

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
HARVEYSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 25, 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 February 25, 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. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, 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 (@7:08 pm).

Mr. Bennett moved and Mr. Juniel 2nd. to excuse Mr. Nelson from tonight's meeting. A voice vote followed: All members present voted yea, motion approved.

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 7:01 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 02/11/2019. All members voice voted yea. Motion approved.

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Verga announced the appointment of Mr. Bennett to the Warren County Regional Planning Commission and Mr. Carruthers as the alternate. Both accepted these responsibilities. The house at 49 Loraine w/multiple vehicles and people living there was creating a muddy mess by parking in the yard. Mr. Cochran encouraged enforcing the permitted zoning as recorded in the zoning code instrument. The Mayor reported the CDBG grant moneys are favorable for the village and should be available late 2nd. or early 3rd. quarter 2019. Mayor Verga has been meeting with Massie Township Trustee McKinney over the annexation of the 6-acre Warfel property. Discussions continue.

Mayor Verga announced the receipt of the 2016-17 bi-annual audit for the village from the CPA firm of Millhuff-Stang. Copies are available for public inspection by contacting the Fiscal Officer.

The Mayor reported a problem with the emergency 9-1-1 phone line during the past meeting, The Mayor has been very tenacious to get all the facts and hear of the Verizon fix to this problem. Mayor Verga voiced a concern that the US Post Office was just not getting the mail delivered/distributed in Harveysburg properly.

PRESIDENT PRO-TEM

(None)

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR / STREETS & BUILDINGS REPORT

The Village Administrator's report included the following items: (1) New computer for the Clerk of Court' office; (2) Transportation alternatives – an Ohio program that could provide financing for sidewalk capital improvement projects; (3) Electrical inspection and up-dates that could be required for renovations to the Government Center; (4) a check list of other projects the VA has on his shopping list, and (5) Warren County Water & Sewer Department is requiring the installation of a backflow prevention valve in the service department building. The VA's report is an attachment to the minutes.

VILLAGE SOLICITOR

The VS presented **Ordinance #2019-001**, adopted during the January 28, 2019 council meeting for signatures from the Mayor and the Clerk of Council.

The VS presented a resolution to approve the appointment of Donald Fugate as the Clerk of Courts while living outside the village limits. The VS reported a follow-up on the Patriot Communication lawsuit. No change(s).

The VS read for a second reading Police Department's Dog Policy. Not an action item tonight.

FISCAL OFFICER

Mr. Juniel moved to ratify, approve, and pay the bills, Mr. Carruthers 2nd. Roll-call vote: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, and Mr. Rhoads voted yea. Motion passed. **Resolution #2019-010**.

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.

The Fiscal Officer is trying to work with the Police Department to bring together all the loose ends on the Police Department grant for a second new police vehicle. After discussions, Mr. Bennett moved and Mr. Cochran 2nd. a motion to allow an amount not to exceed 21,000. to finish equipping the police vehicle. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, and Mr. Rhoads voted yea. Motion approved. **Resolution #2019-011**.

The Fiscal Officer brought to council the finance committee recommendation to approve the purchase of a four drawer fire resistant file cabinet for employee payroll records and other information. Mr. Cochran moved and Mr. Bennett 2nd. a motion to allow up to \$1,100. for the purchase of a new or previously owned fire file. A roll-call vote followed: Mr. Bennett, Mr. Carruthers, Mr. Cochran, Mr. Juniel, and Mr. Rhoads voted yea. Motion approved. **Resolution # 2019-012**.

The January, 2019 financial records presentation originally scheduled for tonight's meeting has been tabled until March 11, 2019.

COUNCIL'S GUEST & PUBLIC COMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

Warren County Sheriff Larry Sims made his annual presentation for the State of the Sheriff's Office. The highlights included the services and responsibilities of the office, trainings, chief's associations, jail overcrowding and the July groundbreaking for a new 468 bed jail vs. the present 280 bed jail, and the future plan for the present jail space/land.

Major Steven Arrasmith, WC Drug Task Force made his annual visit to sponsoring agencies of the task force. Highlights from his presentation include the multijurisdictional and HIDTA Program, funding for the Force, meth spike in 2018 by 142%, 12 jurisdictions participating, seizure data to the state furnished weekly.

Both Sheriff Sims and Major Arrasmith furnished a detailed handout. Included with the minutes as an attachment.

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)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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. 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.

Community Relations

The Community Relations Committee and the Community Foundation will be holding a fish/shrimp dinner on Friday, March 15th in the gym.

Planning Committee

(None)

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee met prior to tonight's council meeting.

Records Committee

(None)

Grants Committee

(None)

Tree Board

The tree board will meet in April. The plan also includes an Arbor Day celebration on May 10, 2019.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

WORK SESSION

(None)

ADJOURNMENT

Having completed the business at hand, the next council meeting will be on March 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Bennett moved, Mr. Juniel 2nd. Voice vote: All members voted aye. Time 8:50 pm. Meeting adjourned.

Attachments: Council signature page, guest sign-in sheet, and handouts from the Sheriff and Drug Task Force.

Respectfully submitted, John Faulkner, Clerk of Council