

November 13, 2023

Mayor Jennifer Lyle called the meeting to order on Tuesday, November 13, 2023 with all members present except Kearns and Taylor.

Moved by Shegog, seconded by Wootton, that council dispense with the reading of the October 10, 2023 minutes and approve as distributed. Motion carried. Moved by Wootton, seconded by Shegog, that council dispense with the reading of the October 24, 2023 minutes and approve as distributed. Motion carried.

Visitors: Drake Prouty, Julie Metry, Kristin Centa, Anthony Mazzagatti, Jack Watts, Chase Kesler, Abby Dickson, Grace Nees, Kyra Keissing, William Toombs, Dominic Tarella, Aidean Went, Travis Reynolds, JW Dennison, Stephen Van Horn, Lori Cunard

Drake Prouty introduced himself to council and stated that he is running for County Commissioner.

Presentation of “Community Assessment for the Village of New Concord: Place-based applied research for enhancing cultural tourism and walkability for economic revitalization” by the Regional Planning class of Muskingum University. Muskingum University students presented information to council that included interest among residents for better contact between the University, the school district, and the community; for restaurants, bars, and new businesses in the area; and for walking and biking trails.

REPORTS

Police Chief: Police Chief Mindy Peck gave the October monthly report.

- 1) Reported that there were 401 calls for service.
- 2) Reported that there have been 3138 calls for service year to date.
- 3) Reported that there were 20 traffic citations and 27 traffic warnings for the month.
- 4) Reported that there were 263 traffic citations and 272 traffic warnings year to date.
- 5) Reported that there were 170 business checks and 3 parking citations.
- 6) Reported that there were 3 misdemeanor charges and 1 felony case.
- 7) Reported that Officer Savage and Officer Gregg have become A.R.I.D.E. certified.
- 8) Reported that she received a scholarship to attend the FBI-LEEDA ELI course in Cambridge in January.

Fire Chief: Fire Chief Matt Hamsher gave the October monthly report.

- 1) Reported that there were 81 total EMS runs for the month.
- 2) Reported that there were 40 fire runs.
- 3) Reported that there were 11 calls that they were unable to respond to, with 9 in the contract area.
- 4) Reported that calls are up overall for the year.
- 5) Thanked the voters for passing the levy to provide a continued high level of safety services.

- 6) Reported that they provided fire prevention education to students in Kindergarten through fifth grade.

Mayor: Mayor Jennifer Lyle gave the October monthly report.

- 1) Reported that the Street Department is conducting leaf pickup and will begin holiday decorating next week. They also worked with Levi Shegog on landscaping at Village Hall and winterized the pool.
- 2) Reported that RCAP is working on projects within the Village for lead and copper service lines and also camerawork for I&I.
- 3) Reported that the wastewater department has received the backup generator.
- 4) Reported that Design Review Board met to approve several permits.
- 5) Reported that Horizon fiber optic will be going through Main Street to State Route 83.
- 6) Reported that SOPEC will be having an organizational meeting regarding the new gas and electric aggregation.
- 7) Reported that all four sidewalk applications were able to be granted, residents who applied have been informed.
- 8) Reported that new flags have been purchased for the streets.
- 9) Reported that the Veterans' Day program went well.
- 10) Reported that she is meeting with Tony Palandrani about insurance for the coming year.
- 11) Reported that the townships are reviewing and signing contracts for fire department coverage for the coming year.
- 12) Introduced Visiting Clerk Chris Kirby, who stated that he is working on a temporary appropriations budget. Melanie Smith is working on Tuesdays and Thursday to help with payroll and accounts payable and training Debbie and Joy on policies.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF BILLS: See list

Whitehair asked about check 42694, which Mayor Lyle said she would check on. Council asked how they can approve bills already paid? Kirby stated that the appropriation ordinance gives the fiscal officer the authority to pay the bills and that council is stating that they have seen a copy of the bills. It was suggested that a better term than approval of the bills would be acknowledgment of the bills.

Moved by Dickson, seconded by Wootton that the bills be acknowledged. Dickson, Wootton, and Whitehair voted yea. Shegog abstained. Motion carried. Bills list on file in the Clerk's office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Village Hall Closed – Thursday, November 23rd and Friday, November 24th – Thanksgiving
- Christmas Tree Lighting – Monday, November 27th – 6pm – Stormont Park
- Board of Trade Christmas Parade – Monday, November 27th – 6:30pm
- Village Council Meeting – Monday, December 11th - 6:30pm – Village Hall

MISCELLANEOUS: Shegog asked if there is an update on the fiscal officer investigation and if the administrator and fiscal officer jobs have been posted? Lyle stated that they have not. Whitehair stated that better communication is needed with council members. Wootton asked what council members can do to help? Lyle stated that she has sample job descriptions along with information from the ORC to distribute to council members and would like feedback on what the job descriptions should include.

ADJOURNMENTS: Motion by Dickson, second by Shegog to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:08 PM.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer