

Village of Hamersville  
Village Council Meeting

20 Jan 2025

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building. Members present were Beverly Coomer, Dale Owsley, Cheryl Toppin, Jerry Seibert, Eid Edaili. Also present were Mayor Jusin Jones, Police Chief/Village Administrator Guy Sutton, Travis Stone Police Officer. Tim Saylor Village Employee, Louie Luttrell Village and David Grimes

Citizen Angela Marlow

Meeting was called to order at 7:05PM with the pledge of allegiance.

Justin: Need to work on committees, pro tempo, add a technology committee.

Bev: Technology; Eid are you volunteering.

Justin: Duplicate bills we saw last month are due to a \$10,000 max payout system. The bills are split up to make even payments which are less than \$10,000. Also need to fix the minutes for December.

Bev: Can the RITA rep come to the next meeting?

Justin: Yes she seems to be awesome and is very customer oriented.

Guy: The letter from RITA to the citizens has been sent already. Very few details left like setting up ACH and a secondary account to wire money in the event the ACH is down or inoperative for some reason.

Louie: Ive been an employee here for some time. My wife was a contractor and now she is a village employee and did not get a raise when other employees were given a \$5,00 an hour raise. She was hired in Mar 2022.

March 2023 a raise was given to all Village employees. I work three different jobs, and I can leave when a customer need arises. When my phone rings I come here.

Guy: It was an error of omission at the time she was discussed. She is an employee now and we have all of the tax documents etc that Melissa set up.

Bev: She would have to be here and that's how we have to be compliant with Ohio Law. We have missing paperwork.

Louie: 782 Main St Electric flashing on Christmas Eve. I drove by here and dropped my wife off. Called Tim at 830 no answer, called Justice he said when I am done, I can help you. I work all holidays when and if I need to.

Tim: Youve been in town and you did not call.

Louie: Justice said I'll help when I'm done.

Eid: You should call Guy when you run into a situation like this.

Louie: My wife only helps on the weekends.

Justin: Asks Mr Grimes about the employment position.

David: No orc stating by ordinance, employment can be mentioned in minutes to prove.

Justin: Can Charlene come next week.

Louie: I can bring her next Monday.

Bev: Guy should be called to handle this.

Angela: We talked about how Hayme did hiring but hiring must be approved by council. I sent a detailed two requests for records. Body cam policy I still have the policy. Could Mr Grimes look at the requests to decide if these are out of bounds. And can the mayor know about investigation notes, I am told no but I have spoken to others, and they say yes. Can Mr Grimes investigate this? Some of these requests are since September.

Cheryl: Why has it taken so long to resolve?

Guy: We do not give records on open investigation.

Angela: Pre investigatory notes I cannot see. But the supreme court ruled in 2022 investigatory notes after the case is closed are now part of public record.

Cheryl: What's stopping her from getting these records.

Guy: CLEIR exception its extremely specific on what can and cannot be discussed.

Cheryl: Wouldn't it just be redacted?

Guy: We get a call to XXXMain St she requests notes body cam. If we are dispatched there are notes. But if we happen upon it by driving down the road then there are no pre-investigatory reports.

Angela: Cleirs does not begin until the investigation starts. I would like to know about the clarification on the body cam footage. I called dispatch, there was no cleirs traffic.

Travis: I left the first part and the last part of each transmission, so that no one would question. I edited the audio of the video; I muted audio only no redaction of the video.

Bev: Radio traffic is not all confidential.

Travis: I did the redactions on that video. We can hire someone if needed.

Bev: So, the video is whole?

Eid: Its 2 layers audio and video.

Angela: I want to know if it needs redacted. Can I get Grimes to determine this?

Justin: Committees.

Recreation Committee:

Dale Lead, Eid, Tim, Guy, Cheryl, Justin

Finance Committee: Bev Lead

Members Chuck, Jayme, Tim

Records; Jerry Lead

Members Justin, Cheryl, Eid

Utilities Chuck Lead

Members Jerry, Eid, Bev, Tim

Policy Procedure: Jerry Lead

Members Cheryl, Bev

Technology: Eid Lead

Members Jerry, Travis, Justice, Bev

Safety: Guy Lead

Members Jerry, Justin

Bev: Mentions American legal publishing.

