

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Village of Ottoville Council

Minutes of

Meeting

GOVERNMENT FORMS & SUPPLIES 844-224-3338 FORM NO. 10148

Held October 24, 2022 20

Members of Village Council met this day in regular session in Council chambers, Municipal Center of Ottoville, Ohio at 7:00 pm.

Present Julianne Brickner William D. Miller
 Daniel Honigford Joe Moreno
 Darren Leis - resigned Adria Petrick

Solicitor: Theresa Von Sossan

Presiding: Mayor Ronald N. Miller presiding

The meeting was opened with members reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Darren Leis provided a resignation via email early this morning effective today October 24, 2022. Mr. Moreno made a motion to accept his resignation, seconded by Mrs. Petrick. Vote: Miller; yes, Moreno, yes; Honigford, yes; Petrick, yes, and Brickner, yes.

Nominations for 2022^{MTW} Council President were taken to replace Mr. Leis. Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Moreno, second by Ms. Brickner. Mr. Honigford moved nominations be closed second by Ms. Brickner. Mr. Moreno was appointed by acclamation.

Council was informed they will have 30 days to fulfill the open council seat.

The September 26, 2022, meeting minutes were provided to each Council member prior to the meeting and approved as written.

Mr. Moreno moved to approve bills presented for payment (see register attached), second by Mr. Honigford. Vote: Miller; yes, Moreno, yes; Honigford, yes; Petrick, yes, and Brickner, yes.

One bid for the Fire Department SCBA's was received then opened. The present firemen were excused to discuss the bid presented. Upon their return they recommended to council the Fire Safety Services bid for \$144,745.00 if ordered by October 26, 2022, due to a special. Mr. Moreno moved to accept the bid and move forward with the process seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote: Miller; yes, Moreno, yes; Honigford, yes; Petrick, yes, and Brickner, yes.

Mr. Austin Markward was present and is asking for help to pay for the swale on the west of his property. The swale was originally installed in 2005 and paid for by the village at a cost of \$765. He filled it in and wants to install an 8-inch storm sewer along the west of his property and install a yard drain at the southwest corner of his property. A quote from Fenson Contracting was presented for a total of \$5252.00 of which Austin is asking the village to pay half; \$2626. He would like Council's decision by spring of 2023 because he plans on bringing more dirt in for his yard. Council tabled the discussion at this time.

BPA Report – Fiscal Officer reported

- All fire hydrants were flushed, the eight to ten hydrants that do not drain have been pumped out.
- Both clear wells at the water plant were drained and cleaned. A water float will need replaced on the east clear well.
- Asplundh hit a fire hydrant between the Miller Precision buildings. A new hydrant was ordered. J&M Excavating will replace October 19, 2022. The village will be reimbursed by Asplundh.
- The rotating assembly and wear plate on Pump #3 at the WWTP were replaced. Pumps #2 & #3 have now both been replaced. Pump #1's rotating assembly and wear plate will also be replaced after the first of year. We are waiting for PAC engineering and Schweller Electric to install the new drives. They stated the parts are all in. This should make the WWTP run more efficiently.
- Ten loads of sludge were hauled out from the WWTP by Haviland Energy. We have room

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for the winter in the sludge storage tank.

- Discussion regarding 120 Water handling the EPA compliance of the lead and copper water lines, which needs to be done by October 2024. BPA is receptive to 120 Water’s proposal. Chad will ask Carl Nickander from 120 Water to come to next BPA meeting November 15 to answer questions.
- Tabletop discussion as required by the EPA concerning contingency plan for water plant
 - 2-3 days of water if plant goes down with 2 clear wells, 200,000-, and 100,000-gallon water towers; longer if factories shut down
 - Backup generator at the water plant
 - Tornado – use clear wells
 - Well #7 – Chad working with Phil from National Water Service; looking into options to clear the sulphur; if needed, use chlorine in high concentrations

Police Chief Jay Herrick

- Mr. William Miller is still planning on retirement but is on the schedule through November 2022.
- Problem with speeding through school zone
 - Chief Herrick will look into getting the county speed trailer
 - Will ask a county deputy to watch when Ottoville doesn’t have anyone on duty.

