

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 10, 2023

The Village of Blancheater Council met in regular session on August 10, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with the honorable Mayor John Carmn, presiding.

All Present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance and had Opening Prayer

Roll Call	Mr. Harry Brumbaugh	Present
	Mr. William Garner	Present
	Mr. Don Gephart	Present
	Mr. Reilly Hopkins	Present
	Mr. Tyler McCollister	Present
	Mr. Josh Parks	Absent

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gephart to excuse Mr. Parks from the meeting.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. McCollister
 Nay – None
 Absent – Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Gephart and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve agenda.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. McCollister
 Nay – None
 Absent – Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Special Guest

Jordann Ponder and Parents

Public Comment

James Constable – Mr. Constable discussed the men’s bathroom again stating that it was originally discussed as an ADA compliant bathroom and if that is what it is supposed to be we should find out what it takes to make it compliant and get it done. Mr. Constable also stated that although the petition for Village Administrator did not pass this time, there will be another petition started due to the need of an Administrator.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Brumbaugh and seconded by Mr. Hopkins to approve minutes from the July 13, 2023 regular meeting.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. McCollister
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Bills and Reallocations

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gephart to approve the current Bills and Reallocations.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins
Nay – None
Abstain - Mr. McCollister
Absent – Mr. Parks

It was motioned by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gephart to pay for cleaning supplies, from the Cemetery account, to clean the headstones not to exceed \$250.00

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. McCollister
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Nothing to Report

Safety & Service – Nothing to Report

Cemetery – Nothing to Report

Old Business

New Business

1. **Resolution 2023.009** - ODOT Project CLI SR 28 1.13-PID 119680--
Consent Legislation Request for Village of Blanchester

It was motioned by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. McCollister to approve Resolution 2023.009

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. McCollister

Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

2. **Resolution 2023.010** – Authorizing Mayor John Carman to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) for the Lazenby Street Water Main Replacement Project and to Execute Contracts as Required
3. **Resolution 2023.011** – Authorizing Mayor John Carman to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) for Orchard View and Orchard Circle Water Main and Street Improvements and to Execute Contracts as Required

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve Resolution 2023.010 and Resolution 2023.011.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. McCollister
 Nay – None
 Absent – Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Department Reports

Solicitor – Nothing to Report

Parks – Update on Tom Lee he is at TriHealth Rehab Center. Starting to get feeling back in his arms and legs. He is doing hours of physical therapy. Next event is Party in the Park August 18th with blow ups, water slides and food trucks. The Fishing Derby will be September 9th the Eagles donated \$2,500 toward the event to help pay for prizes. This event has grown each year since it started and they are hoping for even a bigger turn out this year.

Police – Chief gave a report of the activities of the Police Department in July stating there were 263 incidents in the last month, with 12 individuals being arrested, booked and transported to jail. We also have been issuing traffic citations in some of the trouble areas. All units participated in the 4th of July festivities. We sent Officer Peel and Detective Jeffers both to training this past week. We are waiting on word about a \$100,000 grant that we have applied for hoping to hear back on that soon. Blanchester held its first National Night out and it went very well looking forward to doing it again last year.

Street – Nothing to Report

Zoning – Nothing to Report

Fiscal – Nothing to Report

Mayor – At the Zoning meeting they discussed the property behind Dominos that burnt it is a mess and there is a lot going on back there and we need to get it taken care of. The Fire Chief sent the Mayor some papers about the fire so he will work with the Chief to see if we can get that property condemned so that it can be cleaned up. Mayor will report back. We tried to have a special meeting and could not get a quorum, due to the Street Department needing to hire a couple new people. One full time person to fill in position of the employee leaving and one part time person, due to the illness of his other employee. The Council spoke and decided that Paul needed to go ahead and try to find some new employees. The Mayor recommended that the Council approve hiring one fulltime person and one part time person for the Street Department.

It was moved by Mr. Gephart and seconded by Mr. McCollister to approve the hiring of 1 full time and 1 part time employee for the street department.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. McCollister
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

The Mayor discussed giving step raises for Carla Flannery Administrative Assistant, Jack Kirby, Assistant Fiscal Officer and Jeff Hurst, Zoning.

It was moved by Mr. McCollister and seconded by Mr. Hopkins to give a 1 step raise for Carla Flannery, Jack Kirby and Jeff Hurst.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. McCollister
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

The Mayor discussed the purchase and cost of a new laptop with the capability of being able to run the cameras and microphones in the Council room. Normal cost would be around \$1,600. Carla's husband thinks that he can build what we need cheaper so the Mayor asked the Council to approve up to \$800 dollars to allow him to move forward with that so we can use all of our new equipment.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve Mr. Flannery to move forward with building the laptop with an allowance of up to \$800.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. McCollister
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

It was moved by Mr. Gephart and seconded by Mr. McCollister that the meeting be adjourned at 7:58 pm.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. McCollister, Mr. Parks
 Nay – None

Approved: 8/10/2023

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Cynthia Vonderhaar