David Grimes: We could use Ohio basic code a simple vote either way, ALP or OHIO.

Discussion to table decision either ALP or Ohio Basic code until next meeting.

David: Jaqueline Ohara hiring ordinance is good.

Justin: We need a resolution for utilities clerk Melissa 2024-08 is the old ordinance.

Justice hiring at \$23 an hour and Tim \$20 an hour. Also, Matt Johnson who is a licensed plant operator. Also need Charlene's ordinance.

Guy: We want to create a ground person to help the lift person if needed. Hire Charlene do we need an ordinance?

A discussion about Louie as to whether he was called correctly or not called correctly by Justice. Louie states Justice told him he would call when he is done. Justice states he asked Louie if he is needed, he would be there if needed.

Jerry: I volunteer to have a ground person policy to be looked at by the next meeting.

Bev: Louie needs to follow safety, Osha guidelines etc.

Jerry: Introduces reporting pay policy so as all Village employees are paid the same two hours reporting pay regardless of position/length of service etc.

Bev Motions to adopt Reporting Pay Policy

Eid Seconds

Cheryl Yes, Jerry Yes, Dale Yes      Policy is passed and adopted.

Justin: Asks about a new pro tempore.

Bev Motions to elect Jerry Jerome Seibert as the new Pro Tempore

Eid Seconds

Cheryl Yes, Dale Yes, Jerry abstains      Motion passed, and Jerome Jerry Seibert is the new pro tempore.

Guy: House Bill 315 Records video, papers policy. \$750 per incident if anyone wants video. \$30 an hour.

Bev \$750 max if I want to see video. I can take my phone and record the video for free.

Guy: I am not aware of that. It is not what I have seen. Thats the summary of what I got.

Guy discussed the water contract briefly about it coming up. Also, he has pursued and has a grant for the police station for \$2,700 worth of bullet proof vests. And Continuous Professional Training for the Police department, \$1715 worth of additional training and this does not cost the Village anything. These training sessions are on a wide variety of topics. The police are required to have 24 hours a year of continuous training. Jayme will need to change the police budget for this year as the arpa grant requires that the department budget

be not cut. The budget must be the same as last year according to the grant. Rita Tax letters have been sent by Rita to the citizens. 11.6% Water loss rate. Water contingency is completed but no replay from the EPA yet. Water line project on Dully St if the customer allows us to run the lines the way we want it could save the village \$5-10K.

Tim: There is a truck for sale, \$17,500 2015 4x4, it can pull a vac trailer if we purchase one, also we could haul a trailer and a mini excavator as Ronnie Blair who does all our digging is about to retire. We will need to find another source for this work soon. With a mini excavator we could do this work ourselves, save on overall costs, and eventually make this a revenue generator.

Bev: Do we have the kelly blue book for this truck?

Tim: No I do not have that with me.

Guy: Are the budget numbers we are looking at the actual numbers? I question taking all this money from the street fund until we determine that this account is accurate. I agree with the purchase and council will have to vote but I want to ensure the money is there as Jayme is not here to determine the account balance.

Motion by Jerry to purchase the 2015 Truck for the Village upon ensuring the money is in the street fund.

Eid Seconds

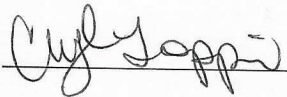
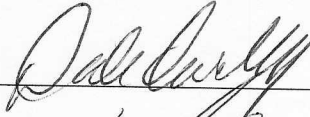
Dale Yes, Cheryl Yes, Bev Yes

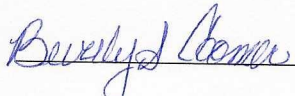
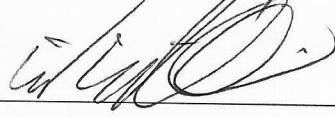
Vote to purchase 2015 truck 33.3% out of Water/Sewer/Street Fund equally disbursed out of each account. Motion passes and has been adopted authorizing the purchase.

Bev: There is a new law going into effect where all vehicles must have a marking on it.

David: I'll investigate house bill 315

Eid made a motion to adjourn the meeting Bev seconded.

Cheryl Toppin  Dale Owsley 

Bev Coomer  Eid Edaili 

Jerry Seibert  Chuck Elliott Not present