

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
HARVEYSBURG VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING
January 13th 2020

This RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS is a summary of the discussions and is not a word for word account of the discussions.

The regular second Monday of the month meeting of the Harveysburg Village Council was held pursuant to call, upon the proper notice to the public, on January 13th at 7:00 pm at the Harveysburg Village Government Center, 79 West Main Street, Harveysburg, Ohio 45032.

ROLL CALL: Council members- Mr.Cochran, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Juniel- members responding here. Village Staff: Village Administrator – Donald Fugate, Clerk of council - Vicki Draginoff, Fiscal officer-Mary Wilke and Village Solicitor – Joe Lucas.

Guest attending tonight’s meeting Mark Tipton, MTFD/BC Deputy Sheriff Richard Coy, and Charles Camp and New officer Zeigert.

The meeting was call to order by Mayor Verga at 7:03 pm, followed by the National Anthem, Pledge of Allegiance, and a moment of silence.

Motion to accept approval of minutes for January 13th, 2020 motion made by Mr.Bennett, 2nd Mr.Juniel, Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved.

The Swearing in of Mr.Dick Verga, Mayor of Village of Harveysburg was done by Joe Lucas, Village Solicitor.

The swearing in of Mr.Pat Bennett and Mr. Mark Tipton took place, sworn in by Mayor Verga

Introduction of New Officer William Zeigert was done by Chief of Police Richard Pottenger and was sworn in by Mayor Verga also. He will be joining Harveysburg PD. He also is a firefighter for the past 28 years in Moraine, Montgomery Township. Also a police officer in Clay Township.

MAYOR’S REPORT

Mayor Verga gave the state of the village report and he reported it’s “pretty darn good!” He stated the last few years have taken a mile of performance and after many council meetings that have been out of order we have made much improvement these days. Mayor Verga stated that we have much talent in the front office these days and that without them we would be in trouble. General news- Twp. signed off on the annexation in front of his (Mayors) house. He also stated that the annexation would pave a way for development in the village. Bad news is the levy was left of the ballot 2 years ago. It will be on the ballot on the 17th of March.

Mayor Verga also stated we need to do whatever we can to get grant money to improve the village and depts. within.

Ken and Lorraine bids were delayed from the county also.

Mayor Verga also spoke on how we can get more of the village residents involved. The more residents involved in participating in making the village better is the ideal goal.

Mayor Verga spoke on the committee's first being the Streets & Police committee. We used to be pothole capital of Warren County and that is no longer the case. Bad news is we need \$1000 ear mark to do Main Street and we don't have that kind of money so that is why we really need to focus of getting grants this year. Also the interior looks dull and bathrooms need help and we are heating with 3 different heating units which do cost us more so we need to look at something different possibly.

Police: Chief Pottenger is here more since retirement which has been a good thing, tickets are up .We did get a K9 car- from my personal standpoint we need to get more officers for the pd.

We would like to set up a transportation fund for the officers that do patrol. It will cover the cost of gas to and from and a meal possibly during their shift. Also looking into paying the officers for hours worked.

Community relations: Christmas party was very successful this year. Mayor also spoke on how he would like us to do more within the community for the community.

Planning Committee: Bank building will be torn down this year, hotel looks awful and bad for the village. The school was closed in 82 and if kept up we could have used those offices for our offices. We have too many abandoned building here in Harveysburg. The mayor stated he came here in 1982 and got the zoning twp. book and it has not been updated since 09- it was written in 2007 /2008. The job for this year is to make the book current!

Finance Committee: Mayor Verga stated he has seen it look good, bad and better.

Records Committee: The files in the office are not good; we are working on clearing up and organizing the files as we speak. Things have been lost and mis-kept and could be better.

Trees board: trees planted make it look better, 1st year we planted oak trees, Maple trees on Maple street, this year we planted trees on Main Street. Wendy VanBuren advised what trees would be best to plant and where to plant them. We did consider in the factors of the lines and pipes and sewers. Next we plan to plant trees in the right of way on 73 and Harveysburg Rd. (Not until next year).

Grants Committee: Most important committee to have! We need the money here to get the things done that we need done. We need this committee to function adequately.

Council member Steve Cochran commented that he and the council appreciated all that he has done and thanked him for all his dedication.

Councilman Cochran asked if we could reassign the committees and when doing so please contact the Mayor to speak about spots available.

Councilman Cochran nominated Mr.Pat Bennett again for Pro-Tem, at this time Mr.Bennet declined and replied if anyone else would like to have his title he would extend it to them. After doing so Mr.Tipton stepped in as President Pro –Tem.

Motion to nominate Mr.Tipton as President: Motion made by Mr.Cochran, 2nd by Mr.Juniel

Roll call: Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Tipton abstained-Motion approved.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR / STREETS & BUILDINGS REPORT

See Village admin report

Fiscal officer & Magistrates pay needs to be adjusted to 738.75 bi-weekly for Fiscal officer and Magistrates pay should be 335.00 not 325 monthly. Motion to accept made by Mr.Bennett, 2nd by Mr.Juniel. Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved:

Paperwork has been filed and accepted by Board of Elections for street levy. It will be on March 17th primary ballot.

