

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
May 16, 2022

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, May 16, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with all members present except Shelley Spencer.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, Jason LaRue, Sandy Ande-Walker, Tina Beckett, Teresa Gall, Mark Gall Sr., Officer Travis Stone and David Grimes.

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

Motion by Mr. Wilson, Seconded by Mr. Owsley to approve the regular meeting minutes of April 18, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Public Participation

Ms. Sandy Ande-Walker addressed Council regarding the status of the installation of the culvert at Adkins Place. A brief discussion ensued with Mayor Hill instructing Administrator Sutton to insure it gets completed.

Mrs. Teresa Gall presented information from Duke Energy that she had obtained regarding Hannah Park and the possibility of utilizing the Duke Energy substation property for a picnic area of the park. She expressed that Duke Energy had shown interest in working with the village to obtain playground equipment for the park. Mayor Hill reported the last correspondence received by the Village from Duke Energy was in September 2018. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding the matter.

Old Business

Mr. Owsley reported that his band would not be available for a Fourth of July event, if Council was still considering having a village event. A discussion continued regarding possibly having an event as well as the details of such. It was general consensus of Council to hold a Fourth of July event on July 4, 2022 from 12:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. with live music and food trucks. Council also considered incorporating the first Farmer's Market during the event.

Ms. Marlow reported McKinney Mart had donated a lighted sign to the Village. After a brief discussion, Council determined a location for the sign which will be used to provide village information to the public. Mr. Owsley recommended Council consider purchasing a street banner as well for advertising village events.

Ms. Marlow reported that Brown County Library will be holding their first Pop-Up Reading Program at the village municipal building on Saturday, May 27, 2022 at 1:00 p.m.

Mayor Hill reported Dave Wahl would be attending the next council meeting to provide further information regarding the veteran street flag program.

Mrs. Dufau inquired if Council would like to proceed with placing a police levy on the November 2022 general election ballot. A discussion ensued regarding a police levy; steps needed for its approval as well as improving community opinion of the village police department. It was general consensus of Council to proceed with placing a levy on the ballot.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Dufau reported that the recent rate increase for sewer services in the village was not generating enough revenue to support the continued sewer expenses due to increased maintenance costs and the rate increase imposed by the Village of Mt. Orab in January.

Mrs. Dufau reported a sewer pump replacement was needed for a property in the village however funds were not currently available in sewer fund to do so and requested Council approve a re-appropriation in the General Fund to facilitate the expenditure.

Resolution 22-06

Motion by: Mr. Owsley

Seconded by: Ms. Trumble

To approve the following re-appropriation:

General Fund

To: 1000-543-520

Equipment \$7,000.00

From: 1000-930-930

Contingencies \$7,000.00

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

New Business

Mayor Hill addressed Council regarding a recent issue residents were having with the post office returning mail and parcels if they were not addressed with the resident's correct post office box number. Mayor Hill presented a 1968 ordinance that was adopted that restricted residential mailbox in the village. A discussion ensued regarding the matter with Mayor Hill reporting that he had expressed his concerns with the Postmaster and options were being reviewed.

Mayor Hill reported he had received several noise complaints and recommended Council consider revising the current noise ordinance as it only addresses noise created by construction, bands, fireworks, etc. Chief Sutton recommended if Council chooses to revise the ordinance that the fireworks provision kept in the revised ordinance. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter with Mayor Hill requesting the Mr. Grimes, Solicitor prepare and present a revised ordinance at the next council meeting.

There being no further business, Motion by: Mr. Wilson, Seconded by: Ms. Marlow 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