

VILLAGE OF HAMERSVILLE
Village Council Meeting
JULY 31, 2024

The Council of the Village of Hamersville met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on July 31, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. Members present were **Beverly Coomer, Dale Owsley, Melanie Trumble, and Jerry Seibert**. Also present were: Mayor Justin Jones, Police Chief/Village Administrator Guy Sutton, Travis Stone, Police Officer, Jayme Eldridge, Fiscal Officer and David Grimes Solicitor.

The meeting was called to order with the pledge.

Discussion on filling vacant council seat that expires 12/31/25.

Motion by Beverly Coomer to appoint Eid Edaili to fill the vacant seat on council with the term that expires 12/31/25. Seconded Melanie Trumble. All in favor. Motion carried.

Mayor Jones swore in Eid Edaili as the new council member.

New Business:

Motion by Jerry Seibert to approve the June 24, 2024 minutes. Seconded by Beverly Coomer. All in favor. Motion carried.

Clerk presented the 2025 Temporary Budget.

Resolution 2024-03 was presented. A resolution to adopt the 2025 Temporary Budget for the Village of Hamersville.

Motion by Jerry Seibert to adopt Resolution 2024-03. Seconded by Melanie Trumble. Roll Call: Beverly – Yes; Jerry – Yes; Melanie – Yes; Eid – Yes; and Dale – Yes. Motion carried and Mayor Jones declared Resolution 2024-03 adopted.

Mayor Jones presented David Grimes contract for review and discussion.

Beverly: Council can end his contract at the end of any quarter.

Justin: People discussing a new solicitor. Read the contract and Council can end the contract and the end of any quarter with a 30-day written notice. Up to Council on if they would like to seek new council or stay in contract with Mr. Grimes.

Motion by Beverly Coomer to hire a new attorney and given written notice to David Grimes of dismissal. No seconded motion was made. Motion died.

Melanie Trumble: Have heard a few things – what has transpired that we need to have new solicitor? Does anyone have someone else in mind?

Eid: If going to change solicitor's, need to explore before we proceed. Should have an attorney already lined up.

Melaine Trumble: What are the ongoing issues?

Beverly: Emailed Mr. Grimes months ago for information regarding overtime and comp-time and he has never responded back. Needed this information for the Committee meetings. Received a call back from someone from Grimes office, but questions were not answered.

David Grimes: Ms. Coomer have called you back and haven't got any response from you. Need to have Mayor figure out who should reach out to me. Can't respond to multiple people. For your answer, should follow federal rules, told this to you the last time.

Discussion with Council and Mr. Grimes.

Melanie: Complaints need something written up – how long to prepare documents for the Village?

David Grimes: Normally a week, unless it is something unusual.

Beverly: Can't have committee meeting with attorney.

David Grimes: If you are going to add a resident to the Village Committees, would recommend doing an Ordinance.

Dale: Need continuity, not change.

Jerry: Frustrated with Mr. Grimes that he always has his head in his phone and not paying attention to the meeting.

Beverly: Discussion on the road name change. Recorder has not received the Ordinance changing the name of the road yet.

Justin: Read a letter from Justin Crawford regarding Guy Sutton.

Melanie: Have approved the trash rate increase?

Justin: Will follow up on?

Beverly: What's going on with Star Ohio?

Clerk: This is an account that is drawing interest.

Tim Saylor: See Papers – Discussion on water rates- costs for repair/replace meters. Discussion on raising rates for water taps to \$2700.00.

Guy Sutton: Presented material (see papers)

Eid: Should increase rates every six months.

Guy: If now going have to be at certain point in 5 years – do a little at a time. Need to do Village income tax at 1%. There are multiple companies out there that handle this.

Discussion on raising electric rate 10%.

Beverly: Is there any spending that can be watched?

First Reading on Ordinance 2024-10. An Ordinance raising the water rates from \$16.75 per minimum to \$24.00 per minimum for the Village of Hamersville.

Guy: What about electric? What about income tax?

Electric rates and income tax income tabled until next meeting.

Guy: Need assembly for grinder pump and accessories for 1st stop.

Motion by Jerry Seibert to approve the Administrator to spend \$10,000.00 to purchase the necessary grinder pump and accessories for the 1st Stop. Seconded by Eid Edaili. All in favor. Motion carried.

Beverly: Why is pump bad?

Tim: Not Sure. Eventually the Dollar store will need one to.

Guy: See brochures on policy for Public Access for Hamersville Council Meetings.

Motion by Jerry Seibert to accept the Policy for Public Access for Hamersville Council Meetings. Seconded by Dale Owsley. Jerry – Yes; Bev – No; Melanie – Yes; Eid – Yes; and Dale – Yes. Motion carried.

Next Council meeting will be August 24, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.

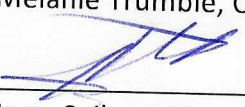
Dale: Discussion on having a movie night on a Friday or Saturday evening.
Council agrees to the movie night. Might be best to have this on a Saturday evening.

Dale: Would like for Council to start thinking about ideas for Heritage Days 2025.

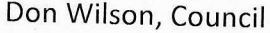
Motion by Melanie Trumble to adjourn. Seconded by Jerry Seibert. All in favor. Motion carried.

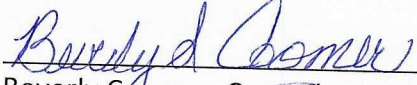

Justin Jones, Mayor

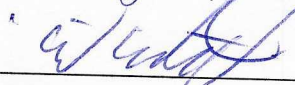

Dale Owsley, Council

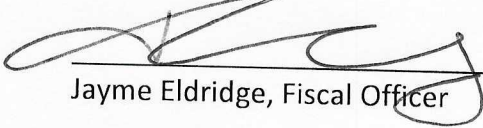

Melanie Trumble, Council


Jerry Seibert, Council


Don Wilson, Council


Beverly Coomer, Council


Eid Edaili, Council


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