

Village of Harveysburg

Village Council

April 8, 2024 – 7:00 PM

Present:

- Mayor Jonathan Funk
- Jim Nelson – President of Council
- Dick Verga
- Kim Herberth
- Charles Juniel

Absent:

- Randy Carruthers
- Pat Bennett

Village Staff Present:

- Heather Matuszak – Clerk of Council
- Mary Wilkie – Fiscal Officer
- Chief Pottenger – Harveysburg Police Chief
- Phil Trovillo – Street Commissioner

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*This is a summary of the meeting of the Harveysburg Village Council held April 8, 2024, at 7:00 PM.
Upon request, a recording of the meeting is available for review.*
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Mayor Funk calls the meeting to order at 7:01 pm. He leads the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer.

Roll Call: Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel

Motion made by Mr. Juniel to excuse Councilmen Pat Bennett and Randy Carruthers. Second by Ms. Herberth. Vote – Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel – Aye / Nay – None. Motion passed.

Disposition of Previous Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Juniel to approve the March 25th minutes as written. Second by Mr. Nelson. Vote – Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel – Aye / Nay. Motion passed.

Mayors Report:

Mayor Funk gives thanks to all for coming tonight and participating in the Council meeting.

Mayor Funk reports that he attended the Auditor of State Conference and learned a lot. He has also completed Sunshine Laws Training.

Mayor Funk reports there was a powerline down on Grant Street that created a temporary outage until AES was able to repair it. He also reports there were two separate sewage leaks that occurred on Lorraine Avenue. The first leak was a line hit when digging for power and fixed by AES. The second leak was a line hit by LMG and was fixed by the County.

Mayor Funk states he received notice from the Warren County garage that the wrecked police cruiser needed to be towed from their property or the Village would be charged storage fees. He contacted the insurance company who stated they would take care of the vehicle tow by the end of the week. All the equipment that was removed from the vehicle was picked up by Bill.

Mayor Funk reports that it was discovered that the storm sewer drainage pipe in front of the Marathon gas station is completely crushed. There is 220ft of pipe that needs to be replaced. The quotes for the repair are approximately \$15,000 plus what we owe the first company, 3D Acres, for the work they began. A resolution has been prepared by Mr. Kirby that is for the use of ARPA funds for the repair of the storm sewer.

Mrs. Matuszak reads, in title only, **Resolution 2024-05**: Authorizing expenditures from the American Rescue Plan Act funds using “the standard allowance” and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency, and declare emergency.

Motion made by Mr. Juniel to declare Resolution 2024-05 an emergency and waive the three readings. Second by Mr. Nelson. Vote – Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel – Aye / Nay. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to adopt Resolution 2024-05. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel – Aye / Nay. Motion passed.

Mayor Funk would like the Council’s approval to hire a Zoning Administrator for \$1,000/year paid bi-annually.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to approve hiring a Zoning Administrator for \$1,000 per year paid bi-annually. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel – Aye / Nay. Motion passed.

Mayor Funk reports that the Village was granted their summary judgement in the case with the Renaissance Festival and they cannot detach. He briefly reads a portion of the judge’s statement from the document.

Mayor Funk states that during the Admissions Tax Board meeting, updates were made to the TBD areas in the ordinance. The updates to the tax permit fees were as follows: Continuous Operations \$50/yr, Transient Operations >\$5,000 = \$50/yr / \$0-\$1,000 = \$15 / \$1,001-\$3,000 = \$25 / \$3,001-\$5,000 = \$35. The next update was to the interest rate applied to overdue payments. It was decided the interest rate will be 5% per month until paid. There are applications for a permanent venue and transient venue.

When the applications have been approved the venue will receive a certificate. Mayor Funk asks the Council to accept the changes recommended by the Admissions Tax Board.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to accept the recommended changes to the Admissions Tax. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel – Aye / Nay. Motion passed.

Mayor Funk states that the Village has applied for a Sherwin Williams paint grant. If awarded this would allow the building to be painted.

Mayor Funk states there are old tires the Maintenance Department would like to place on GovDeals for \$10 per tire.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to place the tires on GovDeals for \$10 per tire. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel – Aye / Nay. Motion passed.

Mayor Funk states there are old computer printers that he would like the approval to discard at the upcoming electronics recycling event in Warren County on May 11th.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to approve discarding the old computer printers. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel – Aye / Nay. Motion passed.

Mayor Funk states that John Kozak has agreed to be a member of the BZA. He also states that Noel Dittmar Lesniak has agreed to be an alternate member for the Admissions Tax Board and the BZA.

President of Council Report:

Mr. Nelson states he has yet to receive a reply from the Corps of Engineers about the demolition ordinance.

Fiscal Officer:

Mrs. Wilkie states she will have the quarter report at the next meeting.

Old Business:

Ms. Herberth states there are still stumps at two addresses on Main Street that were never removed properly when the Village had trees removed years ago and she is asking the Council to approve the money to rent a stump grinder from Village Rental in Centerville for \$103 for 4 hours of use.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to approve up to \$120 for the rental of a stump grinder from Village Rental in Centerville. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel – Aye / Nay. Motion passed.

Mr. Trovillo states the white truck is still at the shop for repairs.

New Business:

NONE

Police:

Chief Pottenger addresses the Council and states his intention to retire due to recent health issues. He will retire when a new Police Chief is hired.

Mayor Funk would like the Council's approval to hire a Police Chief for \$20,000 per year with 15 work hours per week guaranteed.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to approve hiring a Police Chief for \$20,000 per year with 15 work hours per week guaranteed. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Verga, Herberth, Juniel – Aye / Nay. Motion passed.

Chief Pottenger will have the title for the police cruiser signed and notarized.

Committees:

The following committees have been suspended until further notice: Streets & Buildings, Finance, Police, Community Relations, Tree Board, and Grants. All committee business will occur during the regularly scheduled Council meetings.

Planning and Zoning – 4/23 at 7:00pm

Admissions Tax Board – TBD

Records – TBD

Motion made by Mr. Juniel to adjourn at 7:31pm. Second by Mr. Nelson. Passed unanimously.

Attest:

Mayor Jonathan Funk

Jim Nelson, President of Council

Pat Bennett

Dick Verga

Randy Carruthers

Kim Herberth

Charles Juniel

Heather Matuszak, Clerk of Council