

Village of Harveysburg

Village Council

September 12, 2022 – 7:00 PM

Present:

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

Absent:

- NONE

Village Staff Present:

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

Visitors / Guests:

- Debbie York – Harveysburg Resident
- Alma Plummer – Historical Society
- Charles Camp – Harveysburg Resident
- Kevin Martin – Harveysburg Resident

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This is a summary of the meeting of the Harveysburg Village Council held September 12, 2022, 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 7:00pm.

Roll Call: Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel, Mayor Verga

Disposition of Previous Minutes:

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to approve August 22nd Council Minutes with the edit Mrs. Wilkie stated. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye/ Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mayors Report: Mr. Verga

Mayor Verga reports that Dave Ashcraft, owner of the Renaissance Festival, attended the Massie Twp. trustee meeting and stated that he would like to separate from the Village of Harveysburg. Mr. Ashcraft stated he would be willing to join Massie Twp. if they were interested and if not, he would become his own village. After speaking with Mr. Ashcraft, Mayor Verga states that his reasonings for wanting to separate from the Village were because Massie Twp. fire department was still a volunteer department and because of this they do not have the response time that Mr. Ashcraft would like when a call comes from the Renaissance Festival. The second reason was due to Harveysburg wanting to collect a ticket tax on his admission sales.

Council agrees we need to speak with Mr. Ashcraft on what we could do to keep him within the Village of Harveysburg because it would be detrimental to the Village to lose the Renaissance Festival and the support we have received from Mr. Ashcraft. Mrs. Wilkie adds that Mr. Ashcraft seems to have made up his mind on detaching from the Village and already has a meeting set up with Massie Twp. zoning.

Mayor Verga states we need to solve the Black School issue. Mr. Tipton reiterates the Solicitor's statement from the last meeting that the Council cannot override a decision of the Planning Committee, but only a recommendation. Per the zoning book, the Zoning Administrator is the one who must interpret the rules and make a determination, or the issue must be taken to the BZA.

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to take a vote on whether to override the Planning Commission in regard to the Black School. Second by Mr. Bennett. Vote – Nelson – Abstain/ Bennett, Juniel – Aye/ Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton – Nay. Motion does not pass.

Mayor Verga suggests waiving the BZA fees for the Black School. Mr. Carruthers suggests waiving half of the BZA fees.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to waive the entire BZA fee for the Black School. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson – Abstain/ Bennett, Carruthers, Juniel – Aye/ Herberth, Tipton – Nay. Motion passed.

Mayor Verga compiled a list of committees and the listed members. Council members look over the lists and approve/make changes on what committees in which they participate. Mayor Verga would like each council member to participate in at least 2 committees, but no more than 3 committees.

Changes made: Bennett added to Tree Committee, Juniel added to Police Committee, Herberth added to Finance Committee, Bennett removed from Planning Committee, Juniel added to Community Relations, Bennett removed from Community Relations, Tipton removed from Grants Committee, Tipton removed from Community Relations

Mrs. Wilkie asks if the Planning Committee meetings can still be switched to the 4th Wednesday of the month to accommodate new member Mark Wilkie attending. Other members of the Planning Committee from Council agree to switching the day. The new Planning Committee meetings will take place the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7:00pm.

President of Council Report: Mr. Tipton

Mr. Tipton reports that the Trebel meeting has been set in Harveysburg for October 17th at 6pm in the Council Room and the Massie Twp meeting will be October 20th at 6pm at the Massie Firehouse.

Motion made by Mr. Tipton to hire Mockbee for installation of the LED lights for \$3,200. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye/ Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mr. Tipton states we should have a Broadband update soon.

Mr. Tipton reports that Tony Warfel plans to apply for a driveway permit. Mr. Tipton has requested more information on their plans.

Fiscal Officer: Mrs. Wilkie

Mrs. Wilkie states she is very concerned about the finances of the Village in the future. The loss of Officer Cruse working has impacted revenue from traffic citations. If we lose the Renaissance Festival money it will also significantly impact the Village finances. She has been looking at all possible options to cut back and save money where we can.

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

Ms. Herberth asks if we need to cancel the Christmas party to save money. Mrs. Wilkie states that we have money set aside for the party this year so it's not necessary to cancel it.

Mrs. Wilkie asks Chief Pottenger if she needs to purchase candy from Costco for the Halloween party. He states that we do need candy. They agree to purchase 6 bags.

Village Attorney Report: Chase Kirby

Mr. Kirby states that he needs the names and addresses for the overdue water bills so he can send letters to the residents.

Mr. Kirby reports he has a case management conference about the Jordan Wright Workers' Compensation claim.

Mr. Kirby states he was approached by Mrs. Wilkie about the uniform allowance and coming up with a written policy. Chief Pottenger provides Mr. Kirby with the proposal he handed out at a previous meeting. After reading over the proposal, Mr. Kirby approves of the criteria and states it is his opinion that it should be adopted. Mrs. Wilkie states it needs to be able to be audited.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to approve a \$200 uniform allowance policy for Harveysburg Police Officers. Second by Mr. Juniel. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye/ Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mr. Tipton asks if Mr. Kirby has been able to work on how to vacate AnnCam Drive. Mr. Kirby states he needs a legal description of the land to properly write up a resolution.

Guests:

NONE

Old Business:

NONE

New Business:

Mr. Juniel asks if the sewers have been cleaned out this year? He has noticed how much debris and trash are piled into the sewers.

Guest Kevin Martin asks who he would speak with regarding the storm sewer project and how it will impact 464 Main St? Mr. Tipton states that the current project should not impact that area with construction. The upcoming project will reroute the water drainage to SR73 and help control the flooding.

Police: Chief Pottenger

Chief Pottenger begins his report:

-Vehicle #2 required the A/C to be charged. All other vehicles running well.

-There are currently no new hires. We have several background requests in, but none have returned yet. An officer for Brookville expressed interest in working for Harveysburg PD.

-The Renaissance Festival open September 3rd but had a slow start due to rain. The Haunt will open September 16th. The Black School Fall Festival is September 17th and Lt. Perkins has been assigned to this event. The road department will post road closed signs on Friday at Wall St. and Old 73.

-We are still citing speeds over 70mph on SR73.

-Jordan Wright still on leave.

Chief Pottenger states that a combination of rain, no cost parking, and improvements on the turn lane from 73 west resulted in no large backups on SR73 to enter the Renaissance Festival.

Chief Pottenger states in the Police Committee it was recommended to purchase 4 lockout kits for \$350 and he would like to ask Council approval.

Motion made by Mr. Bennett to approve \$350 for the purchase of lockout kits for the Harveysburg PD vehicles. Second by Mr. Carruthers. Vote – Nelson, Bennett, Herberth, Carruthers, Tipton, Juniel – Aye, Nay – None. Motion passed.

Committees:

Community Relations – None
Finance - Meeting 9/26 at 6:30pm
Grants - None
Planning and Zoning – 9/28 at 7:00pm
Records - TBD for September or October
Trees - None

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to adjourn at 8:44pm. 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