Fiscal Officer

- Mr. Moreno moved to amend the appropriations and add \$5,000.00 to the Police Fund seconded by Ms. Brickner. Vote: Miller; yes, Moreno, yes; Honigford, yes; Petrick, yes, and Brickner, yes.
- Mr. Moreno moved to amend the appropriations and add \$150.00 to the Utility Deposit Refund Fund seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote: Miller; yes, Moreno, yes; Honigford, yes; Petrick, yes, and Brickner, yes.
- The State of Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program was renewed free of charge for the October 1, 2022, thru October 1, 2023, year due to pandemic.
- Rhonda Brown called inquiring an address change from 103 Sixth Street to Walnut Street. Her driveway and front door face Walnut. She also inquired about property line and was advised to survey her property. Mr. Miller will contact the county and get back to Ms. Brown.

Zoning from Residential to Commercial/Business

- Monterey Township Building, 349 Wayne Street: parcel 270590300000
- DRASKM Enterprises, Inc., 403 Wayne Street: parcel 270561000000

Based on the Zoning Board’s interpretation of Ordinance 126 and the zoning map attached, they believe the current village zoning map is incorrect and the above locations have already been zoned commercial. They recommend Council recognize these two locations zoned as commercial based on Ordinance 126’s zoning map.

Mr. Moreno made the motion to accept the recommendation that these locations are zoned commercial seconded by Ms. Brickner. Vote: Miller; yes, Moreno, yes; Honigford, yes; Petrick, yes, and Brickner, yes.

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- Sue Ann Dasher, Vivian Marie Langhals, Nancy Joan Ricker, Connie Lou Knippen, Shirley Jean Miller, Timothy George Rieger, Jennifer Jane Bendele, Anthony Gerard Rieger, and Todd Anthony Knippen & Mary Christine Knippen located at 303 E Third Street: parcel 270511600000
- Mary C. Knippen and Todd A. Knippen located at 333 E Third Street: parcel 270511500000

Mary Knippen has withdrawn her need to file for rezoning of the above locations to commercial according to the explanation from Choice One on Ordinance 288, Page 16, section 531 ‘General educational schools.’ Choice One advised the Zoning Board at the October 17 meeting that her childcare center could fit under this section. Mary reached out to the county and state, and they advised her that if the council agreed to this, she would need a letter stating Council approved the in-home daycare/center at these locations. A letter was drafted and read at both the zoning and council meetings. The zoning board made the recommendation to Council to approve and sign the letter. Ms. Brickner made a motion to accept the recommendation and sign the letter, seconded by Mr. Miller. Vote: Miller; yes, Moreno, yes; Honigford, yes; Petrick, yes, and Brickner, yes.

- Rejuvenate Spa, LLC located at 330 E Fourth Street: parcel 270511810000

The Zoning Board recommended to Council to rezone the above parcel from residential to commercial zoning. Solicitor will draw up Ordinance 2022-02 for the rezoning. Solicitor advised Council they could have the 1st reading tonight. Mr. Moreno made the motion to approve Ordinance 2022-02 rezoning of 330 E Fourth Street, seconded by Mr. Honigford. Vote: Miller; yes, Moreno, yes; Honigford, abstained; Petrick, yes, and Brickner, yes.

- Zoning Board also recommend to Council to have a new village zoning map drawn up along with updating the village zoning codes.

New Business

- Splash Pad: discussion for a yea or nay
 - Size: 30ft by 45ft
 - Approximate cost: \$350,000 if water goes to sewer plant
 - Approximate cost: \$450,000 if water recirculated
 - Location: West of Shelter House #1 in park; remove 3 trees
 - 2-inch water line needed; 80 gallons/minute
 - Invite utility guys to next meeting
 - Chamber looking into grants to help fund
 - Mayor will speak to Parkway about their splash pad
 - Mr. Miller will speak to Van Wert about theirs
 - Tabled
- Arch Kious Memorial
 - Retired Police Chief of Ottoville
 - Mr. Miller made a motion to give \$250 to Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Ottoville in memorial of Retired Police Chief Arch Kious, seconded by Mr. Moreno. Vote: Miller; yes, Moreno, yes; Honigford, yes; Petrick, yes, and Brickner, yes.
- Municipal Building restroom floors
 - Floors are deteriorating, hard to keep looking clean and presentable
 - Put in budget
 - Barry will get quotes for both men and women’s floors

