

Village of Harveysburg

Village Council

March 27, 2023 – 7:00 PM

Present:

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

Absent:

- Randy Carruthers – Councilman
- Charles Juniel – Councilman

Village Staff Present:

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

Visitors / Guests:

- Charles Camp – Harveysburg Resident
- Alma Plummer – Historical Society Member

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

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

Disposition of Previous Minutes:

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

Mayors Report: Mr. Verga

Mayor Verga expresses his frustration that the Black School issue has not been resolved.

Mayor Verga states that he has received complaints of the potholes on North Street. He spoke with Phil Trovillo and Phil will work on having them filled when they rain let's up.

Mayor Verga states that at the last meeting he mentioned an abandoned car at the end of Lorain that had received multiple complaints. After contacting the owner, they have now removed the vehicle.

President of Council Report: Mr. Tipton

Mr. Tipton reports that Trebel Electric signed an aggregation contract for \$0.0683/kWh for generation. It will be a 30-40% savings for the community.

Mr. Tipton reports that the Broadband contract with Alta Fiber will be \$96/household. The plan he has heard is they will start in the northeast part of the county since it is the least served part of the county.

Mr. Tipton asks Council if they would like to place the Village trash contract up for bid or continue with Republic Trash services. The Council decides to place the contract up for bid with assistance from the Warren County Solid Waste District.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to approve \$150 to place an advertisement in the paper for the Village trash services bid. Second by Mr. Nelson. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Tipton – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mr. Tipton reports that the old hotel and high school buildings have been deemed unsafe for human occupancy per Ohio Building Code 109.4.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Wilkie

Mrs. Wilkie reports that the audit is still underway.

At Mrs. Wilkie's request, Mr. Kirby reads Resolution 2023-03: Approving the permanent appropriations for the fiscal year 2023.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to declare Resolution 2023-03 an emergency and waive the three readings. Second by Mr. Tipton. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Tipton – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to adopt Resolution 2023-03. Second by Mr. Tipton. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Tipton – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

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

Village Attorney Report: Chase Kirby

Mr. Kirby reports that he will have an update on the Brimstone LLC litigation at our next Council meeting that will require an executive session. He states he has a case management meeting on March 28th for this case.

Guests:

Charles Camp states he will be placing an order for Veterans bricks. He would like to know if there's interest in having one done for ODNR Officer Lagore and placing it.

Old Business:

Mr. Bennett asks if we should continue with the admission tax or wait until litigation is complete. Mr. Kirby would prefer to wait until litigation is complete before moving forward with the admission tax.

New Business:

Mr. Tipton reports that Joyce Wilcox requested the gym for a memorial service, but the day had already been booked. The individual who had the gym rented graciously canceled their practice so Mrs. Wilcox could use the gym. For her generosity, he would like the Council to approve 2 free gym rentals for her.

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to approve 2 free gym rentals for Mrs. Corbin. Second by Mr. Bennett. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Tipton – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Police: Chief Pottenger

- Both vehicles are running well.
- The community Easter Egg hunt at Massie Twp firehouse is still set for April 1st.
- One application still in process.
- Some of the excess property in the garage has been disposed of and we need to place the old light bars on GovDeals.
- The radar unit has been sent for evaluation and repair.
- Chief Pottenger has been reviewing new laws and the changing laws that Mr. Kirby sent him. He states that for the first 30 to 90 days they are to write warnings for the new cellphone law.
- Chief Pottenger has stopped to talk to the kids at the post office on multiple occasions in an attempt to deter them from entering the building. He has not heard any further complaints about them entering the building recently.

Chief Pottenger tells Council that Police Week is May 14th-20th. If Council would like to do anything for the officers, it would surely be appreciated.

Ms. Herberth asks if the PD has a Facebook page. Chief Pottenger states that we used to but was not sure if it was still active. She believes it would look better for information regarding new laws to come from an official page instead of being shared second hand on the Let's talk Harveysburg page.

Community Relations – Ms. Herberth

NONE

Committees:

Community Relations – None

Finance - 4/24 at 6:30pm

Grants - None

Planning and Zoning – 3/29 at 6:30pm

Records - 4/20 after court

Trees - None

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to adjourn at 8:01pm. Second by Mr. Tipton. 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