

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
July 19, 2021

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, July 19, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. with all members present.

Also, present was: Guy Sutton, Samuel Jewell, Ivory Wilson, Charlene Bronner, Shelby Tolle, Angie Tolle, Donna Pace-Loadman and David Grimes.

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

Motion by: Mr. Wilson, Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer to approve the minutes of the June 21, 2021 meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Public Participation

Mr. Samuel Jewell addressed Council regarding the high weeds at the corner of Lucas Road. Mr. Jewell expressed his neighbor had volunteered to keep them trimmed once they have been initially cut by the property owner or village. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter with Chief Sutton confirming that letters are going to be sent to property owners regarding the over grown properties in the village.

Mrs. Charlene Bronner addressed Council regarding the continued issue with speeding on Richey Street. A discussion ensued regarding the matter as well as additional options that could be taken to address the issue.

Ms. Angie Tolle addressed Council regarding her neighbor possibly living in two large sheds they have placed on their property. Chief Sutton expressed he had spoken to the property owner regarding the matter with the resident stating one of the sheds was being used for storage the other was being used in the operation of a business. A discussion ensued regarding the matter with general consensus of council that Chief Sutton monitor the situation.

Ms. Donna Pace-Loadman addressed Council regarding the possibility of starting a Ladies Garden Club in the village. Ms. Pace-Loadman expressed it would not involve any cost to the village however she requested council's support in the endeavor. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter with Council expressing their support.

Old Business

Mrs. Dufau presented proposed ordinances for the police levy and explained the revenue that would be generated if ran as a renewal levy versus a replacement levy. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter.

Motion by: Ms. Miller Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

To suspend the three readings of Ordinance 2021-05.

Vote: Ms. Miller, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes

Ordinance 2021-05

Motion by: Mr. Wilson Seconded by: Ms. Miller

AN ORDINANCE FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF AN EXISTING TWO (2) MILL TAX LEVY FOR POLICE PROTECTION IN EXCESS OF THE TEN-MILL LIMITATION AND TO PLACE THE ISSUE ON THE NOVEMBER 2021 GENERAL ELECTION BALLOT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Vote: Ms. Miller, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes

Chief Sutton reported to Council that the recent utility rate increases did not address three security lights in the village. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter with general consensus of Council that the monthly rate remains the same for the security lights.

Chief Sutton requested Council consider amending the current ordinance regarding new sewer taps in the village. He recommended the ordinance be amended setting the new sewer tap rate at market value as a recent quote for a new tap installation was \$8,000.00 with the current ordinance rates at \$3,000.00 for residential and \$5,000.00 for commercial. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter.

Motion by: Mr. Wilson Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer

To suspend the three readings of Ordinance 2021-06.

Vote: Ms. Miller, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes

Ordinance 2021-06

Motion by: Mr. Wilson Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE# 1996-16 SETTING TAP FEES FOR HAMERSVILLE SEWER SYTEM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Vote: Ms. Miller, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes

New Business

Chief Sutton requested direction as to when Council would like to do brush chipping in the village. A discussion ensued with Mayor Hill recommending that it be done in August, possibly August 13, 2021.

Chief Sutton provided June statistics for the police department and requested Council consider increasing court costs to \$125.00.

Motion by: Ms. Miller Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

To suspend the three readings of Ordinance 2021-07.

Vote: Ms. Miller, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes

Ordinance 2021-07

Motion by: Ms. Miller Seconded by: Mr. Wilson

AN ORDINANCE INCREASING MAYOR'S COURT COSTS TO \$125.00 EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Vote: Ms. Miller, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes

Fiscal Officer's Report

Mrs. Dufau presented the following:

- 2022 Tax Budget for Council's approval
- Village will be receiving \$52,585.04 from the American Rescue Plan. Half will be received in 2021 and the remaining half to be received in 2022.

Resolution 21-12

Motion by: Mr. Wilson

Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer

Whereas, the Village Fiscal Officer, Sheila Dufau, has presented the proposed 2022 Tax Budget to the Village Council, and

Whereas, the Council of the Village of Hamersville has reviewed the proposed budget,

Therefore, be it resolved, that the proposed 2022 Tax Budget be approved and submitted to the Brown County Auditor's Office.

Vote: Ms. Miller, Yes; Mr. Owsley, Yes; Mrs. Spencer, Yes; Mr. Wilson, Yes

Additional New Business

Mayor Hill presented a draft personnel handbook/policy for council's review. A discussion ensued regarding various topics of the proposed policy.

Mayor Hill suggested council consider contacting the Hamersville School art department to see if there would be interest in holding a contest for students to design a new village logo. It was general consensus of council to proceed with the mayor's suggestion.

Chief Sutton recommended council review and consider replacing the current ordinance regarding mobile homes in the village. A brief discussion ensued regarding the matter.

Mayor Hill requested an executive session to discuss a personnel matter.

Motion by: Mr. Wilson, Seconded by: Ms. Miller, to go into executive session to discuss a personnel matter. Motion passed unanimously. Time Out: 8:37 p.m.

Motion by: Mr. Wilson, Seconded by: Mrs. Spencer, to return to regular session. Motion passed unanimously. Time Returned: 9:10 p.m.

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

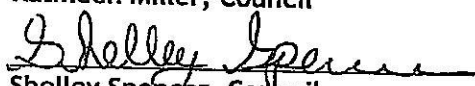


Wayne Hill, Mayor



Don Wilson, Council

Kathleen Miller, Council



Shelley Spencer, Council

Dale Owsley, Council



Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer