

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
June 19, 2023

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The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on June 19, 2023 with all members present.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, Travis Stone, Angela Marlow, Bev Coomer, Jesse Spencer, Mark Gall, Teresa Gall and David Grimes.

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

Motion by Mr. Wilson, Seconded by Ms. Edwards to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 15, 2023. Motion passed unanimously

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

Public Participation

Mayor Hill expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Gall and the members of HCAT for their assistance with planning the village's July 4th event. A brief discussion ensued regarding the preparation for the event.

Ms. Coomer expressed that she had seen information regarding the event on social media however it had not been discussed during the last regular council meeting in which she had attended. She inquired as to when it had been discussed. Mr. Owsley informed Ms. Coomer that the Recreation Committee had recently met to discuss and plan the event.

Ms. Coomer inquired as to whom the lady was that was set-up on the corner by the municipal building on the previous Saturday. Mrs. Gall stated that the Brown County Board of Health had been set-up passing out free Narcan. Mayor Hill confirmed that it was not village sponsored and that no one at the village had been notified that it would be taking place.

Old Business

Mayor Hill inquired as to the status of the veteran's flag program. Mrs. Spencer reported that two orders had been received so far. Council briefly discussed options for possibly raising funds to pay for flags for veterans that could not afford to purchase them.

Mr. Sutton reported on the following:

- Computer has been received that will be utilized to store body and cruiser camera footage.
- All the electric department trucks have been inspected.

Mr. Sutton proposed renaming Clark Street to Denny Schneider Street to honor Mr. Schneider for his many years of service to the village and Clark Township. A discussion ensued with general consensus of Council to do so. Council directed Solicitor Grimes to research and report back with the steps that need to be taken in order to rename the street.

Mr. Owsley expressed he would like to honor the first responders (police, fire & EMS) at the village's July 4th event.

Ms. Trumble inquired if the new electric department bucket truck had been purchased. Mr. Sutton confirmed it had.

Mrs. Spencer reported there had been another post on social media regarding the post office delivery. Mrs. Spencer reported after several telephone calls, she had reached someone with the U.S. Postal Service that had explained the process for possible home mail delivery in the village. Mayor Hill expressed that even if Council rescinded the previous ordinance, it would not guarantee home mail delivery in the village. He also reported the new postmaster has stated they will hold all mail and parcels without post office box numbers for up to three weeks before sending them back.

New Business

Mayor Hill reported he and Mrs. Spencer had attended a meeting in Georgetown regarding 250th Brown County Anniversary event. Georgetown is planning a countywide event in 2026 and would participation from all villages and townships in the county. The meeting discussion encompassed planned events as well as generating funding for the event.

Mrs. Dufau notified Council of the upcoming deadlines should they wish to place a tax levy on the November 2023 ballot. Ms. Trumble inquired about the Village possibly implementing an earned income tax. Mrs. Dufau explained how the earned income tax would work. A discussion ensued with Mrs. Dufau to provide additional information and revenue projections at the next council meeting.

Ms. Edwards inquired about the grant monies that may be available to the village through Brown County. A discussion ensued regarding applying for grant funding as well as possible projects. It was general consensus of Council to apply for grant funding for sidewalk replacement in the Village. Council directed Mr. Sutton to obtain estimates for replacing the sidewalks.

Solicitor Grimes requested an executive session to discuss pending litigation.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, seconded by: Ms. Edwards, to go into executive session to discuss pending litigation. Vote: Ms. Edwards, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Ms. Trumble, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes
Time Out: 7:57 p.m.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, seconded by: Ms. Edwards, to return to regular session. Vote: Ms. Edwards, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Ms. Trumble, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes
Time In: 8:28 p.m.

Resolution 23-16

Motion by: Ms. Edwards

Seconded by: Mrs. Trumble

To approve and authorize the village fiscal officer to release original village documents to the village administrator and/or village department heads if requested by them and to also authorized the village fiscal officer to retain a certified copy of the document(s) as the village's official record. The village administrator and/or village department heads are to return the original documents to the village fiscal officer if and when it is possible to do so.

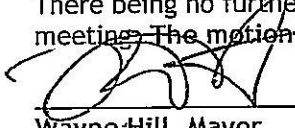
Vote: Ms. Edwards, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Ms. Trumble, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes

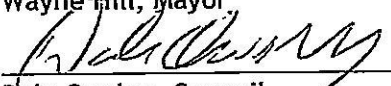
Recreation Committee Report

Mr. Owsley reported that he had found someone to run the soundboard for the July 4th event at a cost of \$250.00. Mr. Sutton stated he would obtain donations to cover the costs.

Mr. Owsley inquired if the village could provide food for the bands that would playing at the event. A discussion ensued regarding the matter with general consensus of Council to try to obtain food donations. Additional discussion continued regarding the event as well as possible options for future events.

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

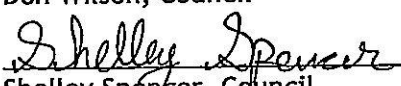

Wayne Hill, Mayor


Dale Owsley, Council


Melanie Trumble, Council


Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer


Don Wilson, Council


Shelley Spencer, Council


Mary Edwards, Council