

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
June 20, 2022

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, June 20, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with all members present except Shelley Spencer, Dale Owsley and Mayor Wayne Hill.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, Jason LaRue, Tina Beckett, Teresa Gall, Mark Gall Sr., Robert Pollitt, Justin Jones, Joyce Pollitt, Lisa Farrell, Beverly Coomer, Jack Haynes and David Grimes.

Vice-Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Motion by Ms. Marlow, Seconded by Ms. Trumble to approve the regular meeting minutes of May 16, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Public Participation

Mr. Robert Pollitt addressed Council regarding the police department's methods for traffic stops in the Village. Ms. Joyce Pollitt also expressed her complaints regarding the police department and their handling of a situation that occurred during the recent power outage in the Village. A discussion ensued among council members and the public members in attendance regarding the matter. Vice-Mayor Wilson expressed that he and Council would certainly look into the matter and investigate their allegations. Ms. Marlow expressed a community plan for emergency situations was needed. Ms. Trumble recommended improving the emergency plan that was currently in place and used during the COVID pandemic.

Mrs. Teresa Gall inquired to the status of Hanna Park. Chief Sutton provided an updated which included the following:

- Duke Energy will not sell the land.
- They will not permit the Village to erect permanent structures on the property. Temporary or semi-temporary features (i.e., picnic tables, benches) would be permitted.
- They would require indemnification agreement and the village's insurance would be responsible for temporary structures or liability of use.
- Duke Energy's future plan for the property is to build a larger substation

Chief Sutton's recommendations were to continue to attempt to reach an agreement with Duke Energy but to also consider purchasing another piece of property in the village for use as a park.

Mrs. Teresa Gall reported the first community organization will be meeting June 27, 2022 at the village municipal building.

Ms. Tina Beckett inquired if resolution had been made with the post office regarding the delivery issues addressed at the May meeting. Vice-Mayor Wilson reported Mayor Hill is still looking into the matter.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Dufau reported that she had completed further research regarding the recent rate increase from Mt. Orab for sewer services. The Village of Mt. Orab had increased the village's sewer rate in January 2022 however based upon a correspondence received from them in May 2021, the new rate of \$4.50 per thousand gallons should not have gone into effect until August 2022. Mrs. Dufau contacted the Village of Mt. Orab regarding the matter and will receive a follow-up from them after their Board of Public Affairs meeting to be held on July 22, 2022. Mrs. Dufau expressed that even after the billing issue with the Village of Mt. Orab is resolved it will still be necessary for Council to approve an increase in sewer rates in order to generate enough revenue for operational and maintenance costs. A discussion ensued

regarding the matter with general consensus of Council to table the matter until the July 2022 meeting.

Mrs. Dufau presented a resolution for Council approval for the proposed tax levy for police protection as previously discussed at the May 2022 meeting.

Resolution 22-07

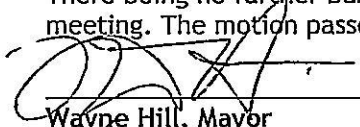
Motion by: Mr. Wilson

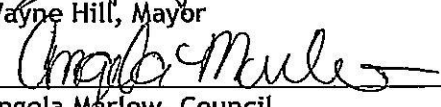
Seconded by: Ms. Trumble

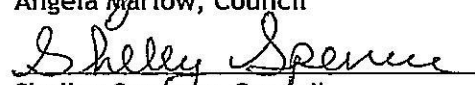
A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSICITY FOR A TAX LEVY IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION FOR POLICE PROTECTION AND REQUESTING THE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY MATTERS IN CONNECTION THEREWITH.

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

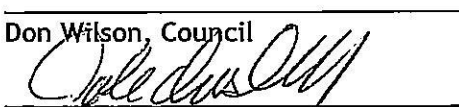
There being no further business, Motion by: Ms. Marlow, Seconded by: Mr. Wilson to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

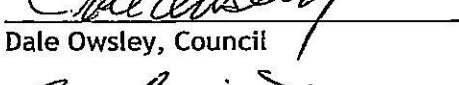

Wayne Hill, Mayor

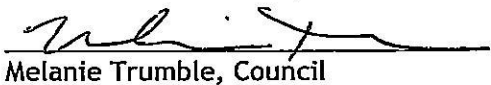

Angela Marlow, Council


Shelley Spencer, Council


Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer


Don Wilson, Council


Dale Owsley, Council


Melanie Trumble, Council