

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
130 WEST MAIN STREET
HAMERSVILLE, OHIO 45130
Regular Village Council Meeting
 January 9, 2012

Present: Mayor Keith Staggs, Betty Kirkpatrick, Michele Watson, John Kirby, Harry Tolliver, Ragan Ernst and Clerk Treasurer Tammie Ogle.

Also Present: Chief Jim Canter, Skip Bollinger, Suzanne Madden, Donna Tolliver, Mark Inman, Bob White, Wyndal & Nancy Staggs, Pat Scott, Matt Ernst, David Grimes, and Debbie & Scott McKinney.

Mayor Staggs called this meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., and then led the assembly in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Clerk Treasurer presented the minutes of the previous meeting to the Council, as well as the Fund Status, Revenue Status and Appropriation Status reports, and the December, 2011 Bank Reconciliation. Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the minutes, and Ms. Watson seconded it. The motion carried, all voting yes. All other reports and the Bank Reconciliation were read and approved.

Mayor Staggs announced that the meeting is being recorded and will be available to interested parties at the cost of a tape.

The Clerk Treasurer presented all bills to the Council as follows:

10718.17	Hamersville Payroll	Payroll	1000-110-190
72.76	Frontier	Telephone	2401-110-321
6449.48	Bank of New York	Bond Payment	3401-850-720
201.00	Thomas Welding	Contract Service	2011-620-396
69.66	Cahall Brothers	Other	2011-620-690
1000.00	Martin Industries	Other	2401-110-420

Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to pay all bills, and Ms. Watson seconded it. The motion carried, all voting yes.

Mayor Staggs recognized David Grimes, who is here about the Village Solicitor position. He has been an attorney since 1997, and a Village Solicitor since 1999. He has worked for Cherry Fork, Sardinia, Russellville, Higginsport, and Manchester, and has been a Magistrate in several Villages as well. He used to work for the prosecutor, but now does defense work. The Council members asked him various questions, such as OSHA regulations and the sunshine laws. Ms. Watson asked why the other solicitor who came last week was not here.

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Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to hire him at the same pay as Cecelia, and Ms. Ernst seconded it. Roll call vote resulted as follows: Ms. Ernst: yea Ms. Kirkpatrick: yea Ms. Watson: no Mr. Kirby: no Mr. Tolliver no. Motion failed. Mr. Grimes thanked the Council and left the meeting.

Mayor Staggs informed the Council that he did not think we could seat a new Council member at this time. When Mr. Kirby asked why, he replied that he did not think it would be a good idea without a Solicitor present.

Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the prisoner housing contract with Brown County, at the same rates as last year. Mr. Tolliver seconded the motion, and it carried, all voting yes.

Mr. Tolliver made a motion to appoint Ms. Kirkpatrick President of Council. Ms. Ernst seconded the motion, and it carried, all voting yes.

Mayor Staggs explained to Mr. Kirby that Hamersville is not like Clermont County. He told Council that everyone is here for the benefit of the Community. He brought up the flooding at First Stop because their tile is too high. Mayor Staggs does not believe that the Village should do business with Cantrell's until they rectify the flooding situation. Mark Inman from First Stop, who was present at this meeting, will talk to Bob Cantrell tomorrow about the issue. He told the Council that it would not hurt his feelings at all if the Village purchases all of their fuel from McKinney's. Mr. Wyndal Staggs remarked that he had tried several times to meet with Mr. Cantrell about the flooding, but he never talked to him. We will send them another letter.

Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to accept the revised Resolution Accepting Rates from the Brown County Auditor, due to the dates of the Police Levy. Mr. Kirby seconded the motion, and it carried, all voting yes.

Mr. Kirby made a motion to adopt the new County Mutual Aid agreement, and Ms. Ernst seconded it. The motion carried, all voting yes.

Council was informed that the Board of Public Affairs discussed the water meters at the golf course. Skip had Thomas Welding put a frame together. He will finish it.

Mayor Staggs will change the lock on the Mayor/Clerk's office door. He also needs keys to all of the buildings.

The Board of Public Affairs will get a plaque with the names of everyone involved in getting this building.

