

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
MAY 2, 1994 - 7:00 P.M.

Present: Martha Hanes, Jim Johnston, Jesse Nester, Duane Neu, Wyndal Staggs,
Mayor Steve Bowyer, Clerk-Treasurer Barbara Craig.

Absent: William Dean, Jr.

Also Present: Police Chief Canter, Eunice Ott of the Brown County Press, Officer
Betty Kirkpatrick, Todd Bumbalough, George Leicht

Mayor Bowyer called the meeting to order.

Mayor Bowyer asked if there were any corrections or additions to either the regular
minutes of April 4 or the special meeting on April 18.

Johnston moved, Hanes seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the regular
meeting of April 4. VOTING: YEA: Johnston, Hanes, Nester, Neu, Staggs. NAY:
None. MOTION CARRIED.

Hanes moved, Staggs seconded the motion to accept the minutes of the special
meeting of April 18. VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Staggs, Johnston, Nester, Neu. NAY:
None. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bowyer asked BPA President Mac Hanes to bring Council up to date on water
break caused by GTE contractor while installing a micro-optic telephone line.

BPA President Hanes said he had contacted Solicitor George Leicht about the matter.
Solicitor Leicht will take whatever steps necessary. President Hanes will continue to
monitor the situation.

Mayor Bowyer asked Police Chief Canter if he had any matters to bring before
Council. Chief Canter said he had officers that would be going on vacation and
wondered how they wanted the hours covered. Discussion followed. Again,
Darwin Emmrett's name came up. Council does not want to buy a uniform for an
auxiliary officer, plus Council does not know the hours Mr. Emmrett would be
available.

Hanes moved to table the discussion to hire Mr. Emmrett as an auxiliary officer. Staggs seconded the motion. VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Staggs, Johnston, Nester, Neu. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

George Leicht entered the meeting.

Solicitor Leicht questioned if there was any problem with the issue he is taking with GTE and the water breaks on SR 125. Solicitor Leicht said he may advise to go to court on this situation. Council was in agreement that GTE should reimburse Village. Discussion was held again on Junk Car Ordinance. The Ordinance the Village passed in 1990 is still in effect. Solicitor Leicht said he would re do the ordinance, but actually the one we currently have covers all the Village wants.

Councilman Johnston brought Solicitor Leicht and Council up-to-date on Police Committee meeting discussion, and the matter of funding for Police Department. Discussion was held on a Village Income Tax of 1/2 %, 3/4%, or 1%. Johnston said he may be in favor of putting income tax on ballot for November; however, he represents the residents of the Village of Hamersville and would want the residents to make this decision.

Solicitor Leicht said normally Council just makes this decision and puts on an income tax. Then, the voters have the option to vote it "off".

Discussion followed on a Village Income Tax. Solicitor Leicht will get information together for an ad hoc committee to study advantages/disadvantages of an income tax. All council members were not in favor of a Village income tax, and a lengthy discussion continued.

Sergeant Kirkpatrick introduced Todd Bumbalough to the Council. Todd had recently assisted with a local fire emergency. Todd would like the Village to sponsor him for the next police training class.

Hanes moved to refer this matter over to the Police Committee. Staggs seconded the motion. VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Staggs, Johnston, Nester, Neu. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Irv Crosswaite, local businessman, addressed Council regarding an item in the newspaper stating Council discussed his parking of cars. Mr. Crosswaite said he preferred that members of Council came to him if they had a problem. Council took a few minutes to discuss parking and other problems of concern with Mr. Crosswaite.

Discussion was held on the old Russell residence on Main Street. This building will be torn down within next few months.

Mayor Bowyer informed Council that Brandstetter & Carroll are preceding with

application for grant for sidewalks. We should be receiving \$18,000 soon as all preliminary plan are complete.

Vice Mayor Neu said County Engineer Beasley looked at paving Congress Alley. Beasley's bid is \$1424.00. Discussion was held about the ditches for draining, especially on the Ginn property.

Following discussion, Hanes moved to have Congress alley repaved by James Beasley, but have ditches cut in before repair begins. Neu seconded the motion. VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Neu, Johnston, Nester, Staggs. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bowyer stated he had received two requests for proclamations:

1. To established May 5, 1994 as "Day of Prayer in the Village of Hamersville"
2. Establish week of May 1, 1994 an "Small Business Week." Council was in agreement and Clerk-Treasurer will post proclamations.

Mayor Bowyer informed Council he had received information regarding the annual seminar that is mandatory for Mayor and Vice Mayor to attend. This year the seminar is in Athens. Cost of registration is \$60.00 each for a total of \$120.00.

Staggs moved to send Mayor Bowyer and Vice Mayor Neu to the mandatory seminar and for Council to pay the registration cost of \$120.00. Hanes seconded the motion. VOTING: YEA: Staggs, Hanes, Johnston, Nester. Abstained: Neu. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bowyer said garage doors will be installed soon.

Mr. Green said he has most potholes filled. Mayor Bowyer told Mr. Green to order sign for North Avenue. Discussion was held on renting equipment to sweep the streets of the Village. Councilman Neu had checked into the cost. The cost would be approximately \$215.00 per day for Broom and Bobcat. Discussion followed.

Hanes moved to rent a Broom and Bobcat for one day to clean on one side of SR 125 in the A.M. and th other side in the P.M. Staggs seconded the motion. VOTING: YEA: Hanes, Staggs, Johnston, Nester, Neu. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Councilman Neu will check further into making reservation for equipment.

Staggs informed Council that the Holiness Church at corner of Sisterville and Walnut is complaining that water is flooding their church and is requesting Village install a culvert.

Street Committee is willing to meet with the church to see what the problem is and to see how it can be resolved. Committee will report back to Council.

Staggs moved to pay bills as presented. Johnston seconded the motion. VOTING: YEA: Staggs, Johnston, Hanes, Nester, Neu. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

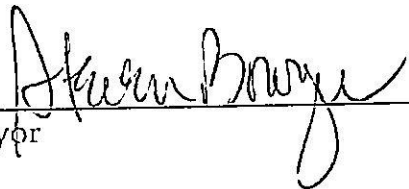
Clerk-Treasurer Craig informed Council that hours spent and the demand of her regular full-time position necessitates that she resign the Village Clerk-Treasurer position. Clerk-Treasurer Craig currently does not have enough time to efficiently handle the position.

Johnston moved, Staggs seconded the motion to advertise for Clerk-Treasurer in local papers. VOTING: YEA: Johnston, Staggs, Hanes, Nester, Neu. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

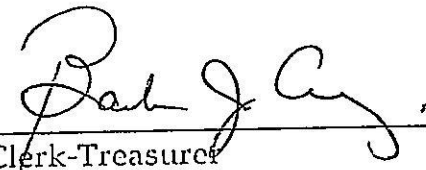
There being no further business, Johnston moved to adjourn the meeting. Staggs seconded the motion. VOTING: YEA: Johnston, Staggs, Hanes, Nester, Neu. NAY: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Mayor Bowyer adjourned the meeting.

The next regular meeting will be June 6, 1994.



Mayor



Clerk-Treasurer