

Village of Harveysburg

Village Council

November 22, 2021 – 7:00 PM

Present:

Mayor Verga
Pat Bennett - Councilman
Steve Cochran - Councilman
Randy Carruthers – Councilman
Charles Juniel – Councilman
Jim Nelson – Councilman
Mark Tipton – Councilman / President of Council

Absent: None

Village Staff Present:

Mary Wilkie – Fiscal Officer
Richard Pottenger – Police Chief

Visitors / Guests:

Justin Evans – Business owner, Basketball Warehouse

This is a summary of the meeting of the Harveysburg Village Council held Tuesday November 22, 2021, at 7:00 PM. Upon request, a recording of the meeting is available for review.

Mr. Vergas called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM

Disposition of Previous Minutes: Due to their late distribution, meeting minutes from the 10/28/2021 Council meeting were not approved at last Council.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to approve the minutes from the October 28, 2021, Council meeting. Second by Mr. Juniel. Second by Mr. Juniel. Roll Call vote – Bennett, Cochran, Carruthers, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, Nay – None. Motion passed.

Motion made by Mr. Nelson to approve the minutes from the November 8, 2021, Council meeting. Second by Mr. Juniel. Second by Mr. Juniel. Roll Call vote – Bennett, Cochran, Carruthers, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, Nay – None. Motion passed.

Mayors Report: Mr. Verga

Mr. Verga reports that at the next Council meeting he will present his “front door” project concept with cost estimates.

Mr. Verga is very insistent that there be only one Council meeting in December. Ms. Wilkie responds to Mr. Verga stating that she may need a meeting on December 27 to have Council approve appropriations as necessary to close out the year.

Mr. Verga states that he takes umbrage with the November 8'th Council vote that was used to cite the Harveysburg Historical Society into Mayors Court for the violation for the lack of a building permit for the parking lot at the Historical Black School. Discussion ensued and it was stated by Mr. Cochran that Council has already addressed this topic and that we need to move forward. Mr. Tipton notes that the issue will now be resolved in Mayors Court.

President of Council Report: Mr. Tipton

Mr. Tipton informed council of amendments to Ohio House Bill 218 that prohibits employers, schools, or institutions of higher education from requiring vaccines, drugs or other products that use mRNA, DNA or other genetic technology that has not been approved for use by the USFDA.

Mr. Tipton reports that his topics of discussion are best covered under new and old business.

Fiscal Officer: Ms. Wilkie

Ms. Wilkie reports that the Finance Committee reviewed raises for the road department and recommends that we raise employee hourly rate to \$16.00/hr. For office duties, Joe Nelson will be paid up to four hours per day out of the General Fund and the remainder out of Street Fund.

Ms. Wilkie reports that seven holidays were approved for next year. The holidays are listed herein, and Martin Luther King Day (MLK) will be the designated floating holiday.

New Years day	Sat. 1/1
MLK Day	Mon 1/17
Memorial Day	Mon 5/30
Independence Day	Mon 7/5
Labor Day	Mon 9/5
Thanksgiving	Thur 10/24
Christmas	Sun 12/25

Mr. Cochran makes the motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and provide the road crew raises that take them to \$16/hr. Second by Mr. Carruthers. Roll Call – Bennett, Carruthers, Cochran, Juniel, Tipton – Aye, Nelson - Abstain. Motion passed.

Mr. Cochran makes the motion to accept the recommendation of the Finance Committee and provide 26 hours a year PTO and approve the seven designated holidays be paid at five hours per day. Second by Mr. Juniel. Roll Call – Bennett, Carruthers, Cochran, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, None - Nay. Motion passed.

Ms. Wilkie notes that she is going to proceed with creating an updated job description for the position of "Clerk of Court". This person will attend and create minutes for all Council, Committee and Planning Commission meetings. It is assumed that the workload will be approximately 20 hours per month and pay will be commensurate with the candidate's experience. The clerk will be provided a Village laptop and provided all requisite software.

Ms. Wilkie reports that the white truck needs repairs. The estimate for the water pump, gasket set, and labor is approximately \$1500.

Mr. Juniel makes the motion that the Village allocate \$1500 for repair of the white truck. Second by Mr. Tipton. Roll Call – Bennett, Carruthers, Cochran, Juniel, Tipton – Aye, Nelson - Nay. Motion passed.

Ms. Wilkie reports that the Village is running a credit balance of \$2,615 with the Village propane vendor, Duncan Oil.

Mr. Tipton makes the motion to allocate \$5,000 for the purchase and installation of two adjustable basketball backboards. Second by Mr. Juniel. Roll Call – Bennett, Carruthers, Cochran, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, None - Nay. Motion passed.

