

Regular Council

May 17,

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

ROLL CALL

The following Village Council members were present: Katie Getz, Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Darrell Starr-Jude, and Todd Wise.
Other officials present: Chief Brett Pauley, and Administrator Andy Smallstey.
Residents and others present: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood.

Motion by GONGWER to
Excuse Councilman Jarvis.
Seconded by KEARNS.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by LITTLE to approve the minutes
of May 3, 2021 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by STARR-JUDE.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT

Motion by GONGWER to set the time of adjournment
For 7:55 p.m. Seconded by LITTLE.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; 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: No report.

FINANCE: No report.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

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PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

As presented by Finance Director James Bank:

Mr. Banks reported all accounts are balanced and the Village has over five million in cash reserve.

Motion by LITTLE to accept
Finance report.
Seconded by GETZ.
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

We have filled the vacancy in the Street Department with Trevor Baker. Trevor is a local resident with significant experience.

I received the plans for the fiber boring project along U.S. Route 42. The plans have been forwarded to Poggemeyer Design Group for their review. June 1st is the potential starting date for Richland County. I have requested a pre-construction meeting and sufficient time to notify residents before work commences.

There was some confusion on park access after flooding last week. Community and Patriot Park were closed for the entire week. Playgrounds and restrooms were sanitized and re-opened. All ballfields remained closed for a week. High school freshmen team were practicing Thursday on the field due to miscommunication in the schools. All fields and parks are open this week.

The administrative assistant and I viewed properties last Thursday and 29 letters regarding mowing were mailed out that Friday morning. Over the weekend many residents were able to mow. I received two phone calls from residents who were very upset about my letter. They have lawn care companies grooming their yards and they were very behind schedule.

As of today, we only have two residents with delinquent water bills that is over \$200.00 overdue. This is a big change from years back; with residents often paying with more discipline and with many overdue bills.

Councilman Gongwer noted the house across from fire station is still parking on lawn area covered with gravel. Mr. Smallstey sent a letter before the pandemic; he will send another letter.

Councilman Kearns asked about making permanent the temporary fence installed for the 2021 Lexington High school girls' softball season. Temporary fencing had been donated and erected at Hannon Field in Community Park. That field was originally used for men's softball and has not been used for that purpose in many years. The home run distance is too long with the men's fence.

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Councilwoman Getz thanked Ontario's baseball teams that pitched in to help clean our flooded park. Mrs. Getz asked if any progress has been made regarding installing the pickle ball court at Bicentennial Park. Mrs. Getz asked about the maintenance trucks tearing up the corner section of the exit at Bicentennial Park. Councilman Kearns suggested bringing in Oyster Paving for this size of a paving project.

Mr. Smallstey's entire report can be seen upon request from Records Manager, Brenda Wilson.

MAYOR'S REPORT

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

We are recognizing Arbor Day this Friday at 10:00 a.m. at Patriot Park. All are invited.

The Department of Treasury released interim final report on the American Rescue Plan Act monies. A little more defined but still no time frame was given.

CIC signed contract with Poggemeyer Design Group to begin work on property across the street from Village Hall.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

No report.

PARLIAMENTARIAN'S REPORT

As reported by Councilman Adam Gongwer:

Next meeting we begin our summer attire and having Council meetings only the first Monday of June, July, and August. Please note July Fourth will be celebrated on Monday July 5th so we will hold Council that following Tuesday night, July 6th normal time.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor White stated Memorial Day Parade will be held Monday May 31st. If you wish to participate in the parade be at the high school at 9:30 a.m. The parade will start at 10:00 a.m. and come down Delaware, to Main, and onto the Cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments were heard.

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MISCELLANEOUS

No comments were heard.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn
before the appointed hour.

Seconded by WISE.

Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0

Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor