

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Mayor Brian White presiding.

**ROLL CALL**

The following Village Council members were present: Bob Jarvis, Katie Getz, Adam Gongwer, Darrell Starr-Jude, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, and Todd Wise.

Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund, Finance Director Jim Banks, Chief Brett Pauley, and Administrator Andrew Smallstey.

Residents and others present: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by STARR-JUDE to approve the minutes of February 1, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

**FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment for 8:00 p.m. Seconded by KEARNS.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS FROM CITIZENS**

Mayor White requested any Village resident wishing to address Council concerning Council business to please stand, state their name and address for the record, and their purpose for attending Council.

No comments were heard.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

RULES AND PERSONNEL: Ordinance No. 21-05 is on tonight's agenda.

FINANCE: No report.

SAFETY SERVICE: Committee met before Council. Minutes pending.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Budget meeting at 6:15 before Council. Committee members are: Wynn Kearns, Katie Getz, and Todd Wise.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: Ordinance No. 21-04 is on tonight's agenda. Committee will meet following tonight's Council Session.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: Committee will meet March 1<sup>st</sup> after Council.

**FINANCE REPORT**

As reported by Jim Banks:

Finance report for bank reconciliation through January 31, 2021. All accounts agree.

Motion by LITTLE to

Accept Finance Report as presented.

Seconded by STARR-JUDE.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

Grievance Board ballots have been received and tallied. Congratulations to Darrell Shepherd and Officer Chris Glennon as public works and safety service board members respectively.

The Patriot Park Phase III project through ODNR Natureworks grant funding has been finalized. All paperwork was submitted and approved. The grant amount of \$58,726.00 has been received and is secured in our account. D. L. Smith Concrete will be returning this spring for grading work along the edges of the walking path.

The state mandated FMSCA Clearinghouse drug and alcohol annual queries have been completed for 2020-2021. As expected, there were no surprises found in the search.

Our road salt supply remains in very good shape. Financially, we will be able to fill our shed by the end of the season, taking advantage of lower salt prices while we can.

With the current snow event and later this week, I want to remind residents of the snow parking ban when snow exceeds two inches. We have excellent road crews and ask to make their jobs easier by removing all vehicles from the roadway when at all possible.

Councilman Little asked about removing stumps from Bicentennial Park for more pleasing appearance. Mr. Smallstey said we will be removing using in-house crews.

Councilman Kearns noted the street sweepings have been doing excellent job and wondered why not keep the same crew for the third sweep. Mr. Smallstey said there used to be about four companies who do the street sweeping; but dwindled to only a couple. Other companies have ignored our request for bidding. Reilly Sweeping was the only company who took the time to come to our Village. Last year, less time was spent on the third sweep, yet the portion of the bill remained the same. I want to be certain we are getting premium value for their work.

Councilman Wise asked if we could not rely on the Village snow Ordinance to get the vehicles removed from the streets when snow exceeds two inches. Mr. Smallstey said that becomes a Police Department issue; involving parking tickets, getting vehicle towed, something that is traditionally not done in the Village. We have mentioned the snow Ordinance in Village newsletters. Councilman Starr-Jude complimented the street department crew saying he receives dozens of compliments about how well the Village maintains the streets.

Mr. Smallstey noted after few phone calls regarding snow and ice on the bridge; Parks Department took few hours and dedication in removing all the snow and ice.

### **MAYOR'S REPORT**

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

I sent a note to Lex Plaza/Meade Construction asking to review their zoning permit. I have not received a reply.

Swagelok left in December 2020. We have a business looking to purchase the Swagelok property. The new business would bring 35 employees and have potential of bringing in approximately 40 more employees.

Councilman Wise if we have had any potential buyers for the Premier Bank business on East Main. Mayor White reported one interested party but has not returned his call.

### **POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley:

Request permission to donation our 15-year old bulletproof vests (aka shields) to Bellville Ohio Police Department.

Motion by LITTLE permission to  
Donate old police shields to Bellville Police Department.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

**PARLIMENTARIAN REPORT**

No report.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance No. 21-04 by Mr. Wise

**AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR TO ADVERTISE FOR COMPETITIVE BIDS FOR THE RESURFACING OF CERTAIN VILLAGE STREETS, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

Motion by WISE to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by WISE to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by WISE to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Streets for resurfacing: Church Street [from Delaware to Mill Street], Mill Street [from Main to corporation limits], Castor Road [isolated repairs only], and Alley south of West Church Street and ending at Frederick Street. Councilman Kearns noted the Village goes out this time of year to obtain more competitive rates.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

Ordinance No. 21-05 by Mr. Starr-Jude

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE RANGE OF COMPENSATION FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES.**

Motion by STARR-JUDE to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by STARR-JUDE to waive rules of Council requiring that an Ordinance is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. All yeas: 7-0.

Motion carried.

Motion by STARR-JUDE to adopt.

Seconded by LITTLE.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Smallstey told Council Members this is updated from 2019 because of the most recent wage increases.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Wise stated approximate total of surveys turned in are just under 400; we were hoping for more. Mr. Wise said maybe extending the due date would bring in more responses? Mayor White said he has pushed all people to respond to the survey; it is not just for residents. Mayor White has talked to School Board Members, Washington and Troy township people. Councilman Kearns asked if the survey online was the same as those mailed to the residents; Councilman Wise said it was except for one typo. Mr. Bacin of Cedarwood stated reference regarding the survey was that it was too lengthy.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No comments were heard.

**MISCELLANEOUS**

No comments were heard.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn  
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by LITTLE.

Roll call. Yeas: 7; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda J. Wilson  
Clerk of Council

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Brian White  
Mayor