

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
December 19, 2022

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on December 19, 2022 with all members present except Don Wilson.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, David Grimes, Officer Travis Stone, Bev Coomer, Leslie Lovell, Teresa Gall, Jerry Seibert, Leah Adams, Philip Wagner, Jesse Spencer, Melissa Zahn, Jason LaRue and Dana Benjamin.

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

Motion by Mrs. Spencer, Seconded by Ms. Edwards to approve the regular meeting minutes of November 21, 2022. Motion passed unanimously

Motion by Mrs. Spencer, Seconded by Mr. Wilson to approve and pay the bills. Motion passed unanimously.

Public Participation

Mrs. Teresa Gall announced the winners of the Hamersville Community Action Team's Christmas decorating contest. The winners were as follows:

- 1st Place - LaRue's
- 2nd Place - Keller's
- 3rd Place - Day's

Mrs. Gall expressed her appreciation for the community's involvement in the contest.

Police Officer Swearing-In

Officer Travis Stone presented the Village's newest police officer, K-9 Officer Zade. Mayor Hill swore in Officer Zade.

Old Business

Ms. Marlow inquired to what the check issued to Western Brown Choir was for. Mayor Hill and Fiscal Officer Dufau confirmed it was for advertising.

Ms. Marlow inquired about the mileage reimbursement rate previously approved by Council. Mrs. Dufau explained that it is the rate used to calculate mileage reimbursement to employee's when they utilize their personal vehicles for village business.

Ms. Trumble inquired about the status of the veteran's flag program. Mayor Hill reported he was still awaiting information.

Mayor Hill inquired as to when Council would like to hold the building dedication of the Canter building. A brief discussion ensued with general consensus of Council to hold the event on March 20, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Trumble inquired about the status of the village's participation in the 811 system. Chief Sutton reported that he was currently working on it.

Ms. Marlow inquired if mapping of the village's fire hydrants had ever been done. Chief Sutton confirmed that that had been completed in 2017/2018.

Ms. Marlow inquired if wage comparisons with compatible villages be completed prior to employee evaluations in January. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter with Ms. Marlow also recommending pay raises for council members be considered. Solicitor Grimes confirmed that mid-term pay increases were not permitted for council members.

Ms. Marlow recommended Council consider incentivizing building in the Village. A discussion ensued regarding the village's current ordinance on modular and double-wide mobile homes as well as square footage requirements for dwellings in the village.

Mayor Hill recommended Council consider negotiating sewer rates with the Village of Mt. Orab. A discussion ensued regarding the matter. Chief Sutton reported he would be meeting with an engineer in January regarding possible grant funding options for a sewer plant.

New Business

Chief Sutton expressed that he personally was not into social media however he felt the need to clarify some false information that was recently posted on social media by others regarding him and the police department. He addressed the following matters:

- Residency requirements of a village police chief
- Unmarked police department cars are legally permitted
- Exterior lights are not required on all police cruisers
- Village police cruiser seen at Fast Track in Amelia was picking up items purchased for the village.
- Finding for recovery issued in the last State audit of the Village

Mrs. Melissa Zahn, Village Utility Clerk, also addressed recent social media posts that had been made in relation to her position with the Village. Mrs. Zahn expressed that she as a village employee earns paid time off and she is not required to inform village residents as to why the office is closed or why she is taking time off work.

Ms. Bev Coomer inquired about her request for copies of the previous Board of Public Affairs meeting minutes. Chief Sutton responded that the public records request law states that reasonable time is permitted to meet the request.

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Dufau presented and requested approval of the 2023 temporary appropriations.

Resolution 22-21

Motion by: Ms. Edwards

Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer

To approve the following temporary appropriations for Fiscal Year 2023:

General Fund	\$163,386.16
Street Fund	\$ 83,236.77
State Hwy Fund	\$ 4,480.07
Police Fund	\$ 1,843.55
Permissive Motor Vehicle	\$ 29,438.86
Drug Law Enforcement	\$ 3,476.54
Enforcement and Education	\$ 1,140.00
Bond Retirement	\$ 82,684.74
Water Replacement & Improvement	\$ 14,329.01
Sewer Replacement & Improvement	\$ 25,412.44
Emergency Electric	\$ 57,120.58
Surplus Fund	\$ 5,146.25
Project Fund	\$ 12,446.83
Water Operating	\$205,771.99
Sewer Operating	\$238,428.00
Electric Operating	\$560,815.08
Garbage Operating	\$ 68,201.60
Electric Deposit	\$ 46,530.17
Water Deposit	\$ 34,144.80
Sewer Deposit	\$ 6,889.72
Private Trust Donation	\$ 1,896.00

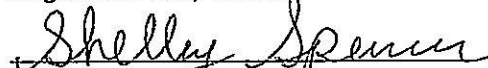
Unclaimed Funds

\$ 8,771.90

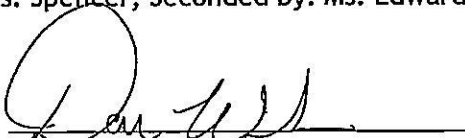
Vote: Ms. Edwards, Yes; Ms. Marlow, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes;
Ms. Trumble, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Absent

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