Mr. Dan Honigford

- Is mileage reimbursable for council when attending meetings? Council agreed it was if turned into fiscal officer
- Leaf pick-up will continue; Streets Department will keep an eye on the trees
- Barry will fix hole where stop sign moved by Rick Byrne, Third Street and fix turn sign on Otto Street by cemetery

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Mrs. Adria Petrick

- Presented an Ottoville Yearbook Ad request from the school; council against but suggested to try the Ottoville Lions and Ottoville Chamber

Mr. Joe Moreno

- Mr. Moreno moved to approve the renewing of the Village’s property and liability insurance with Stolly Insurance for the next year at a cost of \$17,767 seconded by Mr. Honigford. Vote: Miller; yes, Moreno, yes; Honigford, yes; Petrick, yes, and Brickner, yes.
- Austin Carder is asking for half of \$2765.22 for the swale changes on his property. Tabled.
- ACH fees accrued by the village; Income Tax Department looked into software costs in the hopes of reducing the charges. Software cost will be \$1,000 - \$2500 plus upgrades and still have .15\$ per transaction fee. We pay approximately \$1,000 per year total for all departments so council didn’t think investing in this would be cost effective.
- George from Paulding Putnam Electric Company will be here to present the check for the loan Thursday, October 27 at 3:00pm in the Council Chambers.

Mr. W.D. Miller

- Public Safety Meeting held Tuesday, October 18
 - EMS
 - Updates/maintenance on the EMS bay wanted; 2023 budget \$35,700
 - Tin on the walls
 - Washing the concrete walls
 - Epoxy the floors
 - Rework the counter and cabinets north side
 - Ceiling painted
 - Overhead door replaced
 - Electric drops for shore power
 - Lights - LED strips
 - Second EMS squad working out well
 - Fire
 - Personnel low, working on recruiting
 - Advertising on slide on the sign in front of station
 - Suggested to post on FB, the Village will share to our page and website.
 - Lowered age limit to 18
 - Suggested relieving the upper age limit, Junior/Explorer firefighter program (High School/Vantage), roaming firefighters (VFD who live elsewhere but work here), rely on auto-aid/dual dispatched calls for selecte types of calls
 - Need to add VFD job description in village policy handbook
 - Fiscal Officer to contact Clemans Nelson for samples
 - VFD are considered as employees of the village
 - Insurance - as referenced by ORC 9.65, 505.23, 3333.26, 3923.13, or 4113.41 of the Revised Code.
 - Anything that is pertaining to personnel, probation period, hire, dismissal, disciplinary, all fall under the authority of the Village and our policy book
 - Village Water/Hydrants -ok to train with hydrants, just limit flow
 - Business/Public Building pre-planning tours/training; addressed importance of communicating with everyone on department about continually doing the tours/training
 - Runs: reviewed the past 3 years, response times getting longer
 - Funds: reminded the VFD to inform the village when planned purchases are being made so budgets can be planned

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- Discussion as to why the Village isn't included in the Fire Board, but the village maintains all the titles and acts as the purchasing agent, this needs to be revisited and better defined.
- Items of Concern from firefighters/public that were discussed
 - Cancelling the parade for Park Carnival
 - Why there was no truck at Kalida or Continental Parade
 - Disrespect shown to past chiefs, other firefighters, retired/honorary firefighters, and disregard to orders on training laid out by the Chief and backed by the State.
 - Lies and deceit by officers
 - Secrecy of things that go on from the officers, the general membership is kept in the dark, until it's either a done deal or too late to change it back or course correct
 - Turtle Races - door price was raised, menu and date were changed
 - Meeting minutes are not reflecting the entire happenings of the meeting or are being written in a way to sway how the meeting went.
 - Watering lawns with fire trucks; this goes directly against bylaw #18, officers did explain that a generous donation was given to water lawn and that Marathon either matched it or gave a separate donation to the VFD. It was also used as a recruitment activity. Suggested to post on social media next time to avoid misunderstandings.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

Ronald N Miller
Mayor

Michelle T Weyrauch
Fiscal Officer