

**October 10, 2023**

Mayor Jennifer Lyle called the meeting to order on Tuesday, October 10, 2023 with all members present.

Moved by Wootton, seconded by Whitehair, that council dispense with the reading of the September 11, 2023 minutes and approve as distributed. Motion carried. Moved by Shegog, seconded by Taylor, that council dispense with the reading of the September 25, 2023 minutes and approve as distributed. Motion carried.

Visitors: Dick Brixner, Mike Kruzan, June Kruzan, Matt Abbott, Dave Adams, Mary Schlacks, Chad Daniels, Jarvin Talkington, Erin Stevens, George Shegog, Colleen Heacock

Colleen Heacock asked what was the aggregate increase in the tax levy, if there was any pause given the significant increase in the percent of income tax, and when was the last increase in the income tax? Marlatt responded that there will be a projected gain of \$340,000 in 2024, \$348,000 in 2025, \$356,700 in 2026, and \$365,000 in 2027. Lyle stated that council decided to ask for an increase to match what is needed to balance the budget in 2024. Lyle stated that the last increase was in 2014 and was specifically for safety services, with the fire department changing to part-time employees from an all volunteer fire department.

Mike Kruzan stated that he is in favor of these services, especially in light of the loss of businesses that are beginning to come back into the Village.

June Kruzan asked about the rates for electric and gas services. Erin Stevens explained that most municipalities have seen 41-45% savings, and that there is no termination fee. She explained that following a vote in favor of the aggregation on Election Day, there will be a public hearing. She stated that residents are able to opt out at any time.

Dave Adams explained that East Muskingum School District is asking for a renewal levy and an additional levy.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Moved by Shegog	Seconded by Wootton		
<b>Ordinance 2023-93</b> , an ordinance amending Ordinance 2023-78 to establish wages for employees and officers of the Village for the period 4-1-2023 to 3-31-2024 and declaring an emergency			
Wootton	yea	Shegog	yea
Whitehair	yea	Kearns	yea
Dickson	yea	Taylor	yea

Motion Passes

Moved by Wootton                      Seconded by Shegog  
**Ordinance 2023-93** be approved as read.

Wootton	yea	Shegog	yea
Whitehair	yea	Kearns	yea
Dickson	yea	Taylor	yea

Moved by Shegog                                      Seconded by Whitehair  
**Resolution 2023-10-133**, a resolution transferring various sums  
of money in the year 2023 budget from various funds listed herein  
to various account codes listed and to declare an emergency

## Motion Passes

Moved by Whitehair                      Seconded by Shegog

**Resolution 2023-10-133** be approved as read.

Wootton	yea	Shegog	yea
Whitehair	yea	Kearns	yea
Dickson	yea	Taylor	yea

- Planning Commission Meeting – Thursday, October 19<sup>th</sup> – 7pm – Village Hall
- Board of Trade Trail of Treats – Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 5 to 6pm – Layton and Maple
- Trick or Treat – Tuesday, October 31<sup>st</sup> – 6 to 7pm
- Election Day – Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>
- Village Hall Closed – Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup> – Veterans’ Day
- Village Council Meeting – Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> – 6:30pm – Village Hall

# MISCELLANEOUS:

Mayor Lyle asked for a motion for an executive session to discuss dismissal of a public official.

Wootton	yea	Shegog	no
Whitehair	no	Kearns	no
Dickson	no	Taylor	yea

Motion Fails

Motion failed, then Mayor Lyle stated: "Under the terms of Ohio Revised Code Section 735.271, I am invoking my authority as mayor to remove the village administrator from his position. This requires a majority consent of council by roll call vote. I hereby ask whether there is any discussion of this matter. If there is none, then I ask the Clerk to take the roll call vote and ask for a majority consent from council."

Wootton	yea	Shegog	yea
Whitehair	yea	Kearns	yea
Dickson	yea	Taylor	yea

Motion Passes

**ADJOURNMENTS:** Motion by Dickson, second by Taylor to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:34 PM.

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer