

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
 January 24, 2022

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, January 24, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, Ryan Mullis, Denny Schneider and David Grimes.

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

Mayor Hill appointed Dale Owsley, Don Wilson and Shelly Spencer to the vacant council seats and administered the Oath of Office.

Public Participation

Mr. Ryan Mullis addressed Council regarding village regulations for setting up a double-wide mobile home on his property at 502 Main (Corner of Lucas Road and State Route 125), Mr. Sutton provided the information as outlined in the village ordinance pertaining to the matter.

Motion by Mr. Wilson, Seconded by Mrs. Spencer to approve the regular meeting minutes of December 20, 2021. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Old Business

Mayor Hill requested Council's approval of Ordinance# 2022-01, adopting the village employee handbook.

Ordinance# 2022-01

Motion by: Mr. Wilson **Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer**

ORDINANCE ADOPTING A RECORDS RETENTION POLICY AND DECLARING THE SAME AS AN EMERGENCY.

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

Mrs. Dufau requested Council approve direct deposit for village employee payroll checks and to pay bank fees affiliated with the service.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, Seconded by: Mr. Wilson to approve direct deposit for village employee payroll checks and to pay the bank fees affiliated with the service.

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

New Business

Mayor Hill reported that he had attended the recent Clark Township trustee meeting and there were issues within the Clark Township fire/EMS department. He advised Council to be informed as to what was happening as it could affect fire/EMS coverage within the village. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter.

Mayor Hill reported he had received clarification on open fires in the village. The fire can be no more than 2 x 2 and it must be contained. Burning garbage is prohibited.

Mr. Wilson nominated Dale Owsley

Mrs. Spencer nominated Don Wilson

Motion by: Mr. Wilson to appoint Dale Owsley as vice-mayor. Motion died for lack of second.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, Seconded by: Mr. Owsley to appoint Don Wilson as vice-mayor.

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

Mayor Hill appointed Mrs. Spencer, Ms. Marlow and Ms. Trumble to be on the village street committee. Other committees and members to be established at a future meeting.

Ms. Marlow presented several ideas and programs for Council to consider to improve the village and encourage resident involvement. A discussion ensued regarding Ms. Marlow's recommendations which included the state Walk-n-Ride program, farmer's market, Kroger deliver site and installation of a sand volleyball court at the park.

Mayor Hill recommended Council consider purchasing a side-by-side with a snowplow to address snow removal of village streets.

Administrator/Police Chief's Report

Mr. Sutton reported on the following:

- Police department staff status
- Brown Co. Land Revitalization program to help with the removal of blighted property in the village.
- Issues regarding cost of utilities for landlord that have unoccupied rental property.
- Appointment with a representative from AEP regarding extending the existing contract.

A discussion ensued regarding the utility billing for unoccupied properties. Mayor Hill presented village Ordinance# 1978-05, Section 5 which addressed the matter. Mayor Hill and Council requested Solicitor Grimes prepare an updated ordinance to reflect the changes agreed upon.

Mr. Sutton recommended Council place a police levy on the ballot this year. As the replacement levy did not pass in November 2021. A discussion ensued regarding the matter.

Solicitor's Report

Solicitor Grimes presented Council with an ordinance for his contract renewal

Ordinance# 2022-02

Motion by: Mr. Wilson Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer

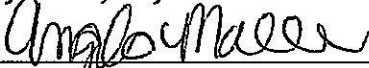
AN ORDINANCE EMPLOYING A VILLAGE SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE, OHIO FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2022 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECLARING THE SAME TO BE AN EMERGENCY.

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

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



Wayne Hill, Mayor

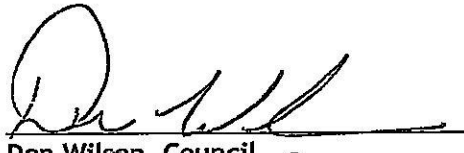


Angela Marlow, Council



Shelley Spencer, Council

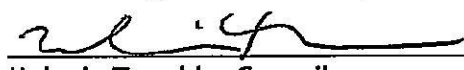
Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer



Don Wilson, Council



Dale Owsley, Council



Melanie Trumble, Council