

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
July 18, 2022

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, July 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with all members present except Don Wilson.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, Teresa Gall, Beverly Coomer, Louie Luttrell, Josh Luttrell, Mary Edwards, Jim Johnston and David Grimes.

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

Motion by Ms. Marlow, Seconded by Mrs. Spencer to approve the regular meeting minutes of June 20, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Motion by Mrs. Spencer, Seconded by Ms. Trumble to approve and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

Ms. Mary Edwards inquired if Council had any information regarding the recent issue with the post office returning residents' mail. Mayor Hill expressed the Village has no jurisdiction over the post office. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter.

Mr. Jim Johnston addressed Council regarding their past interest in veteran's banners for the Village. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter with Mr. Sutton to follow-up for additional information.

Old Business

Mr. Owsley reported that he had checked into the cost for a large event banner. The estimated cost would be \$600 - 800.00 per banner which would advertise one event. The banner would have to be painted over if the Village desired to use it for multiple events.

Ms. Marlow inquired the village ordinance pertaining to residents owning farm animals in the Village. Mayor Hill read the current ordinance (Ordinance# 2005-06) that states only dogs, cats and rabbits are permitted in the Village. A discussion ensued regarding possibly changing the ordinance to include chickens. Mayor Hill recommended a public hearing be held to get residents input as to if they would like the existing ordinance changed.

This discussion lead into another discussion regarding a possible social media page for village announcements.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Dufau presented the following for Council approval:

- Ordinance 2022-03 - ordinance to place police levy on the November 2022 ballot.
- 2023 Proposed Tax Budget
- Resolution for re-appropriation of funds

Mrs. Dufau presented information regarding the village's current sewer rates; the rate paid to the Village of Mt. Orab as well as various rate increase proposals for Council's review. Mrs. Dufau informed Council that the rate paid to the Village of Mt. Orab will increase August 1, 2022 and it would be necessary to increase the village rates in order to generate the revenue needed for future sewer operations and maintenance. Council discussed the information provided by Mrs. Dufau.

Ordinance 2022-03

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer

Seconded by: Ms. Trumble

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE A FOUR (4.0) MILL TAX LEVY FOR POLICE PROTECTION IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER 2022 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Vote: Ms. Marlow, No; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Ms. Trumble, Yes;
Mr. Wilson, Absent

Ordinance 2022-04

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer

Seconded by: Ms. Marlow

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A SEWER RATE INCERASE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Vote: Ms. Marlow, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Ms. Trumble, Yes;
Mr. Wilson, Absent

Resolution 22-08

Motion by: Ms. Marlow

Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer

Whereas, the Village Fiscal Officer, Sheila Dufau, has presented the proposed 2023 Tax Budget to the Village Council, and

Whereas, the Council of the Village of Hamersville has reviewed the proposed budget,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the proposed 2023 Tax Budget be approved and submitted to the Brown County Auditor's Office.

Vote: Ms. Marlow, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Ms. Trumble, Yes;
Mr. Wilson, Absent

Resolution 22-09

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer

Seconded by: Mr. Owsley

To approve the following re-appropriations:

General Fund

To: 1000-745-342	Auditing Services	\$ 5,000.00
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From: 1000-930-930	Contingencies	\$ 5,000.00
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Sewer Fund

To: 5201-541-190	Water/Sewage	\$15,000.00
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From: 5201-549-420	Operating Supplies	\$ 4,000.00
5201-549-430	Repairs & Maintenance	\$ 4,000.00
5201-800-540	Machinery & Equipment	\$ 7,000.00

Vote: Ms. Marlow, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Ms. Trumble, Yes;
Mr. Wilson, Absent

Mayor Hill requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, seconded by: Ms. Marlow to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed unanimously. Time Out: 8:42 p.m.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, seconded by: Ms. Marlow to return to regular session. Motion passed unanimously. Time In: 9:03 p.m.

New Business

Mr. Louie Luttrell, village electric department employee, addressed Council regarding the recent power outage in the Village and the additional hours he and two other utility employees had worked in order to restore power to the Village. Mr. Luttrell requested Council consider providing the employees with additional compensation or bonus as the time worked was over and above their normally scheduled hours. A brief discussion ensued regarding Mr. Luttrell request with Mayor Hill expressing he would look into the matter further to determine what actions the Village could legally take in addressing his request.

Mr. Josh Luttrell, village utility department employee, addressed Council requesting a \$3.00 per hour pay increase. A brief discussion ensued regarding the request with Mayor Hill recommending Council approve a \$1.50 per hour increase for Mr. Luttrell and they revisit the remaining increase once Mr. Luttrell's annual performance review has been completed in January 2023.

Resolution 22-10

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer

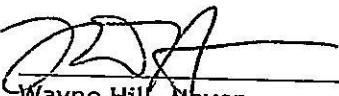
Seconded by: Ms. Marlow

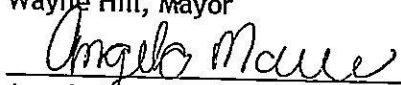
To a approve a \$1.50 per hour pay increase for village utility employee, Josh Luttrell effective July 23, 2022.

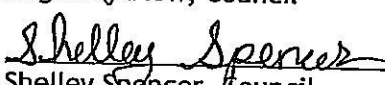
Vote: Ms. Marlow, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Ms. Trumble, Yes;
Mr. Wilson, Absent

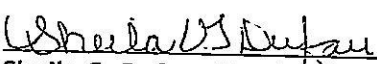
Mr. Guy Sutton, Police Chief/Village Administrator requested Council consider approve a \$2,000.00 annual salary increase for him and also consider approving a pay increase for the village fiscal officer as she had not had a pay increase since she was initially hired in 2019. Mrs. Dufau expressed her appreciation to Mr. Sutton for his request for her however she was not requesting a pay increase at that time. A brief discussion ensued regarding Mr. Sutton's request with Mrs. Spencer recommending Council table his request until the next council meeting.

There being no further business, Motion by: Mr. Owsley, Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.


Wayne Hill, Mayor

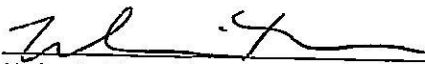

Angela Marlow, Council


Shelley Spencer, Council


Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer

Don Wilson, Council

Dale Owsley, Council


Melanie Trumble, Council