fire Calls	66 Transports
6 Service Calls	15 Refusals
10 Canceled Calls	6 Mutual Aid Transports
1 False Alarm	4 Non-Injury MVA

The breakdown (location) of where the 110 calls for service are as follows:

Springfield Township – 57	Village of South Zanesville – 24
Newton Township – 17	City of Zanesville – 2
Roseville – 1	Crooksville – 3
Wayne Township - 5	Harrison Township - 1

The other paper I gave you, the New Cumberland Fire Department had an action just over a month ago for equipment. We paid just over a \$1,000 and we received around \$10,000 to \$11,000 worth of equipment for the Fire Department. We also a new tool box that was \$252 to go on the trailer with the ATV so we can haul extra equipment for grass fires.

The Easter Egg hunt we moved to the Fire Station and had roughly 82 kids show up, everybody left with a prize. Walmart north donated a lot of stuff for next year.

The Memorial out front, we have raised about \$13,000 already for it.

We trained last Sunday over here at the house (15 E. Main St.) and we got a lot of good training. This coming Sunday we are training at A1 Towing on extrication and car fires.

I know we have been talking about it over and over, but Friday when we were coming back from the Maysville School area 1413 shut off again in front of Rural King and then again in front of Coconis Furniture. When it does this its losses all power steering and everything. I know we just spent a lot of money on things but whatever the problem is it is not fixing it. We still keep looking for cheaper deals on trucks and we found one on a 2012 for \$350,000 which is about \$100,000 cheaper. This is a 2,000-gallon Tanker.

Police – Chief Ross

The Police Department handled 85 incidents in the month of March 2024, compared to 144 incidents back in March 2023. This is due to having two fulltime employees during that year. Breaking down the 2024 stats, we did 14 reports, investigated 6 traffic crashes, had 1 Felony Forgery and Misdemeanor Theft indictment that occurred at Ollies. The department handed out 27 citations, written warnings, and verbal warnings. One of those was an OVI Physical Control Arrest in Campbell’s parking lot with a Minor Misdemeanor cite for open container.

As to personnel, I have 2 applicates going through the process for part time position. I hope that we can invest in putting these applicates on in the near future.

In the end of the Month of April, I will be going to the Ohio Association Chief of Police Conference for 3 days.

Water – Danny Wiseman

#10 well was rehabbed and was pumping in good shape until the storm last night. We had a wire short out in it and it will be fixed soon.

Council Member Lowe asked “how much water are we losing right now”. Danny replied ‘None for no since we got the leak fixed and E. Main Street and S. Pembroke Avenue’.

Council Member Coconis asked what was it when I called you last week about low water pressure. Danny replied that the lift station was being worked on by electrician so that the wiring could be set up correctly to be able to use a generator if needed. Council Member Coconis added that something knocked the one side on the top where the roof is and flipped it up.

Street – Danny Wiseman

We have a lot of ditching that needs to be done because of the storms we had come through. We are picking the worst areas first and doing them first and going from there.

REPORTS OF COUNCIL COMMITTEES

Street Committee – Council Member Gibson - we looked at 11 Winsor Avenue which is off E. Main Street as she was complaining her yard and driveway and that things are getting washed out. Dan has already repaired most of that stuff, clear back in farther than where it really has to go. So, we are going to tell her the rest of it will have to be done by her landlord or herself except for the ditches and we will clean them out.

COMMUNICATIONS AND LETTERS

- A. Copy of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 121.22 Public Meetings – Exceptions. Council Member Lowe stated that on page 6 is most important.**
- B. Rob Guentter Project List/Status Update**
- C. AEP Overview of Upcoming Electric Bill Adjustments**
- D. Skid Steer sale by Fire Department – Chris noted that we have to go out for bids, not on Facebook, but on our website and in the newspaper paper.**

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance 2024-4 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 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Ordinance 2024-4 pursuant to statute 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Greg. Gibson – yay, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan – yay, St. Clair – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Kim motioned to pass Ordinance 2024-4. Seconded by Paul. Gibson – yay, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan – yay, St. Clair – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

Resolution 1117 A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PARTICIPATION IN THE ODOT ROAD SALT CONTRACTS AWARDED IN 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Ed moved to suspense with the three separate readings rules of Ordinance 2024-4 pursuant to statute 731.17 of the Ohio revised Codes and declare it an emergency. Seconded by Bo. Lowe – yay, St. Clair – yay, Harlan – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson - yay. Motion Carried.

Paul motioned to pass Ordinance 2024-4. Seconded by Bo. Lowe – yay, St. Clair – yay, Harlan – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson - yay. Motion Carried.

Resolution 1118 A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE MUSKINGUM COUNTY 9-1-1 FINAL PLAN

Paul moved to pass the first reading of Resolution 1118 Seconded by Bo. Gibson – yay, Coconis – yay, Nunley – yay, Harlan – yay, St. Clair – yay, and Lowe - yay. Motion Carried.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Council Member Lowe – I have a quote here from G & M Construction for the walk-in doors at the Fire Department which need to be replaced. Is this going to be taken care of by the maintenance fund? Mayor Lloyd said “correct”

Council Member Lowe also said we are going to have cleanup day on May 4th. We will advertise to get a little more help. Chief Ross added that he knew that the Probation Department had people working along the railroad cleaning up trash already.

NEW BUSINESS

Chief Ross said since he had been here that the Fire Department has pictures of all their past Chiefs and that is an honor to be a chief here in South Zanesville and I also noticed that there is a plaque for the Mayors, but nothing for the police chiefs. I thought it would be nice to honor all of the Police Chiefs that work here and I’ll be gone someday and it would be nice to maybe have my grandchild to see that my grandfather was here. So, I did some research with the help of Joe Miller and I came up with 17 Chief’s names, and looked at plaques to get pricing and it would cost \$153 for 30 name plates to be place on the plaque (room to expand). I’m asking for Council to approve this request. Mike motioned to purchase the plaque. Seconded by Kim. Lowe – yay, St. Clair – yay, Harlan – yay, Nunley – yay, Coconis – yay, and Gibson - yay. Motion Carried.

Council Member Lowe stated that he went to the Ohio Municipal Leagues Newly Elected Officials Seminar in Athens a couple of weeks ago and there was a lot of information that I enjoyed listening to. One of the things was that was suggested that I think we might want to think about is to be in communication with our businesses within the Village more and maybe have people go speak to business owners and ask them how they feel things are going for them in the Village and if there are any concerns. I think fostering a better relationship between Villages and businesses would be a great asset for the Village.

Council Member Lowe said “Russell remember the Firemen’s Festival that we were talking about for 100 year” “I was thinking about a Firemen’s this year at the Village Park and possibly with that I think we would be well off to build a platform that could be used as a stage next to the pool house. That would be a natural Amphitheater. Make it out of Poly a couple of feet high. Something to think about for the future.

MISCELLANEOUS

Nothing

ADJOURN

Ed moved to adjourn, seconded by Bo. Mayor Lloyd asked all to vote by stating I. All did. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Barbara Lloyd - Mayor

Chris Kerby - Clerk/Fiscal Officer