

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## HARVEYSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING

### APRIL 22, 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 April 22, 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, Mr. Juniel, and 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 (@ 7:30 pm).

Mr. Bennett moved to excuse Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel 2<sup>nd</sup>., all members voice voted yea. Motion passed.

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

Mayor Verga moved, Mr. Juniel 2<sup>nd</sup>. to table the minutes from April 8, 2019. All members voice voted yea. Motion approved. Minutes from 02/25/2019 are still incomplete and tabled for another meeting.

#### MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Verga reported on the June 10, 2019 the Warren County EMA will make a presentation for the Warren County Emergency Medical preparedness. Payne HVAC is preparing to install the new air handler in the gymnasium. Harveysburg Road has experienced major erosion at the berm in areas where previous underground utilities have been pushed under the roadway. The Mayor talked about the ownership of the land area opposite the fire station and his idea of promoting it as a new front door for the community.

The financing package for the Ken & Loraine Streets is making its way through the grants funding process with finalization coming very soon (?) – the CDBG and OPW grants. Mayor Verga gave a brief up-date on the annexation process for the triangular property fronting Rte. 73. The Village wants a type I annexation and the Township wants a type II annexation. The Mayor and Solicitor continue to negotiate the art of the deal with the Trustees.

Mayor Verga reported the Paul Brothers building, the 'green elephant' as having been sold. When and to whom was not identified. (05/13/2019 – minute additions/corrections – The Mayor's correction, the building has not been sold, but is being revisited by (1) Caesar Creek Marina and (2) a print company. The records committee meeting is to be rescheduled to June 6<sup>th</sup>.)

### PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

Mr. Bennett supported the Mayor's comments for the June 10<sup>th</sup> presentation from Warren County EMA. Mr. Bennett also commented, after having attended the WC Regional Planning Council meeting the need to control flooding and storm water run-off. Discussions followed.

### VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR / STREETS & BUILDINGS REPORT

Mr. Combs gave reported conferring with Caleb Bell of Bricker & Eckler, Attorneys' at Law about the CRA. The office telephone service (equipment) not performing to expectations and what to do about it. Drainage issues that continue to plague the Village. The lighting of the basketball court and the new contract/agreement for street lighting for the Village with Miami Valley Lighting. Building activity continues in the Village. Permits, inspections, inquiries continue to take up a great deal of the VA's work life.

### VILLAGE SOLICITOR

The VS read for a 2<sup>nd</sup>. reading the resolution (**Resolution #2019-021**) to amend the charges for the Mayor's Court. The VS gave a brief report of the 'storm water utility' research and vacant housing potential fees. Discussions continue, no action items proposed.

### FISCAL OFFICER

Mr. Nelson moved to ratify, approve, and pay the bills, Mr. Juniel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Roll-call vote: Bennett, Carruthers, Juniel, and Nelson voted yea. Motion passed. **Resolution #2019-023.**

The March, 2019 financial statements will be presented during the April 25<sup>th</sup> regular meeting. Item tabled until the May 13, 2019 meeting.

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. Pleased to say the amount has been consistent, if it continues, the FO will recommend acceptance and an action item for June, 2019.

The FO has received authorization from the Solicitor permission and has reimbursed Ms. Stacey for a garbage/trash bill received. The FO is asking 'should Ms. Stacey provide documentation that she did in fact pay the amount or take the lead from the VS and just let it go?'

The FO, the field inspections by Joe Nelson, have been reconciling the vacant houses to the garbage & trash billings. In the past month, we have added three new accounts.

The FO reported that replacement & larger 'deaf crossing area' signs have been received and are in place. HB166 the state operating budget in being formulated and a proposal to return local funding to pre-Kaisch days is included, write, call, or communicate with your State Representative to encourage this proposal to remain in the budget.

The FO reported to Council his research on the trash billing problem and the lack of billing information extended to the county when the new Republic Services contract was approved in December, 2017. Mr. Nelson moved, Mr. Juniel 2<sup>nd</sup>. to amend **Resolution # 2019-001** to be charged at \$40.00 for the bi-monthly billing amount. Instructed the FO to advise the county billing department and to prepare a citizen information document/handbill for community wide distribution.

COUNCIL’S GUEST & PUBLIC COMENTS 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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Police Department

Chief Pottenger presented a department report for the most recent Police Department Activities. Copies were distributed to council and others during his presentation.

Community Relations

(None)

Planning Committee

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met in regular session prior to tonight’s council meeting.

Records Committee

Next scheduled meeting will be Thursday, May 16, 2019 – after Mayor’s Court

Grants Committee

The Grant’s Committee will meet on Thursday, April 25, 2019

Tree Board

An Arbor Day event is being planned for the spring. The goal is to return to “Tree City” status. Save the date-May 10<sup>th</sup>.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

(None)

WORK SESSION

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business at hand, the next council meeting will be on May 13, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Nelson moved, Mr. Juniel 2<sup>nd</sup>. Voice vote: All members voted aye. Time 8:24 pm. Meeting adjourned.

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

*John Faulkner*

Respectfully submitted, John Faulkner, Clerk of Council