Ms. Wilkie states that she is working with Chief Pottenger to work out issues with missing gas receipts for the police vehicles. Ms. Wilkie states that she will be closing monitoring police revenue and expenditures (labor/gasoline) to make certain that we do not fall outside our allocated budget target.

Village Attorney Report: Mr. Mark Webb

Mr. Webb reports that he received a call-back from Mr. Dan Kinney, the President of KAS Cable and TV. Mr. Kinney was very helpful, and he is willing to take down all equipment that is still present in the Village. Mr. Kinney stated that it would be helpful if the Village could schedule to clear the side of the street of vehicles during removal, and it would be of benefit to meet with Village representatives familiar with the identification and locations of the equipment. Phil Trovillo, Randy Carruthers, and Jim Nelson were identified as being contacts for Mr. Kinney and Mr. Tipton was requested to provide their contact information to Mr. Webb.

Mr. Webb reports that prior Village Solicitor Mr. Joe Lucas provided him an information packet concerning the Warfeld annexation, and he has scheduled a conference with Mr. Nolan (Warren County Auditor) after the holiday to complete the annexation process.

Guests:

Justin Evans, co-owner of the Basketball Warehouse spoke to Council to outline his long-term plans for his business and its relationship to the Village. Mr. Evens states that his group has approximately 70 youths enrolled in his basketball leagues, and they now rent the gym four to six days a week for practice and games. Over time, he sees sustained interest, increased youth membership as well as the number of teams using the gym. Mr. Evens expresses that if Village funds allow, he would like to see several capital improvements in the gym such as adjustable backboards, lighting, electronic scoreboard, and flooring. Village expenditures will be offset in part by an increase in rentals from Mr. Evens. Mr. Evens notes that this is a mutually beneficial relationship and would like only to receive some priority on rentals to facilitate success for all.

Old Business:

Mr. Tipton asks Mayor Verga if we have an alternate member for the BZA in that there will be a BZA meeting required soon concerning the Dawson cell tower zoning application. Mr. Verga responds that there is no alternate has been appointed to the BZA.

New Business:

Mr. Tipton reports that he authored a job description for the Zoning Administrator and Enforcement Officer. The document has been distributed to all for comment and input and when all agree, the job description can post on assorted job search sites.

Mr. Tipton reports that Choice One has put together the 2022 CDBG project plan that entails applying for CDBG funds to piggyback atop the Grant/Wilson/Main Street storm sewer project. The intended use of the CDBG funds will be used to decrease the funding level required for the Village buy in. Mr. Webb read Resolution 2021_019 authorizing Choice One to submit the 2022 CDBG application.

Mr. Tipton makes the motion to declare Resolution 2021-019 an emergency. Second by Juniel. Roll Call – Bennett, Carruthers, Cochran, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, None - Nay. Motion passed.

Mr. Nelson makes the motion to pass Resolution 2021-019. Second by Carruthers. Roll Call – Bennett, Carruthers, Cochran, Juniel, Nelson, Tipton – Aye, None - Nay. Motion passed.

Police: Chief Pottenger

Chief Pottenger reports that the Village was gifted eight tires for the Ford cruisers by the Ohio State Police. The tires were installed by Hopkins motors, oil changes completed, and new wiper blades installed.

Officers will be on hand to assist with the Holiday party in the gym. The Yuletide Village at the RenFest location opens this weekend and runs through December 18.

Chief Pottenger reports that there is an ongoing drug investigation, and they are waiting on lab results. There is a rumored new training mandate from OPOTA – the details of which have yet to be received.

Chief Pottenger reports that the Village now has seven day per week coverage for 6 to 8 hours per day.

Chief Pottenger reports that Mr. Cooper – local resident has passed from complications related to his cancer and a recent heart attack.

Committees:

Community Relations - Holiday party is scheduled for December 10, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Flyer announcing prize money for Holiday Home decorating contest will be distributed soon.

Finance - None

Grants - None

Planning and Zoning – Planning Commission meeting will be 6:30 PM Tuesday, 10/23/2021. Topics for discussion will be Earl Hendrickson’s reverse lot split and discussion on how to proceed with the Dawson cell tower variance. Mr. Carruthers notes that he has a real estate agent that may be in attendance at the meeting regarding the purchase of a property on Main Street.

Records - Records committee is scheduled to meet Thursday December 16, 2021, at 7:00 PM.

Trees - None

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

Mr. Tipton made the motion to adjourn at 8:08 PM. Second by Mr. Juniel. Motion passed by voice vote.

Attest:

Mark Tipton, President of Council, acting Clerk of Council

Mayor Richard Verga

Mark Tipton, President of Council

Steve Cochran

Randy Carruthers

Pat Bennett

Charles Juniel

Jim Nelson