

Regular Council

September 19,

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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: Bob Jarvis, Zack Alleshouse, Adam Gongwer, Wynn Kearns, Jeff O'Brien, and Todd Wise.
Other officials present: Law Director John Studenmund, Chief Brett Pauley, Finance Director Jim Banks, and Village Administrator Andrew Smallstey.
Residents and others present: Michael Mitchell of 410 Fox Road, Keith Bacin of 419 Cedarwood Drive, Robert Heckathorn of 150 Sherwood Drive, and Katie Serrao of Richland Source.

Motion by O'BRIEN to excuse
Councilman Little.
Seconded by GONGWER.
Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by GONGWER to approve the minutes
of September 6, 2022 Regular Council Meeting.
Seconded by KEARNS.
Roll call. Yea: 5; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.
Motion carried.

Motion by GONGWER to approve the minutes
of September 12, 2022 Special Council Meeting.
Seconded by O'BRIEN.
Roll call. Yea: 5; Nays: 0; Abstain: 0.
Motion carried.

Motion by JARVIS to appoint
Zack Alleshouse to fill Council seat vacancy
until December 31, 2023.
Seconded by KEARNS.
Roll call. Yeas: 5; Nays: 0; Abstains: 0.
Motion carried.

AFFIRMATION OF COUNCIL MEMBER

Mayor Brian White swore in new Council Member Zack Alleshouse.

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: Minutes from September 6th meeting are approved.

FINANCE: We have a Resolution tonight.

SAFETY SERVICE: No report.

PUBLIC UTILITIES: Councilman Kearns contacted resident regarding water bill; problem has been resolved.

STREETS & SIDEWALKS: We have a Resolution tonight.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: No report.

FINANCE REPORT

As reported by Finance Director Jim Banks:

August's books are completed and report is before Council.

Motion by GONGWER
to approve Finance report.

Seconded by WISE.

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

Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

As reported by Administrative Director Andrew Smallstey:

ODOT reported work on 42 South will be delayed until spring of 2024.

We visited John Harris property on Route 546 with Richland Soil & Water and Walker Brothers, for a group walk through. Richland Soil will research and contact the Village upon completion.

Kell Hardware alley has been repaired with the drainage centralized away from the building structure. No rain was seen entering the building the last two rainfalls.

Councilman O'Brien noted work on the old Decker's lot has begun and asked date of completion. Mr. Smallstey was not able to give a completion date. Paving the lot is still being discussed.

Councilman Kearns asked if Orchard Park Road resurfacing has been completed to satisfaction. Mr. Smallstey confirmed it is done and everything looks correct.

Councilman Wise visited the Harris property and question the stated repair reported as \$30,000.00 seems excessive. Mr. Smallstey replied there is a 12 foot culvert on Route 546 and when heavy rains come, properties above Mr. Harris' lot begins to overflow onto Mr. Harris' driveway, washing it out on numerous occasions. Pipe sizing under the driveway is also an issue, it had been upgraded to 60 inch.

Mayor's Report

As reported by Mayor Brian White:

I attended YMCA announcement for new indoor / outdoor sports complex near 71 and 97. Watch for more announcements to come at later date. Expect economic growth is estimated as \$8 million annual.

Council President Jarvis noted Mayor White spent the morning painting Harmony House with four other Mayors from Richland County.

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT

As reported by Chief Brett Pauley

Electronic speed limit sign on Orchard Park Road was taken down and reviewed for statistics. The sign recorded 67 days and statistics show 96% of drivers are going less than 48 miles per hour. Traffic count was approximately 800 vehicles per day.

Councilman Kearns asked for update on new schools. Chief Pauley replied his department was able to do training in the building prior to its opening to the public. Officers have learned the layout of the building. Mr. Kearns asked about security. Chief Pauley stated the building is very secure with many cameras, the SRO, and well-secured entryways. Councilman O'Brien asked who is watching the cameras, us or them? Chief Pauley replied, the schools IT program is watching the cameras now but future coordination may permit shared cameras at Village dispatch in the future.

Council President Jarvis thanked Chief Pauley and his officers for reuniting lost dog, PePe with his Village owners. It was nationally noted on PawBoost.com for the police department being instrumental for finding PePe.

PARLIMENATARIAN REPORT

As reported by Parliamentarian Councilman Gongwer: No report.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION NO. 22-23 by Mr. Gongwer

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

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

Seconded by JARVIS.

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

Motion carried.

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

Seconded by JARVIS.

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

Motion carried.

Motion by GONGWER to adopt.

Seconded by JARVIS.

DISCUSSION: NO DISCUSSION

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

Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 22-24 by Mr. Wise

A RESOLUTION TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR A RESURFACING PROJECT ON U.S. ROUTE 42 WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF LEXINGTON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

Seconded by KEARNS.

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Motion carried.

Motion by WISE to waive rules of Council
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two separate occasions.
Seconded by KEARNS.

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

Motion by WISE to adopt.
Seconded by KEARNS.

DISCUSSION: Mr. Smallstey reported the following areas within the Village: South of Josephine Avenue on U.S. Route 42 through intersection of State Route 97 and U.S. Route 42. Work also done from Fox Road south to Village limits. 100% work of ODOT.

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

OLD BUSINESS

No comments.

NEW BUSINESS

No comments.

MISCELLANEOUS

No comments.

Motion by GONGWER to adjourn
before the appointed hour.
Seconded by ALLESHOUSE.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda J. Wilson
Clerk of Council

Brian White
Mayor