

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
December 18, 2023

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on December 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Shelley Spencer, Dale Owsley, Jerry Seibert, Melanie Trumble, Don Wilson, and Mary Edwards. Also present were: Mayor Wayne Hill, Police Chief/Village Administrator Guy Sutton, Sgt. Travis Stone, Utility Supervisor Jason Larue, and Temporary Fiscal Officer Sandra Arrasmith.

Residents: Leslie Lovell, Beverly Coomer, Angela Marlow, Bob Pollitt, Charlene Bronner, Jesse Spencer.

Community Savings Bank representative Matt Ernst.

The meeting was called to order with the pledge at 7:00 p.m.

Ms. Spencer moved and Mr. Seibert seconded to approve the October minutes. Motion carried. There was no quorum for the November meeting.

Financial:

Mr. Seibert moved and Ms. Edwards seconded to approve payment of the October bills. Motion carried.

Ms. Spencer moved and Mr. Wilson seconded to approve payment of the November bills. Motion carried.

Matt Ernst – Village is getting .25% interest from peoples Bank. Community Savings Bank will give 3% for one year and \$200 to get started with new checks. \$20 returned item fee. Discussion. Will consider it and let you know.

Old Business:

Clark St. change to Dennis Schneider St. – 100% of the releases have been signed, the signs have been purchased.

The resolution will be read at three meetings. Mr. Grimes will draft the resolution but the first reading can be at this meeting.

Ms. Edwards moved and Mr. Wilson seconded to approve the first reading of the resolution to rename Clark St. to Dennis Schneider St. Motion carried.

Ms. Spencer – the veterans banners are being worked on.

Mr. Sutton – years ago, when the water tower was built, the property was purchased for \$1 with the condition that if the tower was ever taken down, Council agreed to sell the property back to the owner for \$1. When the tower came down, the deed was never transferred back to the previous owner.

Ms. Spencer moved and Ms. Edwards seconded to sell the plot back to the previous owner.
Motion carried.

New Business:

Mr. Sutton – a resident wants to put in a modular. It meets all the requirements except lot size. If the square foot requirement was reduced from 20,000 to 14,500, modular would be allowed.
Discussion of the ordinance.

Ms. Spencer moved and Mr. Seibert seconded to amend Ordinance 1999-23 and reduce the lot size from 20,000 square feet to 14,500 square feet. Motion carried.

Mr. Sutton - Jason Larue has resigned his position of Utilities Supervisor.
Ads have been put in the Clermont Co. and Brown Co. newspapers. Would also like to advertise on some online job sites.

If pump goes down, we'll have to call SOS.

The EPA is wanting a Class II operator in here.

Ms. Marlow – who paid for Jason's schooling?

Mr. Sutton – the Village paid \$600.

Ms. Spencer moved and Mr. Wilson seconded to authorize the Village Administrator to advertise the job online for up to \$200. Motion carried.

Mr. Owsley – know someone who used to work in Blanchester who might be interested.

Mr. Larue – know someone who wants to work here part time.

Ms. Marlow – didn't we have someone from Mt. Orab who could come in?

Mr. Sutton – no.

Ms. Spencer moved and Mr. Seibert seconded to enter executive session at 7:44 p.m. to discuss Police Dept. personnel. Motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Edwards – yes, Mr. Wilson – yes, Ms. Trumble – yes, Mr. Seibert – yes, Mr. Owsley – yes, Ms. Spencer – yes.

Ms. Edwards moved and Mr. Wilson seconded to exit executive session at 8:54 p.m. Motion passed by roll call vote: Ms. Spencer – yes, Mr. Owsley – yes, Mr. Seibert – yes, Ms. Trumble – yes, Mr. Wilson – yes, Ms. Edwards – yes.

No action taken.

Mr. Sutton – recommend retiring the K-9 unit as per ORC 9.62(B).

Mr. Wilson moved and Ms. Edwards seconded to retire the K-9 unit. Motion carried.

Mr. Seibert moved and Mr. Wilson seconded to sell the K-9 to Sgt. Travis Stone. Motion carried.
The Fiscal Officer received \$1 from Sgt. Stone.

Mr. Seibert moved and Ms. Edwards seconded to sell the 2007 Ford Explorer to Chief Sutton for \$900. Motion carried.

Ms. Spencer moved and Mr. Owsley seconded to approve the 2024 temporary appropriations as presented by the Fiscal Officer. Motion carried.

Mayor Hill read Shelley Spencer's letter of resignation from Council.

Mr. Seibert resigned his Council seat effective immediately.

Ms. Edwards moved and Mr. Owsley seconded to appoint Jerry Seibert to Shelley Spencer's Council seat. Motion carried.

Mr. Seibert was sworn in by Mayor Hill.

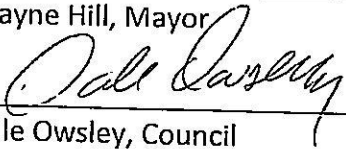
Ms. Spencer – even though I'm resigning from Council, I can still do things for the Village.

Jason Larue thanked Council.

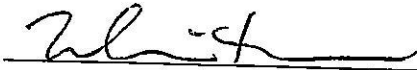
Mr. Owsley – Christmas event at church on old 32, Saturday night 6:00 p.m./Sunday. There will be food and music.

Ms. Edwards moved and Mr. Wilson seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 p.m. Motion carried.

Wayne Hill, Mayor



Dale Owsley, Council



Melanie Trumble, Council



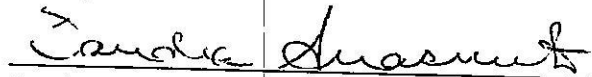
Jerry Seibert, Council

Don Wilson, Council

Shelley Spencer, Council



Mary Edwards, Council



Sandra Arrasmith, Fiscal Officer