Chief Canter said that everything is running smooth for the Police Department. Mayor Staggs informed the Council that the Chief will come to the BPA and Council meetings, in uniform, and if he is unable to come, one of the other officers will. Mayor Staggs has asked

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the Police Department to help the EMS. Fire Department get out of Bank Street during emergencies if on duty. The other two officers will start taking some of the "on call" time for the Chief.

Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to replace the cell phones. Ms. Watson seconded the motion, and it carried, all voting yes.

Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to replace the signs stolen from St. Rt. 774. Ms. Watson seconded the motion, and it carried, all voting yes.

Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to adopt Ordinance 2012-01, Appropriations Ordinance, for \$1,907,515.28. Ms. Watson seconded the motion, and it carried, all voting yes.

Mr. Tolliver made a motion to appoint Ms. Kirkpatrick President of Council. Ms. Ernst seconded the motion, and it carried, all voting yes.

The Council asked to hear from the candidates for Council, and so they were recognized.

Mr. White told Council that he has enjoyed the meeting so far, and he moved to the Village from Clermont County 5 or 6 years ago. He has been a CPA since 1975.

Mr. Ernst ran for Mayor in November. He is a bank manager, so he knows finance and funding. Mayor Staggs asked him about something he posted on the internet complaining about the Village. He asked him if he has a mailbox, and was told by Mr. Ernst and Ms. Kirkpatrick that it was grandfathered in.

Ms. Scott has lived here 35 years, and owns her own business. She was in the Navy, and was on the BPA several years ago, but had to quit for a job. She was instrumental in getting the sewer system, as well as getting LG for our electric department.

Mr. Wyndal Staggs has worked for the Village in many capacities for almost 50 years. He would like to sit on Council again. He believes that he has done more for this Village than anyone in this room except for Chief Canter.

Mr. Ernst asked why he was the only one who was questioned.

Ms. Ernst asked Mr. Kirby about the sunshine law he talks so much about. Council discussed the law.

Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to go into Executive Session. Mr. Tolliver seconded the motion, and it carried, all voting yes. Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to leave Executive Session, and Mr. Kirby seconded it. The motion carried, all voting yes.

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Council discussed the candidates for Council. Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to appoint Pat Scott to the vacant position, and Mr. Tolliver seconded it. Ms. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Tolliver voted yes, all others no. Motion failed.

Ms. Ernst made a motion to appoint Wyndal Staggs. The motion failed for lack of a second.

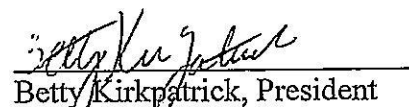
Ms. Ernst made a motion to appoint Matt Ernst, and Mr. Kirby seconded it. Ms. Ernst and Mr. Kirby voted yes, Ms. Kirkpatrick and Mr. Tolliver voted no, and Ms. Watson abstained. Mayor Staggs broke the tie with a no vote.

Mr. Tolliver made a motion to appoint Pat Scott, and Ms. Kirkpatrick seconded it. The motion carried, Ms. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Tolliver and Mr. Kirby voting yes, and Ms. Ernst and Ms. Watson voting no.

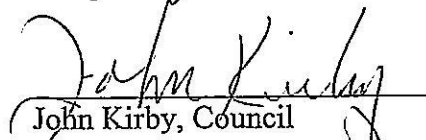
Ms. Watson made a motion to hire David Grimes as Solicitor for a 6 month term, at his hourly rate. If he is not here, he doesn't get paid. Ms. Kirkpatrick seconded the motion, and it carried, all voting yes.

Ms. Kirkpatrick made a motion to adjourn. Ms. Ernst seconded the motion, and it carried, all voting yes.

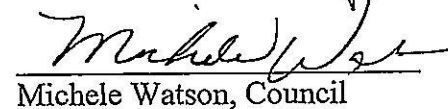

Wyndal Keith Staggs, Mayor

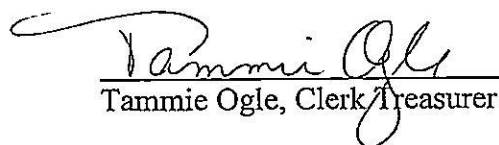

Betty Kirkpatrick, President


Ragan Ernst, Council


John Kirby, Council


Harry Tolliver, Council


Michele Watson, Council


Tammie Ogle, Clerk/Treasurer