

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
 January 18, 2021

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, January 18, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with all members present except Joe Packer.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton and Melissa Zahn

Mayor Hill called the regular meeting to order and then led the everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by: Ms. Miller, Seconded by: Mr. Wilson to approve the minutes of the December 21, 2020 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by: Ms. Miller, Seconded by: Mr. Wilson to approve and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hill requested nominations for Council President. Ms. Miller nominated Mr. Owsley, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Miller to adopt the Ohio Revised Code for 2021, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Ms. Miller to adopt the Ohio Basic Code for 2021, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

Ms. Miller inquired if the speed bumps installed on Richey Street were working. Mr. Wilson confirmed they were.

Mayor Hill inquired if gravel had been installed on Dewey Lane as well as if there anymore streets in need of repair. Mr. Sutton confirmed that the gravel had been installed and there were just a few minor repairs that need completed on other streets.

Ms. Miller inquired who would be doing the plowing and salting the village streets. A discussion ensued regarding the options and recommendations of whom to contact.

Utility Department Report

Mrs. Zahn, Utility Clerk, addressed Council regarding past due utility accounts as well as reinstating utility shut-offs for unpaid accounts. Mrs. Zahn presented a list of past due accounts and recommended a payment plan be offered to customers allowing for a three-to-six-month option for bringing their accounts current. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the matter with general consensus of Council to reinstate the utility shut-off policy as well as approving the payment plan presented.

Mrs. Zahn also reported that a work order system was now in place in order to track repairs and maintenance to assure all were addressed in a timely manner. A brief discussion ensued regarding the status of previously reported broken water meters and the status of their repair.

Mr. Sutton reported the Ford pickup truck utilized by the street and water department was in need of transmission repair. He would be obtaining estimates for the repair.

A brief discussion also ensued regarding the need for sewer grinder pumps or the cost for rebuilding existing pumps. Mrs. Dufau recommended getting quotes from other vendors for a cost comparison for new pumps.

Mrs. Dufau reported she would be auditing the Village's utility rates and billing in comparison to the Village's actual cost from their suppliers of each.

Mrs. Zahn requested Council consider no longer offering a water credit for water used to fill swimming pools. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter. Motion by Ms. Miller to no longer provide a water credit to residence when filling a swimming pool, seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Mr. Sutton reported that due to Covid-19 the village would not be hosting an Easter egg hunt but that several donations had been received for the event. He requested approval from Council to purchase candy that would be put with the other donations received and distributed to children in the Village. Council granted approval for the purchase.

Resolution 21-01

Motion by: Mr. Wilson

Seconded by: Ms. Miller

To go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Time out: 8:36 p.m.

Vote: Ms. Miller, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mr. Packer, Absent; Mr. Wilson, Yes

Resolution 21-02

Motion by: Ms. Miller

Seconded by: Mr. Owsley

To return to regular session

Time out: 9:15 p.m.

Vote: Ms. Miller, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mr. Packer, Absent; Mr. Wilson, Yes

Resolution 21-03

Motion by: Ms. Miller

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

To approve a \$2.00 per hour, pay increase for utility clerk, Melissa Zahn, effective the pay period which began on January 9, 2021.

Vote: Ms. Miller, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mr. Packer, Absent; Mr. Wilson, Yes

There being no further business, Motion by: Mr. Wilson, Seconded by: Ms. Miller to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Wayne Hill, Mayor

Don Wilson, Council

Kathleen Miller, Council

Dale Owsley, Council

Joseph Packer, Council

Sheila G Dufau
Sheila G Dufau, Fiscal Officer