

Village of Hamersville
Village Council Meeting
09 Dec 2024

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building. Members present were Beverly Coomer, Dale Owsley, Cheryl Toppin, Jerry Seibert, Eid Edaili. Also present were Mayor Jusin Jones, Police Chief/Village Administrator Guy Sutton, Travis Stone Police Officer. Tim Saylor Village Employee, Melissa Zahn Village Employee and David Grimes Village Solicitor

Residents; Angela Marlow

Meeting was called to order with the pledge at 7:10PM

Justin: Presented meeting minutes Jerry and Bev worked on completing. All members of council present at those meetings were asked to sign acknowledgement.

Third and final Reading on Ordinance 2024-17, an Ordinance for Hamersville Income Tax.

Motion by Jerry Seibert to adopt **Ordinance 2024-17**. Seconded by Eid Edaili. Roll call vote: Beverly – Yes; Jerry – Yes; Eid – Yes; Cheryl – Yes; and Dale – Yes. Motion carried and Mayor Jones declared Ordinance 2024-14 adopted.

Third and final Reading on Ordinance 2024-18, an Ordinance authorizing mayor and fiscal officer to execute an agreement for participation in a regional council of governments for the administer and collection of municipal income tax, for the Village of Hamersville.

Motion by Jerry Seibert to adopt **Ordinance 2024-18**. Seconded by Eid Edaili. Roll call vote: Beverly – Yes; Jerry – Yes; Eid – Yes; Cheryl – Yes; and Dale – Yes. Motion carried and Mayor Jones declared Ordinance 2024-18 adopted.

Justin: Discussed an idea presented by Jerry to have all information and documentation discussed and/or presented in council meetings to be included in the meeting minutes.

Jerry: Motion for increased transparency for all documents presented in council meetings, to be included with meeting minutes. Except whereas information is deemed confidential by pending contractual agreement or proprietary information, deemed confidential by provider and subject to exclusion through public records law. Eid Seconds. Dale Yes, Bev Yes, Cheryl Yes

Eid motions to have Charles Elliot voted onto council. Jerry Seconds. Bev Abstains, Dale Yes, Cheryl Yes

Justin: Do we have to wait before Rita starts before we assemble and name the tax board?

Guy: I contacted Rita, and the tax board convenes once a year in most instances. They also have a customer service number and signs that need to be posted. Also, rental income is taxed I did ask that question.

Eid: Asked Mr Grimes regarding clarity about the tax board.

Bev: Do we need this now?

Justin: Do they solicit?

Eid: Added for clarity that the position is not compensated.

Justin: Administers oath of office to Charles Elliot to fill vacated seat of Melanie Trumble's four-year term.

Justin: Jayme left financials to approve.

Angela: You must vote to accept the meeting minutes presented.

Eid: \$9335 New York Melon bill is this double billed?

Jerry: Motions to accept meeting minutes June 24th, 2024, December 2nd, 2024, October 28th, 2024. Eid Seconds. Dale Yes, Cherly Yes, Bev Yes, Charles abstains as he was not present for meetings.

Bev: Asked about Gable Equipment.

Guy: Those are boom inspections and for three trucks this must be done once per year and then a follow-up inspection if issues were found and repaired.

Jerry: Seconded Guy on this as trucks he works with must have boom inspections also and these are costly to have performed.

Dale: SOS? What is that?

Justin: Vac Truck for pumping out crocks.

Bev: When will mayor's court be next?

Guy: Tues December 17th. But this will be short mayors court as this is the same day as shop with a police officer.

Eid: Are these Hamersville kids we are assisting?

Guy: Yes, we only serve this school district. Each gets \$600. And currently we are \$250 short. And we are falling short of the budget.

Charles & Eid: We will split the cost for this.

Third and Reading on Ordinance 2024-12 was presented. An ordinance establishing user rates for the Village of Hamersville, Ohio for setting water tap rates and vacating the previous ordinance.

Motion by Jerry Seibert to adopt **Ordinance 2024-12**. Seconded by Eid Edaili. Roll call vote: Beverly – Yes; Jerry – Yes; Eid – Yes; Cheryl – Yes; and Dale – Yes. Motion carried and Mayor Jones declared Ordinance 2024-12 adopted.

Third and final Reading on Ordinance 2024-15 was presented. An ordinance establishing user rates for the Village of Hamersville, Ohio for setting electric rates and vacating the previous ordinance. (THIS IS FOR POLE

Motion by Jerry Seibert to adopt **Ordinance 2024-15**. Seconded by Eid Edaili. Roll call vote: Beverly – Yes; Jerry – Yes; Eid – Yes; Cheryl – Yes; and Dale – Yes. Motion carried and Mayor Jones declared Ordinance 2024-15 adopted.

Justin: Returning to the bank reconciliation. Need a motion for this. No motion was provided, and the issue was tabled until questions were answered about duplication of some bills.

Justin: Presented pay scale information sheet.

