

Regular Council

September 5

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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: Adam Gongwer, Bob Jarvis, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, Jeff O’Brien, and Todd Wise.

Other officials present: Attorney John Studenmund, Chief Troy Weaver, and Village Administrator Andrew Smallstey.

Residents and other guests: Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood.

Motion by LITTLE to excuse  
Councilman Alleshouse.  
Seconded by GONGWER.  
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.  
Motion carried.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by O’BRIEN to approve the minutes  
of August 7, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Seconded by GONGWER.  
Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.  
Motion carried.

**FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment  
for 8:30 p.m. Seconded by KEARNS.

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.

Keith Bacin of Cedarwood complimented the new agency hired for installation of Village water meters. Mr. Bacin stated that the people were fantastic, courteous, and very professional. Mr. Bacin thanked Council Members for selecting this agency.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: August bills have been checked.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

**FINANCE REPORT**

Report printed, discussion to be tabled until next meeting.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

All old fencing has been taken down in prepping for Pickle Ball Court. The old fencing was turned in for scrap. The existing asphalt for the courts was milled as a donation to the Village by Brennstuhl Construction in Bellville. This allows the millings to be used as a temporary parking surface until a future plan is developed. I would like to recommend that a sign be displayed on the fencing acknowledging the work by Brennstuhl. Sportscape crews began their work this week.

Work has started on the replacement roof at the Senior Depot. Work will be finished this week. This includes roof, fascia, and downspouts. This project was completely paid for by the NOPEC Energized Community Grant.

The 42 South Water Storage tank has been drained, sandblasted, and painted on the interior over the last few weeks. Some of the yard was rutted by crews and the concrete drive was damaged by their equipment. USG will be handling all of the repairs to both areas.

Crosswalks and parking areas, including striping of the Depot parking lot, has been in process for the last few weeks. Thermoplastic will be laid tonight in and around the square by the Street Department.

On August 23<sup>rd</sup>, one of our Street Department employees, Tyeler Yarger, was involved in a crash with a motorcycle at West Main and Steam Corners. The motorcycle struck the trailer being pulled by Tyeler in a village pickup. The two occupants of the motorcycle received fairly minor injuries and were transported to Avita. All information has been turned over to both insurance companies for review and finalization.

Councilman Kearns noted about the well-done water break repair job on Plymouth Street. Noting the county helped with traffic signals.

Councilman Little asked if Mr. Smallstey has reviewed Village's ordinances regarding sheds. Mr. Smallstey stated he sent an email to Mr. Little regarding this matter. Mr. Little will look for the email.

Councilman O'Brien asked if the easement for Complete Access has been completed. Attorney Studenmund stated the easement is good but the Village will need an authorized signature; not the local manager due to the actual ownership rights as held for the property.

**Mayor's Report**

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Spoke with other Mayors last Thursday and decided to hold trick or treat the Thursday before Halloween, October 26<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 till 7:00 p.m.

I have decided to put the Halloween walk on the back burner.

Proclamation was read for National Preparedness Month.

I joined the Lemon family for overdose awareness on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August; held at our Community Park.

Congratulations to Blueberry Festival for the largest parade attendance. Sorelle Sisters brought in a huge crowd. The festival was moved to one week earlier than previously.

The litigation involving the square is over; the zoning denial stays in place. We tried to agree on a price with the owner but we were not successful. The owner has been sent a letter to mow the lot and fill in the hole according to Village zoning and ordinance requirements.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Thank you to Andy Smallstey, Parks employees, and Water Department employees for their assistance during the Blueberry Festival. This helped a lot with our manpower issue.

Hiring is at slow process, thought we had one officer but he did not want to work nights. We have another interview slotted.

Officer Anderson is working half days at the school and other time on education. Mayor White noted that Officer Glennon was recognized as Lexington's SRO by the large number of people greeting him when in public.

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**PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT**

No report.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

No Ordinances/Resolutions.

**OLD BUSINESS**

No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No report.

Motion by JARVIS to adjourn to  
Executive Session to discuss purchase or sale of property.  
Seconded by GONGWER.  
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.  
Motion carried.

Mayor White requested Attorney Studenmund and Administrator Smallstey to also attend the Executive Session.

**Council adjourned to Executive Session at 7:56 p.m.**

Motion by GONGWER to reconvene  
to Regular Council Session.  
Seconded by WISE.  
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.  
Motion carried.

**Council reconvened to Regular Session at 8:25 p.m.**

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

No comments.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn  
before the appointed hour.  
Seconded by LITTLE.  
Roll call. Yeas: 6; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0  
Motion carried.

**Meeting was adjourned at 8:26 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda J. Wilson  
Clerk of Council

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Brian White  
Mayor