

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
April 18, 2022

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, April 18, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. with all members present except Melanie Trumble.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, Jason LaRue, Justin Jones and David Grimes.

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

Public Participation

Mr. Justin Jones addressed Council expressing he had just moved back in the Village and offered to volunteer his assistance in any way needed.

Mayor Hill introduced the village's new part-time police officer, Zachary Lindsley and swore Mr. Lindsley in as a village police officer.

Motion by Mr. Wilson, Seconded by Mrs. Spencer to approve the regular meeting minutes of March 21, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Old/New Business

Ms. Marlow recommended Council consider a police officer recognition program when in officer goes above and beyond duty. Council briefly discussed the recommendation with general consensus to look into it further.

Ms. Marlow reported that a representative from the public library had offered to attend the next council meeting to further discuss the proposed pop-up story time in the village.

Ms. Marlow recommended Council pursue the organization of a farmer's market in the village on the McKinney property possibly two days per week. A brief discussion ensued regarding the recommendation.

Ms. Marlow expressed the village was in need of some type of signage in order to post village information and village events. Council discussed possibly purchasing a sign.

Ms. Marlow reported she had contacted Kelly Cole with the Brown County Commissioners Development Office regarding possible grants available to the village. A discussion ensued regarding grants available and the needs of the village.

Mayor Hill presented a memorial plaque for dedication of the village emergency service building to former Police Chief, Jim Canter. He recommended a dedication ceremony be schedule for some time in May 2022.

Ms. Marlow inquired if Council had an annual strategic plan, outlining the projects, etc. that they would like to complete each year. A brief discussion ensued regarding her inquiry. Ms. Marlow volunteered to prepare a draft strategic plan for Council's review.

Chief Sutton recommended Council consider refinancing the sewer bonds and obtaining additional funding to build a sewer plant. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding his recommendation as well as possible annexation of additional property.

Mrs. Spencer inquired about the status of the village flower pots noting the garden club had filled some but not all. A brief discussion ensued with no one having information regarding the status.

Mrs. Spencer inquired as to costs of obtaining and training a department K-9. Chief Sutton reported the total cost for a trained K-9 and handler would be \$5,700.00 and \$3,000.00 would be needed for the additional training for the other K-9. A discussion ensued regarding the matter with Chief Sutton reporting that he would be applying for a grant in hopes of defraying part of the costs.

Chief Sutton commended Mrs. Spencer on the success of the recent village Easter egg hunt stating it was very organized and well ran.

Mrs. Spencer inquired if Council would like to plan a village Memorial Day event. It was general consensus of Council to wait and plan something for July 4th. Chief Sutton recommended Council consider banning fireworks in the Village.

Mayor Hill recommended Council revisit the ordinance banning chickens in the Village.

Street/Utility Department Report

Mr. Jason LaRue reported on the following:

- New flags have been ordered for the village streets.
- Hydrant flushing has been scheduled - may briefly cause water pressure issues
- Street pot holes will be patched but awaiting three warm days in a row in order to complete.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Dufau presented the following for Council's approval:

- People's Bank Depository Agreement
- Sedgwick BWC Group Rating and Management Program

Resolution 22-04

Motion by: Mrs. Spencer

Seconded by: Ms. Marlow

To approve the People's Bank Memorandum of Agreement for Deposit of Public Funds for a period of five years (January 9, 2022 to January 9, 2027).

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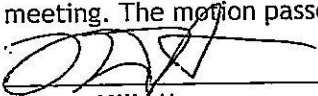
Motion by: Mrs. Spencer

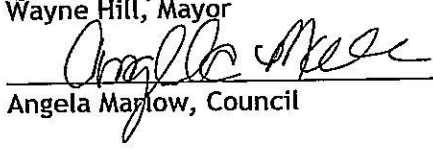
Seconded by: Ms. Marlow

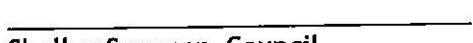
To approve the 2023 Bureau of Worker's Compensation Group Rating Enrollment and claims management services with Sedgwick at a cost of \$100.00.

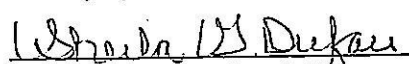
Vote: Ms. Marlow, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes,
Ms. Trumble, Absent

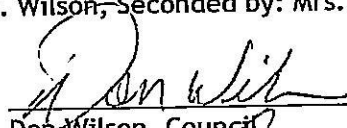
There being no further business, Motion by: Mr. Wilson, Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

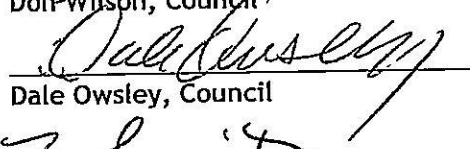

Wayne Hill, Mayor


Angela Marlow, Council


Shelley Spencer, Council


Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer


Don Wilson, Council


Dale Owsley, Council


Melanie Trumble, Council