

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
HARVEYSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
JANUARY 28, 2019

Note: This RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS is a summary of the discussions and is not a word for word account of the discussions.

The regular fourth Monday of the month meeting of the Harveysburg Village Council was held pursuant to call, upon the proper notice to the public, on January 28, 2019 at 7:00 pm at the Harveysburg Village Government Center, 79 West Main Street, Harveysburg, Ohio 45032.

ROLL CALL: Mayor Verga, Council members: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers (@ 7:06 pm), Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Rhoads - members responding here. Village Staff: Village Administrator – William Combs, Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Council – John Faulkner, and Village Solicitor – Joe Lucas (@7:06 pm).

Guest attending tonight's meeting registered their names and addresses on the sign-in sheet provided by the Clerk of Council. Sheet attached.

The meeting was call to order by Mayor Verga at 7:03 pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance, the National Anthem, and a moment of silence.

MINUTES

Mr. Bennett moved, Mr. Juniel 2nd. to approve the minutes from 12/10/2018 and 12/20/2018 and 01/14/2019. All members voice voted yea, motion approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Verga continued his remarks by calling attention to the 9-1-1 emergency telephone contact service, via Verizon and Straight Talk on Thursday, January 10, 2019. A citizen needing help for a medical emergency was unable to connect locally with the Warren County Telecom, the 9-1-1 dispatch center. The dispatch center finally received the call for help when the victim's mother was able to connect with the out-of-state grandmother and she called. The Massie Creek Fire Chief received a call from Warren County Telecom at 21:00 asking him to go to the station and check the service. At that point it was determined the 9-1-1 service was down on the Verizon line and properly reported as down to Verizon. Various conversations had taken place involving several people and about mid-morning Friday, Warren County Telecom advised the Chief service had been restored. Then, on Monday morning, January 14, 2019 Mayor Verga began to follow-up with Verizon asking questions about why it was down and had been down for an undetermined longer period. The Verizon official responded saying it was an internal matter and not intended for public distribution. That was the wrong answer for Mayor Verga, who's next call was to the State of Ohio-P.U.C.O.'s office to register a formal complaint. The P.U.C.O. office advised they only had authority over 'land lines' and cell phones were the concern of the Federal F.C.C. Since the Federal Government is in shut down mode, Mayor Verga had reached the end-of-the-line, at least for now.

The Mayor had conversation with another resident needing emergency services, she called four times unsuccessfully before completing her call on the fifth attempt. This was an event nearly sixty days ago. This prompted more inquiries to Verizon about who and what checks the system. He was advised a 'heart beat' system constantly monitors the 9-1-1 system to make sure it is operating properly, however, this time the 'heart beat' monitor was also down.

The Mayor authored a newsletter to the Village citizens informing them of the 9-1-1 situation.

Mr. Bennett reported on the development in Warren County and distributed a county map showing the 2018 areas of greatest development.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR / STREETS & BUILDINGS REPORT

The Village Administrator's report included the following items: (1) the basketball court lighting, (2) the Clerk of Courts and the computer problems, the computer needs to be replaced, (3) zoning projects, (4) Department of Transportation's grant program for sidewalks, and (5) The need for an Executive Session tonight.

VILLAGE SOLICITOR

The VS presented a resolution or ordinance for Council's approval for adopting a House Bill 312 approved Credit Card policy. This was introduced as an emergency for Council approval. Mr. Bennett moved, Mr. Juniel 2nd for an emergency approval. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Rhoads voted yea. A second motion for the approval of the resolution/ordinance was introduced by Mr. Bennett and 2nd. by Mr. Juniel. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Rhoads voted yea. **Resolution/Ordinance #2019-008.**

A law suit against the Village has been filed by Patriot Communication claiming the Village has violated a long term contract referencing leasing space on the water tower for antennas. VS Lucas is looking into this matter and will advise.

FISCAL OFFICER

Mr. Nelson moved to ratify, approve, and pay the bills, Mr. Carruthers 2nd. Roll-call vote: Bennett, Carruthers, Cochran, Juniel, Nelson, and Rhoads voted yea. Motion passed. **Resolution #2019-004.**

The December, 2018 financial records were presented to Council for their review and approval. Mr. Nelson moved, Mr. Juniel 2nd. to approve the financial reports. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Rhoads voted yea. Motion passed. **Resolution #2019-005.**

The FO reported the reconciliation of the Mayor's Court bank account has not been completed. Continues as a work in process. In December, 2018 a dollar amount has been established as the 'off' amount. We will test this amount for the next several months to verify before any entry is made to the Village records.

COUNCIL'S GUEST & PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

(None)

UNFINISHED –OLD BUSINESS

The gym replacement air-handler has yet to be replaced. The contractor has been in communication with the Mayor.

NEW BUSINESS

(None)

Police Department

Chief Pottenger briefed the Council about the potential of a dog becoming a part of the police department. A police vehicle has been received from Warren County to transport the dog. Chief Pottenger announced his pending retirement from the Corrections Center sometime during the 4th qtr. 2019. Noting the 9-1-1 problem in the Mayor’s report, Chief Pottenger offered this number as a direct number to the Warren County Telecom 513-925-2525. Chief Pottenger investigated a citizen complaint of trash and animals being kept in improper quarters where he did not encounter any violations.

Community Relations

(None)

Planning Committee

(None)

Finance Committee

Next meeting scheduled for Monday, February 25, 2019 at 6:00 pm

Records Committee

(None)

Grants Committee

(None)

Tree Board

(None)

EXECUTIVE SESSION

VA requested an Executive Session during this Council meeting. The purpose being – ORC121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, or compensation of a public employee. Mr. Bennett moved to adjourn into Executive Session, confirming the purpose. Mr. Juniel 2nd. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Rhoads voted yea – the time was 8:26 pm. Invitees included the Mayor, all Council members and the Village Administrator.

Concluding the Executive Session, Mr. Bennett moved, Mr. Juniel 2nd. to return to the open-public meeting. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Rhoads voted yea. Motion passed. The time was 8:46 pm. **Resolution #2019-006.**

In the open meeting, Mr. Bennett moved, Mr. Nelson 2nd to approve the 2019 employee payroll schedule as presented by the VA. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, Mr. Nelson, and Mr. Rhoads. Motion passed. **Resolution #2019-007.**

WORK SESSION

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business at hand, the next council meeting will be on February 25, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
Motion to adjourn: Mr. Nelson moved, Mr. Juniel 2nd. Voice vote: All members voted aye. Time 8:51 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Attachments: Council signature page and guest sign-in sheet.

Respectfully submitted, John Faulkner, Clerk of Council