

# Village of Harveysburg

## Village Council

July 12, 2021 – 7:00 PM

**Present:**

Dick Verga – Mayor  
Pat Bennett – Councilman  
Charles Juniel – Councilman  
Jim Nelson – Councilman  
Mark Tipton – Councilman / President of Council

**Absent:**

Randy Caruthers – Councilman  
Steve Cochran – Councilman

**Village Staff Present:**

Mary Wilkie – Village Fiscal Officer  
Richard Pottenger – Chief of Police

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Kim Herberth – Village Resident  
Earl Henrickson – Village Resident  
Kevin Martin – Village Resident  
Alma Plummer – Harveysburg Historical Society

This is a summary of the meeting of the Harveysburg Village Council held on Monday July 12, 2022 at 7:00 PM. Upon request, a recording of the meeting is available for review. This meeting also serves as a Public Hearing for the 2022 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mayor Verga called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Motion made by Pat Bennet to excuse the absence of Randy Caruthers and Steve Cochran. Second by Charles Juniel. Motion passed – 4 yea / 0 nay.

**Disposition of Previous Minutes:** Approved.

**Mayors Report:** Dick Verga

No progress on new Front Door project. The Ken and Loraine Street project is still behind schedule, construction workers are there this week and blacktop is to be placed sometime in the next two weeks. The Sorice residence is rumored to have been sold, though not confirmed.

**President of Council Report:** Mark Tipton

Mr. Tipton was contacted last week by Bridgewired Communications LLC informing him that a meeting was going to be held July 14 or July 15 to determine the extent of the buildout of their fiber optic network in the area surrounding and including Harveysburg. Details to be provided later.

A camper located at 89 West Main Street was observed with a septic dump line attached to their camper and leading down the hill onto Corp property. The homeowner was approached and told to

immediately disconnect the soil line. Caesars Creek State Park manager, James O'Boyle was informed, and Park Rangers have been monitoring the offending trailer.

**Operations Manager Report:** None

Fiscal Officer: Mary Wilkie

Requested Council to vote on budget **Resolution 2021-11:** A Resolution for Fiscal Year 2021 proposed budget to the Warren County Budget Commission. Motion made by Jim Nelson to pass Resolution 2021-11 by Emergency measure and waive three readings. Second by Charles Juniel. Roll Call vote – Bennett, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, Nay – none. Motion made by Jim Nelson to accept Resolution 2021-11. Second by Charles Juniel. Roll Call vote – Bennett, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, Nay – none. Motion passed.

**Resolution 2012-12** for the proposed Police tax levy for the Village of Harveysburg for general operating expenses, and vehicle maintenance of 2.0 mils and an increase of .5 mils. General operating levy renewal of 2.5 mils and an increase of .5 mils. Motion made by Jim Nelson to pass Resolution 2021-12 by Emergency measure and waive three readings. Second by Pat Bennett. Roll Call vote – Bennett, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, Nay – none. Motion made by Jim Nelson to accept the Resolution. Second by Charles Juniel. Roll Call vote – Bennett, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, Nay – none. Motion passed.

**Village Attorney Report:** Mark Webb

No update on liquor license for Haunt – still pending. Followed up with Adam Nice regarding no dumping of asphalt in the ravine on the Sorice property. Nice will follow up and keep an eye on the project to make certain no dumping has occurred.

Parking Lot update. Mr. Webb was contacted by Vicki Draginoff based upon a request by Doug Smith for our interpretation of the revised code 102.03D as in looking for an opinion. Mr. Webb stated that he works for Village Council and that Council direct his efforts as to what to give a public opinion on. Mr. Webb does not feel that a parking lot has a substantial and an inappropriate influence on our Planning Commissioner's opinion.

Mr. Tipton presented a drawing obtained from the Warren County Auditor's Office that shows that the over 50% of the proposed parking lot lies outside the boundary of the Black School property and lies in the public right of way (easement) for North Street. No revised parking lot has been submitted by Harveysburg Historical Society nor their consultant Doug Smith. Motion by Tipton to move the discussion of the parking lot to Planning and Zoning. Second by Juniel. Roll Call vote – Bennett, Juniel, Tipton – Aye, Nay – none. Nelson – Abstain. Motion passed.

Mr. Tipton related his email to Jodi Black, President of the Harveysburg Historical Society requesting that she enlist Stan Williams -Warren County Rural Planning Commission to provide neutral third-party input, guidance and perhaps mediation regarding how we can best proceed working zoning issues plaguing the Black School parking lot and the proposed Visitors Center.