Harveysburg Rd/Shepherds Ridge project- Culvert has been cleaned out and cleared.

Generator grant we are out of process due to lack of records because we have no records of the costs incurred to us.

Snow plowing contracts for Caesar Creek Estates and Shepherds Ridge – We are current on snow plowing billing wise.

FISCAL OFFICER

Mrs.Wilke reported that we did \$20,850 in 2019 to pay public works.

She also stated we needed to go over resolution 2020-01, 02, 03, 04 which was read by Mr. Joe Lucas

GRANT CONSTRUCTION FUND RESOLUTION 2020-01 Emergency resolution for 20,850 for supplemental appropriations. Motion to accept made by Mr.Nelson, 2nd by Mr.Juniel. Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved: Motion to adopt **RESOLUTION 2020-01** made by Mr. Nelson, 2nd by Mr.Bennett. Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved

RESOLUTION 2020-02 GRANTS RESOLUTION Read and motion made to accept made by Mr.Bennett, 2nd by Mr.Nelson. Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved.

RESOLUTION 2020-02 GRANTS RESOLUTION motion to adopt made by Mr.Bennett, 2nd by Mr.Juniel. Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, and Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved, Tipton voted present.

RESOLUTION 2020-03 ADVANCE OF \$10,000 TO POLICE FUND, 3 readings waived. Motion to accept made by Mr.Bennett, 2nd by Mr.Juniel. Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, and Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved

RESOLUTION 2020-03 ADVANCE OF \$10,000 TO POLICE FUND-motion to adopt made by Mr.Bennett, 2nd by Mr.Carruthers. Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved

RESOLUTION 2020-04 PO FOR \$5000 BLANKET PO Motion to accept/adopt made by Mr.Carruthers, 2nd by Mr. Juniell Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniell- All members voted yea. Motion approved

RESOLUTION 2020-04 PO FOR \$5000 BLANKET PO Motion to adopt made by Mr.Cochran, 2nd Mr.Juniell Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniell- All members voted yea. Motion approved

Fiscal officer Mrs.Wilke also asked council opinion on payment to council members a 50.00 pay per meeting, Mr.Cochran advised we veto that idea.

Also she advised the municipal league is \$295.00 and asked if we wanted to renew this as council approved joining the league. Council wanted to continue the membership.

Mrs.Wilke passed the bills and Mr.Nelson advised to make a motion to pay bills and approve the bank reconciliation. Motion made by Mr.Nelson, 2nd Mr.Juniell. Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett, Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniell- All members voted yea. Motion approved

VILLAGE SOLICITATOR REPORT

Mr. Lucas stated we had \$1.61 leftover and after discussion with Mrs.Wilke they will transfer to the general fund.

Pre-trial case with Patriot is asking for a letter of demand in late February

Annexation will be under one jurisdiction, Township has the ability to veto our choice, and our CRA is now in the hands of the township. They must abate their portion of taxes. Much discussion took place over the terms in the contract and council has asked to have the contract reworded and looked over again to make sure we are all in agreement. Annexation needs to be rewritten and stated that they only want the fire levy protected.

There was much disagreement over the abatement and tax levy-now we can offer to abate our own taxes. Council agreed to mark out and have it rewritten by Joe Lucas due to too much extra verbiage.

UNFINISHED –OLD BUSINESS

NONE

NEW BUSINESS

NONE

Police Committee report

See Chiefs report

Motion made to sell Old Crown Vic on Gov. Deals, Resolution will be 2020-05, and Mr. Lucas will write it up and have for Council January 25th 2020

Motion made to approve raising pay to officers to 10.00 per hour.

Motion made by Mr.Cochran, 2nd by Mr.Juniel. Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved

Motion made by Mr. Cochran, 2nd by Mr.Juniel, Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved

COUNCIL'S GUEST & PUBLIC COMMENTS ON THE AGENDA ITEMS

Kim Herberth spoke about a \$405 donation for the next year's Christmas party. Lebanon shop also donated boxes of books and games also.

Mr. Charles Camp suggested we put on Village website of who has donated to the Village and some did agree yet some had stated they did not want the advertisement.

EXECUTIVE SESSION **No Session Needed**

Planning Committee
No meeting until January

Finance Committee
Finance meeting set for January 25th 2020

Tree Board
No meeting planned

Records Committee
No meeting is set

Motion to adjourn meeting made by Mr.Nelson, 2nd by Mr.Carruthers at 9:15pm
Roll call- Mr. Cochran, Mr. Bennett,_Mr. Nelson, Mr.Carruthers, Mr. Tipton, Mr.Juniel- All members voted yea. Motion approved