

Regular Council

October 16

23

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

**ROLL CALL**

The following Village Council members were present: Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Bob Jarvis, Wynn Kearns, Kim Little, and Jeff O'Brien.

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

Residents and other guests: Gordon Jones of 11784 Pebble Beach, Illinois, Charles Comstock of 199 Essex Road, Mike Mitchel of 410 Fox Road.

Motion by O'BRIEN to excuse  
Councilmen Wise.  
Seconded by GONGWER.  
Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.  
Motion carried.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Motion by O'BRIEN to approve the minutes  
of October 2, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.  
Seconded by LITTLE.  
Roll call. Yea: 6; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.  
Motion carried.

**FIXING TIME OF ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by JARVIS to set the time of adjournment  
for 8:15 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.

No comments were heard.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

RULES AND PERSONNEL: No report.

FINANCE: No report.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: No report.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report

**FINANCE REPORT**

As reported by Finance Director James L. Banks:

All accounts have been balanced through September 30, 2023.

Motion by LITTLE

To approve October finance report.

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

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

Motion carried.

**ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

As reported by Administrator Andrew Smallstey:

Last month the Water Department completed the EPA required Lead and Copper testing for the Village. All samples returned satisfactorily, and documentation was submitted to and received approval from the Ohio EPA.

Legislation tonight for appropriations is in relation to receiving insurance funding for last year's June storm damage in the parks. I am moving the funding for all of the damage repairs to take place asap. Once the work is completed, we will receive the remainder of the money.

I received word that Direct Energy is soliciting in town and providing information that they have a current contract with the Village. There is no contract in place and Direct Energy has no valid permits for solicitation.

Motion by JARVIS to allow Adam Schuster

Memorial Tournament to take place

October 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> at Patriot Park

And waive any fees for the Charity event.

Seconded by LITTLE.

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

Motion carried.

There was a Delaware Street area water pressure issue caused by CNG performing a sprinkler system test at their site. This is good time to note maybe another water storage tank is warranted as the proposed line size project was terminated in basic engineering phase. Recent water bills may have included readings from both the old meters and new remote read meters. I did receive a few calls regarding higher reads and after explanation many residents understood why now. I still have a few residents who are certain higher reads are due to the new meters charging more. I will have training on the 26<sup>th</sup> of this month where we will pass onto residents who will be able to access their own portal. Mayor White noted Fran has done a great job informing the residents. Councilman Kearns asked for tally of new meters installed. Mr. Smallstey reported approximately 1,346 have been installed. The Village will implement a talk/text/phone blast to encourage residents to have the meters installed. Councilman O'Brien asked if there is a 'drop-dead date'? Mr. Smallstey stated a date has not been set as the rate of install exceeds the forecast.

**Mayor's report**

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

Planning Commission and Council will hold joint meeting October 25<sup>th</sup> at the Depot at 6:00 p.m. to recommend Main Street Corridor.

**POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT**

As reported by Chief Weaver:

Officers will be participating at the Haunted Hallways at Lexington High School.

I will be attending Police Chief training sessions as mandated by the State of Ohio.

Interviewing for one more officer; we are doing fairly well considering Cleveland's ratio is 9 to 1 interview to hire.

**PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT**

As reported by Parliamentarian Adam Gongwer:

Early voting has begun.

**ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS**

Ordinance No. 23-29 by Mr. Wise / Read by Mr. Little

**AN ORDINANCE TO PROHIBIT THE USE OF ENGINE RETARDERS ON COMMERCIAL AND HEAVY VEHICLES IN A MANNER WHICH CREATES A PUBLIC NUISANCE.**

**HELD TO FIRST READING**

Ordinance No. 23-30 by Mr. Little

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR PERMANENT BUDGET AMENDMENTS AND APPROPRIATIONS FOR OCTOBER FOR THE STREET C, M, & R AND STORM WATER FUNDS.**

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution comes from a standing committee.

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to waive rules of Council requiring that a Resolution is read on two separate occasions.

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

Roll call. All yeas: 6 – 0.

Motion carried.

Motion by LITTLE to adopt.

Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

DISCUSSION: Monies moved street department salaries and storm water funding.

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

Motion carried.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Councilman Kearns announced a ½ mil levy will be placed on the March 2024 polls for the cemetery. The current levy monies is not even close to operating budget. The current monies is funding only at \$40,000.00 whereas \$60,000.00 is needed in today's monies.

**NEW BUSINESS**

No comments.

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**MISCELLANEOUS**

No comments.

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

**Meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

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Brenda J. Wilson  
Clerk of Council

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Brian White  
Mayor