**Guests:**

Village resident Earl Henrickson attended the meeting to discuss the ongoing problems and hardships that residents are enduring due to the continued delays and problems associated with the Ken and

Loraine sanitary and storm sewer project. In particular, he was concerned with the dirt and soil debris that was dumped on the front yard at 48 Loraine Avenue as not being proper fill/topsoil for a residence. If proper remediation for the yard is not initiated soon, Mr. Henrickson stated that he intends on grading the property himself and then billing the Village for his time and materials. Mr. Henrickson also provided input regarding our building fee and permitting process. Mr. Henrickson will also be applying for a reverse lot split so that he can combine four parcels into one.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Update from Councilman Steve Cochran. Ankle broken in two places, surgery later this week.

Ms. Vicki Draginoff resigned her position as Village Operations Manager. Mr. Tipton made the Motion that Council accept the resignation of Ms. Draginoff. Second by Charles Juniel. Roll Call vote – Bennett, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, Nay – none. Motion passed.

In that the Operations Manager position included being the Clerk of Courts, Mary Wilkie arranged for the Village to contract with Ashley Sutter-Richardson to cover Clerk of Court duties. Motion made to contract with and pay Ms. Sutter-Richardson \$25/hr. was made by Pat Bennett, second by Charles Juniel. Roll Call vote – Bennett, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, Nay – none. Motion passed.

Mr. Tipton stated the need for utility person to cover office window, take payments and answer phones for when office personnel are away. Mr. Tipton and Mary Wilkie will speak to Joe Nelson for his input and desire in performing these important support tasks.

**Police:** Chief Pottenger

See attached report.

**Committees:**

- Community Relations
- Finance – next meeting July, 26
- Grants
- Planning and Zoning – next meeting July, 27
- Records
- Trees

Motion to pay bills was entered by Charles Juniel. Seconded by Tipton. Roll Call vote – Bennett, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, Nay – none. Motion passed.

Mr. Bennett made the motion to adjourn at 8:00 PM. Second by Juniel. Motion passed by voice vote.

Attest:

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Mark Tipton, President of Council, covering for Vicki Draginoff, Clerk of Council

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Mayor Richard Verga

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Mark Tipton, President of Council

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Steve Cochran

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Randy Carruthers

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Pat Bennett

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Charles Juniel

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Jim Nelson

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**RE: Parking Lot**

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Mark T <mark.tipton@gmail.com>

Thu, Jul 1, 2021 at 7:45 AM

To: Jodi Black <jodi.black@yahoo.com>, Sandra Jodi Black <sblack@centralstate.edu>

Jodi -

Thank you for the phone call on Tuesday evening - I very much appreciated it.

As noted in my texts to you yesterday, I forwarded Doug Smith's email to Mark Webb our Village solicitor, for his response. I hope that we will see his response today.

I thank you for sharing with me the items of conversation that you had with Mayor Verga. All that I can say is that I do not necessarily agree with the direction and guidance that he seemed to provide and that you should discuss the same with Mr. Smith and/or other qualified advisors.

I am 100% behind the Black School and the preservation of the history that it represents. There seems to be a lot of challenges to seemingly simple issues and the resolution of such issues may most likely not be able to be addressed in the very near future.

The latest of these challenges is that nearly 50% of the footprint of the proposed parking lot seems to sit outside the property boundaries and into the public right of way of North Street. There is also the issue of not knowing if this section of North Street has been or is accepted as a Village street. You may want to request Mr. Campbell to lay in marker flags that define the property boundary parallel to North Street.

With all these issues facing us, at your convenience I would like to discuss with you the possibility of us approaching Stan Williams and the Warren County Rural Planning Commission for input, guidance and perhaps mediation in regard to how we can best proceed working the Parking Lot and Visitors Center issues? If he or his team is amenable to working with us to some practical solution, I think that this would be a win-win for everyone. We would have professional planning personnel working with the Historical Society and the Village guiding us through concepts and legal pitfalls for the betterment of the community.

Please let me know your input on this. Thank you.

Respectfully,

Mark Tipton

Attached is the property boundary for the Black School.

**Property line and current proposed parking lot layout for Black School**



**HARVEYSBURG PD COUNCIL REPORT**  
**July 12, 2021**

- ❖ **Vehicle reports:** no problems currently
- ❖ **New Hires:** none at this time
- ❖ **Town events:** No new events
- ❖ **Equipment:**
- ❖ **Traffic enforcement:** 44 citations issued in past two weeks.
- ❖ **Other enforcement:** 1 DV follow up, 1 assault claim, 1 repo call
- ❖ **Grants:** need grant meeting possibility Thursday after court
- ❖ **Training:** Three officers to range
- ❖ **Legal Issues:**
- ❖ **Projects / issues:**
- ❖ **Village Coverage:** 6 – 10 hours Monday – Sunday
- ❖ **Personnel:** Officer Welling will be on next schedule, Officer Pearson has started his training
- ❖ **New applications:**

**Notes**