

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8, 1998 7:00 p.m.

Members Present: Joyce Craig, Donnie Sowers, Sue Sowers, Wyndal Staggs, Bryan Stewart

Absent: William Dean

Also present: Mayor Duane Neu, Chief of Police Canter, Betty Kirkpatrick, Kenny Green, Eunice Ott of Brown County Press, Sandy Hickman of News Democrat, Clark Township trustees (Ogle, Neal, Schneider, Wallace) with Clark Township Clerk, Sharon Fite, village resident Teresa Bonkamp, Roger Adkins, and Solicitor Cecilia Potts.

Martha Hanes, Village Clerk-Treasurer was absent and Council Member Joyce Craig volunteered to take notes of the meeting. Attorney Stan Purdy entered the meeting at 7:10 p.m.

Mayor Neu called the meeting to order. Mayor Neu asked if there was a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Bryan Stewart moved to approve the minutes of the May meeting. Donnie Sowers seconded the motion. Voting: Yea: Stewart, Sowers, Craig, Sowers, Staggs. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Mayor Neu opened the only sealed bid we received for the property we auctioned. Mayor Neu read the bid from the Clark Township Trustees. Cecilia Potts viewed the bid. Following discussion, Donnie Sowers moved that bid from the township trustees be accepted. Bryan Stewart seconded the motion. Voting: YEA: Sowers, Stewart, Craig, Sowers, Staggs. NAY: None Motion Carried.

At this point Stan Purdy addressed Council, asking a release of a mortgage on Charlene Hignite property at 511 Main Street, Hamersville. A federal program back in the 80's allowed the village to loan money to a property owner as long as the owner lived in the residence for 10 years and kept residence in good repair. Purdy said he needed Council action to release mortgage as property has now been sold. Sowers moved to pass resolution 1998-? giving Clerk and Mayor authority to sign release. Stewart seconded the motion. Voting Yea: Sowers, Stewart, Craig, Sowers, Staggs. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Stan Purdy thanked the Council for the resolution and their time and left the meeting.

The Third Reading of Ordinance 1998-3 which requires prisoners to reimburse village for costs incurred for housing them in the county jail was read. Staggs moved to adopt Ordinance 1998-3. Sowers seconded the motion. Voting: Yea Staggs, Sowers, Craig, Sowers, Stewart. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Mayor Neu passed around the book he had received on new building codes.. A discussion was held. Many pros/cons were addressed. No decision made. Subject will be discussed again at next regular meeting.

Teresa Bonkamp addressed Council. She asked Mayor Neu if she could use her 'burn barrel' to burn some items left over from their remodeling. Mayor Neu replied he had no problem with burning, however, EPA did have regulations. Teresa thanked Council and left the meeting.

In regards to letter Village received from the Ohio EPA pertaining to the Pride Mobile Home Park , Cecelia Potts reminded Council we have a contract with Mt. Orab and we do not have the ability to install sewers outside the corporation. With this opinion, Council feels the matter is handled.

Mayor Neu said sewer contractor was seeking a 60 day extension. Discussion was held on sewers. Several complaints have been heard about the installation of electric lines, etc. Also Roger Adkins was concerned that some changes have been made to the placement and/or installation of items in his subdivision. Cecelia Potts said NO verbal changes can be made to the contract. Every change is to be in writing. Mr. Adkins said the cost down the road to install these items would be much more than what was originally bid. Council replied to Mr. Adkins that they were not aware of changes being made. If contract has been changed it was without Council approval. Solicitor Potts said Council needed to know what is going on with construction and if needed a Construction Meeting could be scheduled for an evening time.

Another discussion was held on the stop sign at 774 and 125. Another accident occurred since the May meeting. Stewart moved to replace the 15 minute parking signs in front of the post office facing 774. Staggs seconded the motion. Voting: Yea: Stewart, Staggs, Craig, Sowers, Sowers. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Cecelia Potts presented an ordinance requested by Council regarding semi-tractor trailer parking on Main Street. The first reading was held.

Cecelia will also draft an ordinance on loud noise.

Mayor Neu asked Chief Canter if he had any comment for Council. Chief brought several matters to Council's attention. One matter is the clean-up of the room where Court is held. Council told Chief to get quotes on carpet. Also will look into getting a copier and perhaps a fax for police department.

Council asked Mayor Neu to check into state purchasing for prices.

Sue Sowers made motion to go into executive session to discuss the disciplining of personnel. Bryan Stewart seconded the motion. Voting: Yea: Sowers, Stewart, Craig, Staggs, Sowers. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Staggs moved to come out of executive session. Stewart seconded the motion. Voting: Yea: Staggs, Stewart, Craig, Sowers, Sowers. Nay: None. Motion Carried.

Council told employees there would be no payment of payroll or any other invoices as the Clerk did not present an up to date cash position. Mayor Neu will request Clerk to have available cash balance by Wednesday, June 10th.

Stewart moved, Sowers seconded the motion to recess until 6 o'clock p.m., Wednesday, June 10th. Voting: Yea: Stewart, Staggs, Craig, Sowers, Sowers. Nay: None. Motion Carried.