

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, David Grimes, Officer Travis Stone, Louie Luttrell, Jason LaRue, Charlene Bronner, Gary Bronner, Teresa Gall, Wayne Stacy, Jerry Siebert, Angela Marlow, Beverly Coomer, Lisa Farrell and Mark Gall.

Public Participation

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

212. Mrs. Spencer inquired the status of the EPA meeting that Chief Sutton and Jason LaRue were to attend. Mr. LaRue reported the in-person meeting had been canceled but a meeting had been held via telephone. Mr. LaRue will be required to obtain a Sewer Class II license.

Mrs. Spencer reported that plans for the upcoming village Easter egg hunt were coming together and expressed that there was still a need for donations of plastic eggs. She provided information regarding planned activities for the event.

New Business

Mrs. Spencer recommended Council utilize a meeting agenda at their monthly meetings. She expressed she would work with Mayor Hill to prepare one.

Mayor Hill reported the Georgetown village administrator had invited council members to attend a meeting the Appalachian region grant opportunities. The meeting would be held March 27, 2020 at 6:00 p.m.

Mayor Hill reported had received notification that the Village of Georgetown are in the planning stages for a 2026 Nations Semi quincennial celebration on July 4, 2026. The theme of the event to be "Celebrate Our Heritage Day".

Mrs. Spencer recommended Council move forward with making plans for the village's July 4th celebration and also recommended they consider holding the event the weekend after July 4th as to not conflict with celebrations elsewhere.

Chief Sutton reported he and Ms. Trumble had attended a storm preparedness program. Both are now certified storm watchers. Ms. Trumble inquired as to whom was responsible for the weather siren. Mrs. Dufau confirmed that the siren is maintained by Clark Township.

Ms. Trumble requested the emergency services committee schedule a meeting.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Dufau presented the 2023 property and liability insurance renewal and requested Council's approval.

Resolution 23-06

Motion by: Ms. Trumble

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

To approve the 2023 property and liability insurance renewal and annual premium as provided by Public Entity Pool.

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

Mayor Hill requested an executive session to discuss personnel compensation for village employees, Guy Sutton and Louie Luttrell.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, seconded by: Mr. Wilson to go into executive session to discuss personnel compensation for village employees, Guy Sutton and Louie Luttrell. Vote: Ms. Edwards, Absent; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Ms. Trumble, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes
Time Out: 7:34 p.m.

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer, seconded by: Mr. Wilson to return to regular session. Vote: Ms. Edwards, Absent; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Ms. Trumble, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes
Time In: 8:24 p.m.

Resolution 23-07

Motion by: Mr. Wilson

Seconded by: Ms. Trumble

To approve a \$5.00 per hour pay increase for village employee, Louie Luttrell and to also approve prorated holiday pay based upon the village's leave procedures relating to part-time village employees. Both to be effective March 18, 2023.

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

Resolution 23-08

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer

Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

WHEREAS, the Village has applied for a grant through the Ohio Department of Public Safety and the Office of Criminal Justice Services for ARPA funds to be utilized for the village's police department, and

WHEREAS, if awarded these grant funds the village's police department will be able to utilize these funds for new and existing police officer salaries which will allow for other department funds to be available for expenditures, and

WHEREAS, Council desires to approve a salary increase for Police Chief Guy Sutton,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council approve a salary increase of \$22,500.00 annually for Police Chief Guy Sutton. The salary increase will be contingent on the award of the ARPA grant and will not go into effect until such time.

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

Resolution 23-09

Motion by: Mr. Wilson

Seconded by: Mr. Owsley

WHEREAS, Police Chief Guy Sutton has been an employee of the village since December 2015, and earned vacation time as a part-time and full-time employee, and

WHEREAS, the village fiscal officer, Tammie Ogle, did not properly maintain records of his vacation time earned and used, and

WHEREAS, Chief Sutton has used minimal vacation time earned during the course of his employment, and has requested that his personnel record reflect twenty-three weeks of unused earned vacation time,

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that Council approve the twenty-three weeks of unused earned vacation and direct the village fiscal officer to record such time on Chief Guy Sutton's personnel record.

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

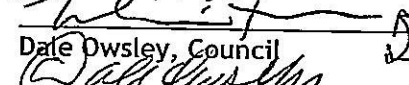
Other Business

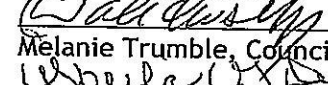
Chief Sutton inquired if Council was going to address the vacant council seat. A brief discussion ensued regarding the open seat and interested parties. Mayor Hill expressed that the open council seat would be up for election in November 2023.

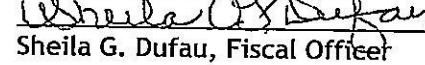
Ms. Angela Marlow inquired if the pay raise Council had approved for Chief Sutton would continue once the grant funds were exhausted. Mayor Hill and Mrs. Spencer confirmed that it would not continue. Ms. Marlow inquired as to Chief Sutton's current salary. Mrs. Dufau confirmed that it was approximately \$34,000.00 annually which was cumulative for his position as police chief and village administrator.

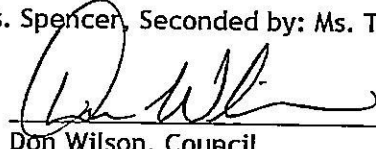
There being no further business, Motion by: Ms. Spencer, Seconded by: Ms. Trumble, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

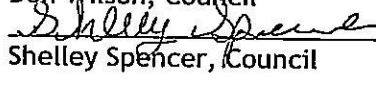

Wayne Hill, Mayor

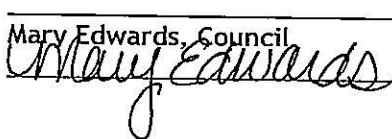

Dale Owsley, Council


Melanie Trumble, Council


Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer


Don Wilson, Council


Shelley Spencer, Council


Mary Edwards, Council