

Village of Harveysburg

Village Council

February 27, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Present:

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

Absent:

- Randy Carruthers – Councilman

Village Staff Present:

- Chase Kirby – Village Solicitor
- Richard Pottenger – Police Chief
- Heather Matuszak – Clerk of Council

Visitors / Guests:

- Charles Camp – Harveysburg Resident
- Kevin Martin – Harveysburg Property Owner
- Richard Duvelius – Harveysburg Resident
- Debbie York – Harveysburg Resident

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*This is a summary of the meeting of the Harveysburg Village Council held February 27, 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, Tipton, Juniel, Mayor Verga

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

Disposition of Previous Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to approve February 13th Council Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Tipton, Juniel – Aye/ Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mayors Report: Mr. Verga

Mayor Verga asks Mr. Tipton to show the proposed contract for Steve Rivera as a Building Inspector. Mr. Tipton shows the contract on the screen and states this proposed contract will name Mr. Rivera as our Building Official and he will service what we contract through the Village. The contract will be presented at the Planning and Zoning meeting this Wednesday and brought back before Council at the next meeting.

President of Council Report: Mr. Tipton

Mr. Tipton informs Council that the Grant, Wilson and Main St. Sewer Project easement was signed.

Mr. Tipton reports that the outlook for 2023 CDBG money is not good. We have leftover money from 2022 and they do not look favorably on municipalities that have leftover money. They have \$700k to allocate. Social programs will receive \$100k and road infrastructure programs being considered are road pavement in South Lebanon (\$175k), road pavement on Cherry St. in Lebanon (\$275k) and another paving for \$50k in a smaller municipality.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Wilkie

Mr. Kirby reads Resolution 2023-02: Supplemental temporary appropriation for the Police Levy Fund.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to declare Resolution 2023-02 an emergency and waive the three readings. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution 2023-02. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

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

Village Attorney Report: Chase Kirby

Mr. Kirby reports that the easement agreement was signed by the homeowners on February 24th. We still need the notarized signatures of Mayor Verga and Fiscal Officer Mary Wilkie. It will then need to go to the Records Office.

Mr. Kirby reports he has a message to the senior claims adjuster regarding the totaled cruiser. He has not heard back yet. He doesn't see an issue reaching a settlement for the vehicle.

Mr. Kirby reports that recent legislation has passed that makes holding your cellphone while driving a primary offense. No body part can support the device so you cannot set items on your lap. He states this goes into effect sometime in April.

Guests:

Kevin Martin would like to know how the storm sewer project will affect his property at 464 Main Street. He would like to have the collapsed storm sewer at his property removed if it will no longer be in use. Mr. Tipton will review the plans with ChoiceOne to find out if that storm sewer is set to be blocked off.

Old Business:

Mr. Tipton states that he reached out to Joe Lucas to send the Patriot Communication litigation information to Mr. Kirby. He or Mr. Kirby have not had a response.

Mr. Tipton reports that there are no updates about the AED Grant.

Mr. Tipton states that there is an OML Conference in Columbus on March 28th and 29th if anyone on Council wanted to attend.

Mr. Tipton reports that the sodium lights and police equipment need to be sent to salvage so we can clean up the maintenance garage.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to send the sodium lights and police equipment to salvage. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mr. Tipton states Mr. Kirby found ORC 713.12 which states we must have a public meeting for the rezoning of the McKinney property. Mayor Verga states paperwork was found that had previously changed the zoning. Mr. Kirby will review that paperwork to make sure everything is good.

Mr. Tipton reports he found paperwork for a variance application from 2019 for the church property owned by Shaw. It is the church that was turned into a cabinet shop.

New Business:

Mr. Tipton states that we need to declare holidays for the road crew. The road crew is alright with the same holidays as last year.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to declare the same holidays for the road crew in 2023 as were set in 2022. Second by Mr. Tipton. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mr. Juniel reports that the Brothers Street sign is gone and will need to be replaced. Mr. Tipton will talk to Joe about ordering.

Police: Chief Pottenger

-Both vehicles are running well.

-The next grant opens in May. Officer Cruse will assist Chief Pottenger with the applications.

-One radar unit is down and will need repaired. He is waiting to hear from a company that may be able to repair it.

-One application is in process and expecting another application in on Friday. We will not be accepting that application due to information received.

-Ms. Herberth states she might have a Bengals player lined up to attend the fishing derby. She is waiting for an update.

Community Relations – Ms. Herberth

Ms. Herberth would like the Minutes to reflect Community Relations meetings “as needed” since the committee is currently only meeting when necessary.

Ms. Herberth informs Council that the gym is rented March 5th from 1-4pm for a bouncy house event that is open to the public. It is \$10 per child to participate.

Committees:

Community Relations – None

Finance - 3/20 at 6:30pm

Grants - None

Planning and Zoning – 3/22 at 6:30pm

Records - 3/16 after court

Trees - None

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to adjourn at 7:33pm. 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