

# Village of Harveysburg

## Village Council

March 13, 2023 – 7:00 PM

### Present:

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

### Absent:

- Randy Carruthers – Councilman
- Pat Bennett – Councilman

### Village Staff Present:

- Chase Kirby – Village Solicitor
- Richard Pottenger – Police Chief
- Mary Wilkie – Fiscal Officer

### Visitors / Guests:

- Charles Camp – Harveysburg Resident

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*This is a summary of the meeting of the Harveysburg Village Council held March 13, 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, Herberth, Tipton, Juniel, Mayor Verga

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

### Disposition of Previous Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to approve February 27<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes as written. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Herberth, Tipton, Juniel – Aye/ Nay – None. Motion passed.

**Mayors Report:** Mr. Verga

Mayor Verga informs Council that he wrote a flyer that Joe distributed around the Village. The flyer is asking for volunteers to sit on the Village Committees.

Mayor Verga reports that he has received more complaints regarding the Black School. He asks Mr. Kirby to look through our zoning book and decide whether it can be prosecuted in court or if there is another avenue to take.

Mayor Verga states he spoke with Alma Plummer and she will not be able to attend the March Records Committee meeting. She asked the meeting to be postponed one more time for April.

**President of Council Report:** Mr. Tipton

Mr. Tipton reports the 2023 CDBG project application was turned down by the Warren County Commissioners. They reviewed all submitted projects and choose 5 that totaled \$600k.

Mr. Tipton reports that the AED grant application was accepted by the Grant Committee. The grant allows purchase of select AEDs at a 36% discount instead of an outright monetary grant. We could use ARPA money to purchase, but we would have to replace the ARPA money in our road fund with other funds because we have that dedicated to the Grant, Wilson, and South St. Project.

Mr. Tipton reports that the storm sewer under Kevin Martin's property at 464 Main St. is set to be plugged and abandoned. He is free to remove it if he wants to, but no remediation will be performed.

Mr. Tipton states that the water lines are being marked and the project will be going to bid soon.

**Fiscal Officer:** Mrs. Wilkie

Mrs. Wilkie states she has passed the February bank reconciliation around for signatures. She also has January and February finance reports.

Mrs. Wilkie states she will be speaking with ChoiceOne on Wednesday to figure out the payout process for the street project.

Mrs. Wilkie states she received a copy of the Waynesville retention schedule. She will get copies to the Records Committee for review. Once the Records Committee approves it then it can go to Council. She adds that LCNB has a commercial shredder they send around the county. Waynesville will have it April 29<sup>th</sup> and it will be open to the public for use. We can try to arrange the shredder to come to the Village at some point.

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

**Village Attorney Report:** Chase Kirby

Mr. Kirby reports that he has reviewed the contract between the Village and Steve Rivera and would advise the Village enter into that contract.

Mr. Kirby has not received an update regarding the totaled cruiser.

**Guests:**

Charles Camp asks if we can get an electronics recycling event for the type of electronics that regular trash services will not accept. Mr. Tipton will look into it. He states Best Buy will accept printers at no cost. Tube televisions you must take to Cohen Recycling in Sharonville and it cost per pound.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Tipton places the contract for Mr. Rivera on the screen for review. His fee will be \$1,152/bi-weekly. Any payment for backup building officials will be drawn from Mr. Rivera's pay. With this contract, the Village will now gain all the permit fees. In 2022, we had approximately \$10k in permit fees. In 2023, we already have approximately \$5k permit fees booked.

Guest Charles Camp asks how the fees will be adjusted. Mr. Tipton states that it is up for discussion in Planning Commission.

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to approve the contract for Steve Rivera as Building official. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Herberth, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mr. Tipton states that Joe Garrett from Trebel Energy will be coming to a meeting soon to complete paperwork. He is currently looking at rates between \$0.06-0.07/kwh. That will be a savings of 30-40% of what we are currently paying. One of the providers he is working with will not accept Trebel's signature in lieu of the Village's signature on a contract. He asked for a motion that would allow Trebel or Mark Tipton to sign the electric contract for the Village.

Motion made by Mr. Juniel to allow Trebel or Mark Tipton to sign the electric contract for the Village. Second by Nelson. Vote – Nelson, Herberth, Tipton, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mr. Tipton reports that joe is working on getting a new road sign for Brothers Street.

Mr. Tipton states that Republic Trash Service dropped off a letter with the proposed change in cost structure. The rate will go from \$21.38/month to \$27.79/month effective April 3<sup>rd</sup>. We have the rest of the month to figure out how we proceed. That is a 30% increase in trash costs. We can put it up for bid or carry this contract through until January 2024 because the Warren County Solid Waste Management plan will be changing later this year.

**New Business:**

Ms. Herberth states a resident contacted her with a complaint. They are displeased with the look of the abandoned house on W. Main and gray house near the government building. They feel it diminishes the value of their homes and would like to see something done.

West Main Street house is set to be demolished.

**Police:** Chief Pottenger

- Both vehicles running well.
- There was a domestic violence call that was handled by the Sheriff’s office. There was an arrest made.
- He checked with other departments at the Chiefs meeting and no other departments needed to combine OBC book orders.
- One applicant will be interviewing on Friday.
- LEADS audit is taking place. There is one item that needs addressed and then everything should be complete.
- OPATA has released the second of three mandatory classes. Chief Pottenger will be attending a De-escalation Course tomorrow.
- Due to health problems with Officer Kiser’s family, it will be a couple weeks before he is released on his own.
- The red house on South St. has become half compliant with the things they were told needed to be done.

**Community Relations – Ms. Herberth**

The Community Easter egg hunt is April 1<sup>st</sup> at 11am at the Massie Twp firehouse. A food truck will be on site at from 10am-1pm.

**Committees:**

- Community Relations – None
- Finance - 3/20 at 6:30pm
- Grants - None
- Planning and Zoning – 3/22 at 6:30pm
- Records - 4/20 after court
- Trees - None

Motion made by Mr. Juniel to adjourn at 7:51pm. Second by Mr. Tipton. Passed by voice vote.

Attest:

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Heather Matuszak, Clerk of Council

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Mayor Richard Verga

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Mark Tipton, President of Council

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Kim Herberth

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Randy Carruthers

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Pat Bennett

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Charles Juniel

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Jim Nelson