

**VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
September 18, 2023**

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on

September 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Shelley Spencer, Mary Edwards, Dale Owsley, and Jerry Seibert. Also present were: Mayor Wayne Hill, Police Chief/Village Administrator Guy Sutton,

Sgt. Travis Stone, Asst. Village Administrator Melissa Zahn, Utility Supervisor Jason Larue, Solicitor

David Grimes, and Temporary Fiscal Officer Sandra Arrasmith.

Residents: Angela Marlow, Charlene Bronner, Justin Jones, Jesse Spencer.

AEP representative Vincent Findley.

The meeting was called to order with the pledge at 7:30 p.m.

AEP rep Vincent Findley gave a presentation on historical and projected energy information: use, market, sources, future.

Ms. Spencer moved and Ms. Edwards seconded to enter executive session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss AEP proposal - proprietary information. Motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Spencer – yes, Mr. Owsley – yes, Mr. Seibert – yes, Ms. Edwards – yes.

Ms. Spencer moved and Ms. Edwards seconded to exit executive session at 8:37 p.m. Motion passed by roll call vote as follows: Ms. Spencer – yes, Mr. Owsley – yes, Mr. Seibert – yes, Ms. Edwards – yes.

No action taken.

Ms. Spencer moved and Mr. Seibert seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Motion carried.

Financial:

Ms. Edwards moved and Mr. Seibert seconded to approve payment of the current bills. Motion carried.

August financial reports were reviewed.

Old Business:

Mayor Hill – a couple of the banners are in and will be hung in the next couple of weeks.

Ms. Spencer – was asked if there was an age limit on judges for the Halloween decorating contest.

Mayor Hill – no age limit.

It was suggested to have a hayride on the Friday or Saturday before Halloween to look at the decorations.

Mayor Hill – liability?

Mr. Grimes – check with your insurance carrier about coverage.

Mr. Owsley – residents sign up to have their house judged.

There will be three judges.

Ms. Spencer – the postmaster sent the go ahead before she received approval. The latest update from Charlotte – District management is looking into what delivery service for Hamersville.

Ms. Spencer – estimates for sidewalks?

Mr. Sutton – have called several times. They're short staffed and very busy. They said they'll get here when they can.

Ms. Spencer – records commission?

Mayor Hill – the commission needs to have a resident and two members of Council.

Angela Marlow and Charlene Bronner volunteered as residents.

Shelley Spencer and Jerry Seibert as Council members.

Mayor Hill – Records Commission will be Chief Fiscal Officer – Sandy Arrasmith, Chief Executive Officer – Wayne Hill, Chief Legal Officer – David Grimes.

Mayor Hill appointed Angela Marlow to the Commission and Charlene Bronner as Commission secretary.

Ms. Edwards – Save A Lot and Georgetown IGA – donations for the Halloween event.

Ms. Spencer – 150 bamboo sticks have been donated.

New Business:

Mayor Hill – every year ODOT sends an agreement for snow removal for 774 and 125 only, not roadway maintenance and repair. The Mayor read the agreement.

Resolution 23-24

Mr. Seibert moved and Ms. Edwards seconded to approve the agreement for snow removal with ODOT. Motion carried.

Ms. Spencer – drainage issues on the Adkins property?

Mr. Sutton – there's been a lot of work done on it.

Mr. Larue – it's draining pretty well except between the yard and the driveway. They were told they'd have to buy the pipe that goes under the driveway.

Ms. Edwards – is anyone patrolling in the mornings? People are running the stop signs when my son gets on the bus. I called the Sheriff and they sent someone out.

Mr. Sutton – no one is patrolling in the mornings. We've got five people but with the hours worked, it amounts to about 2.5. We can't afford what is needed to get more officers.

Mr. Seibert – concerning comments about the Police Dept.; it's your first amendment right to state your opinion on the Police Dept.

Mr. Sutton – Ms. Zahn came up with a new form for paid time off. It's simpler.

Mr. Sutton – Jason has installed every meter reader (207) in one year.

Mayor Hill – he got all the weeds sprayed too.

Ms. Edwards – Mark Royalty passed away several weeks ago. He's done work for the Village in the past.

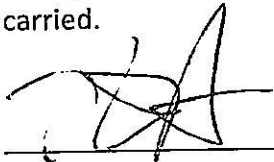
Mr. Seibert – is there a plan for snow removal this winter or is Jason going to work himself to death?

Mayor Hill – Guy has been looking for used equipment. Plan B last year fell through pretty quickly.

Discussion.

Mr. Sutton – I think they make heat suits now. It would be a good investment to buy one for Jason.

Ms. Spencer moved and Ms. Edwards seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 p.m. Motion carried.



Wayne Hill, Mayor



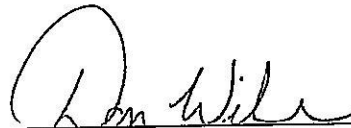
Dale Owsley, Council



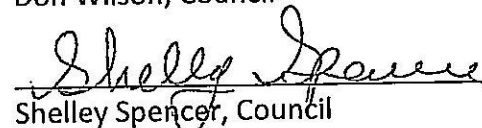
Melanie Trumble, Council



Jerry Seibert, Council



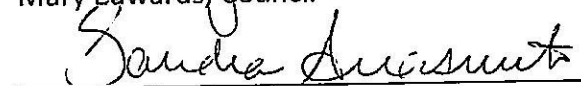
Don Wilson, Council



Shelley Spencer, Council



Mary Edwards, Council



Sandra Arrasmith, Fiscal Officer