

Village of Harveysburg

Village Council

January 09, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Present:

- Mayor Richard Verga
- Jim Nelson – Councilman
- Pat Bennett – Councilman
- Kim Herberth – Councilwoman
- Randy Carruthers – Councilman
- Charles Juniel – Councilman
- Mark Tipton – President of Council

Absent:

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Village Staff Present:

- Chase Kirby – Village Solicitor
- Richard Pottenger – Police Chief
- Mary Wilkie – Fiscal Officer
- Heather Matuszak – Clerk of Council

Visitors / Guests:

- Earl Hendrickson – Harveysburg Resident/Business Owner
- Debbie Shonta York – Harveysburg Resident
- Charles Camp – Harveysburg Resident
- Todd Rumbarger – Massie Township
- Adam Barron & Haley Kosik – Channel 7 News

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*This is a summary of the meeting of the Harveysburg Village Council held January 09, 2023, at 7:00 PM.
Upon request, a recording of the meeting is available for review.*
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Mayor Verga calls the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Roll Call: Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel, Mayor Verga

Disposition of Previous Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to approve December 12th Council Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye/ Nay – None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Carruthers to approve December 30th Emergency Meeting Council Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye/ Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mayors Report: Mr. Verga

Mayor Verga states we will need to enter executive session at the end of this meeting to discuss the Renaissance Festival.

Mayor Verga states that Paul Brothers has an aggressive brain tumor that he is battling and mentions the buildings he owns and has improved within the Village.

Mayor Verga reports that the 11 acres on Old 73 is up for sale again.

Mayor Verga states this is an election year and the seats available include the Mayor's, Mr. Bennett, and Mr. Tipton. He mentions that the Board of Elections was never notified that Mr. Tipton held a seat. Mr. Tipton states that when he became aware after the last meeting, he contacted Brian Sleeth and provided the necessary information to take care of that.

President of Council Report: Mr. Tipton

Mr. Carruthers reads the summary of Council accomplishments for 2022.

Mr. Tipton gives an update that County Broadband has rated carriers: Altafiber (Cincinnati Bell) #1, Spectrum #2, Little Miami Gig #3, Bridgewired #4, Brightspeed #4, and Agile #5. Currently, Harveysburg only has Point Broadband available for internet service.

Mr. Tipton reports that Susan Mason has accepted the bid for our 2024 CDBG Project and it will enter the evaluation phase next.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Wilkie

Mrs. Wilkie reviews the Cash Summary Fund for 2022. The Village began with \$524k and ended the year with \$599k.

Mrs. Wilkie reports that the snow removal contracts have been signed and received.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to pay bills. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Village Attorney Report: Chase Kirby

Mr. Kirby states his comments will wait until we enter executive session.

Guests:

NONE

Old Business:

Mr. Tipton states he received the legal description for AnnCam Drive and we can proceed with the abandonment of AnnCam Drive. The information has been forwarded to Mr. Kirby. Mr. Tipton also states we also need to address rezoning Mr. McKinney's property from R1/R1 to B1. Both issues have already been approved through the Planning Commission.

Guest Earl Hendrickson states that he would like to hold off on the abandonment of AnnCam Drive until the contract is finalized.

New Business:

Mr. Tipton reports that he received commercial door estimates for the front entrance and the gym. We were quoted \$4,340 to replace the gym door and \$10,700 to replace the front entrance door through Dayton Metal Door company.

Mr. Tipton states that we will be taking the F-250 to have safety equipment installed soon.

Mr. Tipton states we need to address permit and inspection fees in Planning and Zoning and the Building Department. It was brought up in the Massie Twp last week by Todd Rumbarger. We need to align our fees with surrounding areas.

Mayor Verga asks how the new lot at Tincher's Welding looks. General comments question the safety of the steel being stacked in that manner and if we can ask them to put a fence around that part of the property.

Police: Chief Pottenger

- There is something hanging from beneath Chief Pottenger's cruiser that he noticed today and will inspect further.
- The PD was requested to judge the VFW chili cook-off on 1/21. Our new officer, Officer Kiser, offered to fill this request.
- We did not meet the deadline for the recruiting and retention grant. We are working on the OCJS grant for equipment.
- We are compiling a list of equipment we want to obtain in 2023, some or all of the equipment might be covered by grants.
- We need at least 4 Ohio Basic Code books (3 for cruisers, 1 for court).
- We have one application in the process. It was a gentleman previously interested in working for our PD. He recently finished FTO at the PD he was hired at and contacted Harveysburg PD to work part-time as well.
- All officers completed the OPOTA required Continued Professional Training (CPT) for 2022.

-Officer Kiser will be ready for the February schedule.

-The PD sign was damaged by the last winter storm so we will be looking for a replacement.

-It was approved by the Police Committee to purchase additional cases for lock-out kits for up to \$80.

-It was voted on in Police Committee to move Officer Roat to part-time paid status effective immediately. Council needs to approve.

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to move Officer Roat to part-time paid status effective immediately. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – Nelson. Motion passed.

Chief Pottenger reminds all attending the Council meeting that if you see something suspicious to call County Dispatch. Recent Post Office break-ins could be handled quicker if we get an officer or deputy out there when something is seen instead of hearing about the problem later. Earl Hendrickson, owner of the building, is looking into putting cameras on the outside of the building.

Community Relations – Ms. Herberth

Ms. Herberth reports that she received very good feedback about the Christmas party and the Thank You letters for the Christmas party were sent out.

Committees:

Community Relations – Meeting 2/6 at 7:30pm

Finance - 1/23 at 6:30pm

Grants - None

Planning and Zoning – 1/25 at 6:30pm

Records - 2/16 after court

Trees - None

Motion made by Mr. Carruthers to enter executive session to consult with the Village Solicitor regarding pending litigation. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

The executive session began at 7:57pm and was ended at 8:42pm.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to appropriate the money discussed in executive session to enter into the retainer agreement with the law firm Smith, Meier & Webb. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to proceed with the admission tax ordinance. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to adjourn at 8:46pm. Second by Mr. Juniel. Passed by voice vote.

Attest:

Heather Matuszak, Clerk of Council

Mayor Richard Verga

Mark Tipton, President of Council

Kim Herberth

Randy Carruthers

Pat Bennett

Charles Juniel

Jim Nelson