

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
August 22, 2022

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, August 22, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with all members present except Don Wilson and Dale Owsley.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, Travis Stone, Jason LaRue, Louie Luttrell, Paul Blankmeyer, Jake Spencer, Mary Edwards and Beverly Coomer.

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

Motion by Mrs. Spencer, Seconded by Ms. Marlow to approve the regular meeting minutes of July 18, 2022. Motion passed unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Spencer, Seconded by Ms. Trumble to approve and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Mayor Hill reported that Ms. Mary Edwards had expressed interest in the vacant council seat. Ms. Edwards shared personal and professional information with Council. Upon Mayor Hill's recommendation it was general consensus of Council to appoint Ms. Edwards to the vacant council seat.

Oath of Office

Mayor Hill administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Edwards for village council member.

Public Participation

Mr. Paul Blankmeyer, Brown County Building Inspector, addressed Council regarding an issue with an electric meter at 303 East Main Street in the Village. Mr. Blankmeyer reported the meter and wiring going into the structure on the property was a safety issue as the wiring was frayed and it did not have proper grounding. Mr. Blankmeyer recommended Council notify the property owner deeming the electric meter and wiring unsafe as well as giving the property owner ten (days) to make the required repairs or service would be disconnected. A discussion ensued regarding the matter.

Resolution 22-12

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer

Seconded by: Ms. Marlow

To approve issuing notice in the form of a letter to the property owner of 303 East Main Street that the electric meter and wiring has been deemed unsafe and require the property owner to make the required repairs within ten (10) days of receipt of the letter.

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

Ms. Beverly Coomer reported she had recently attended the Clark Township Trustee meeting. Ms. Coomer relayed information from the meeting including that the township fire department was given an ISO rating of ten (10) after a recent inspection. A discussion ensued with Chief Sutton expressing the Village has no control over the Fire/EMS that it is governed by the Township. Mayor Hill confirmed the Village had received a letter regarding the ISO rating.

Old Business

Ms. Edwards inquired the status of the veteran's banners for the Village. Mayor Hill reported that he had the contact information for the company that had worked with the Village of Williamsburg for their veteran banner program.

Ms. Edwards inquired the status of residential mail delivery in the Village. A brief discussion ensued with Mayor Hill confirming that the Village Solicitor was checking into the matter.

Ms. Marlow expressed Council should continue to work on community involvement and relations. She cited an incident during the storm in June 2022 in which the Village was without power several hours. A discussion ensued regarding the Village's emergency plan as well as a centralized shelter in the Village for residents if needed.

Fiscal Officer

Mrs. Dufau presented the 2023 Acceptance of Rates for Council's approval. Mrs. Dufau also requested Council adopt the IRS standard mileage rate to be utilized as the mileage reimbursement rates for village employees.

Resolution 22-13

Motion by: Ms. Edwards

Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer

To approve the 2023 Acceptance of Rates

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

Resolution 22-14

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer

Seconded by: Ms. Trumble

To approve and adopt the IRS standard mileage rate as the mileage reimbursement rate for village employees.

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

New Business

Officer Travis Stone presented the proposed website for the Village's police department.

Mayor Hill recommended Council pursue a loan to build a sewer plant. A brief discussion ensued regarding his recommendation.

Mr. Sutton presented an ordinance addressing the utility repair rates. A discussion ensued with general consensus of Council to table the matter until the next monthly meeting.

Mr. Louie Luttrell inquired if Council had made a decision regarding additional compensation for personnel that performed emergency work during the power outage in June 2022. Council discussed options regarding the matter.

Resolution 22-15

Motion by: Ms. Marlow

Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer

To approve a one-time bonus for the following personnel:

Louie Luttrell	\$200.00
Jason LaRue	\$200.00
Josh Luttrell	\$200.00
Travis Stone	\$200.00
Guy Sutton	\$200.00
Zachary Lindsey	\$ 50.00
Matthew Clark	\$ 50.00

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

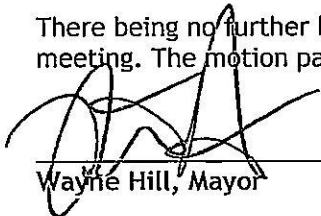
Ms. Trumble recommended Council consider having more than one meeting per month. A brief discussion ensued with Mrs. Dufau recommending Council establish committees.

Ms. Edwards recommended Council set the date for Trick-or-Treat in the village. After a brief discussion, it was general consensus of Council to hold the event on October 29, 2022 from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Chief Sutton presented a written report and highlighted the following:

- Village has received a Chevrolet Tahoe fully equipped K9 vehicle from Union Township for the sum of one (1) dollar.
- The State Highway Patrol has committed to provide K9 training for Officer Stone and his dog at their canine facility.
- Community fund raising efforts has generated \$960.00 in donations to the K-9 Fund.
- ARPA grant application has been submitted

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



Wayne Hill, Mayor

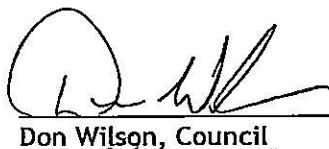
Angela Marlow, Council



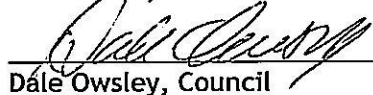
Shelley Spencer, Council



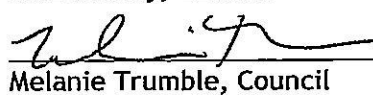
Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer



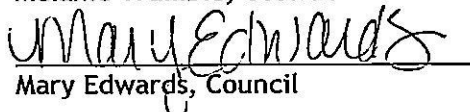
Don Wilson, Council



Dale Owsley, Council



Melanie Trumble, Council



Mary Edwards, Council