Guy: David Gamble is our “LEADS” technician.

Bev: Charlene is on here and the council has discussed twice now about utilizing Tim or Justice to be Louie’s second person.

Bev: Jacqueline Ohara why isn't she on here?

Guy: Shes a contractor, not an employee.

Ordinance 2024-19, an Ordinance for the annual salary of Guy Sutton, Melissa Zahn, Travis Stone, Jayme Eldridge, Tim Saylor, Louie Luttrell, David Gamble, Keith Griffey, Matthew Johnson, Charlene Luttrell, Lisa Miller and Justice Kreimer, to be paid semi-monthly and monthly effective January 1, 2025, and declaring an emergency, effective immediately.

Motion by Eid Edaili to adopt **Ordinance 2024-19**. Seconded by Dale Owsley. Roll call vote: Beverly – Yes; Jerry – Yes; Eid – Yes; Cheryl – Yes; and Dale – Yes. Motion carried and Mayor Jones declared Ordinance 2024-19 adopted.

Eid: Mr. Grimes, I am a salaried employee, so I am not entitled to comp time or overtime.

David: You can elect to do that, but you can have a policy as such.

Eid: According to Ohio labor law you would have to vote on that correct?

David: Yes

Bev: Hamersville does not have that law either, not as far back as 2011.

Justin 2024-20 Amended Appropriations and Revenue. I will have to see if I can email this.

Bev Makes motions to table 2024-06 until we can get clarity.

Jerry Seconds Cheryl Yes, Dale Yes, Charles Yes, Eid Yes.

Melissa: The new billing rates, what billing cycle do we begin charging these?

Eid Feb bill sewer water trash, all members agree.

Eid: Ripley and Aberdeen tax boards will someone reach out to them.

Bev: I will ask and try to get some information about it. I will try Ripley as well.

Angela: Jerry and Bev thanks for doing the minutes and excellent job for the resolutions.

Question about records, Street Name Change, Body Cam Footage is redacted. I am requesting the ORC code. I was told it was leads. But this is radio traffic I would like the revised code. Are your body camming the meetings? And shouldn't we be told we are body camming meetings?

Guy: We have body cammed some meetings.

Bev: Asks Travis if he is recording now?

Travis: Yes

Justin: Answers Yes

Eid: We have August 28th.

Angela: Apologize to Tim for the miscommunication. And can we body cam without consent?

Justin: Ohio is a one consent state.

Eid: Actually, if it is video and audio you must alert them.

Angela: I am requesting the body cam footage of the night I was rushed.

Bev: By asking for the record, it is a records request.

Angela: Mr. Grimes would like to know if it is ORC.

Travis: Social security numbers, addresses all audio contains this.

Angela: I have read rules and case law once and it is no public record.

Guy: The video of council meetings was not redacted.

Angela: I'm requesting two separate dates, outside and the night I was rushed. ORC covers each. And why are public records copies different prices.

Justin: If someone asks for a copy we need consistency. We must charge one price for all requests.

Eid: Copies we need consistency.

Guy: Paper cost

Bev: Sunshine law we cannot make a profit.

Eid: You could determine the cost by part and life span. I'll get this by the next meeting. The phaser and the cartridge are the most expensive.

Charles: The Village of Amelia dissolved right after the income tax was introduced. Should we explain this more plainly to our residents?

Tim: We need to explain this, so it is not a new tax. We should have town meetings. People are already being taxed, and we need to explain this is not additional, the tax money they're paying is being sent here.

Guy: I will ask Rita about their standard mailer. They have this cleared by attorneys.

Justin: The EPA we need to get that hung also.

Melissa: A customer on file wants on April 17 its ORD 2017-03 and it was already used.

Bev: Asked to table this issue can we table this I'll investigate it.

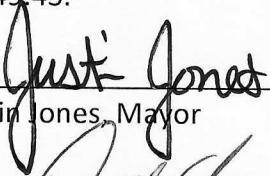
Bev: Need information for Jan meeting and I will need copies made can I get permission for this.

Justin: Youve got clearance for this as you need it.

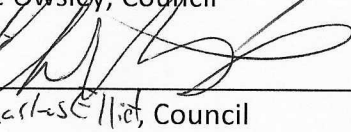
Bev: Hiring Ordinances.

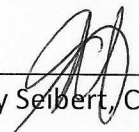
David: Does not have them.

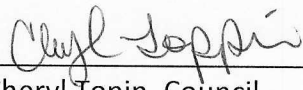
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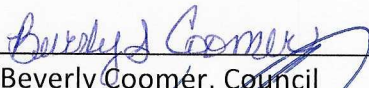

Justin Jones, Mayor


Dale Owsley, Council

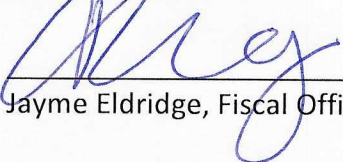

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