

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 13, 2024

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session on June 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. with the honorable Mayor John Carman presiding.

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

Roll Call	Mr. William Garner	Absent
	Mr. Don Gephart	Absent
	Mr. John Hill	Present
	Mr. Reilly Hopkins	Present
	Mrs. Lynn Lewis	Present
	Mr. Josh Parks	Present

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

Vote: Yea – Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Agenda

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the agenda.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Guest Speaker – Phil Blankenship discussed our insurance plan and where we stand at this point. We still have three months to go until renewals are due. We will have numbers for the renewal by next month.

Public Comment

James Constable, 135 Orchard View Lane, Blanchester. Wanted to know since we have a sidewalk committee as a private entity then how do the residents know which sidewalks need fixing. Would still like an answer as to if you can use the Street Permissive Tax to fix sidewalks. He stated he talked to the lady at the Health Department and he says she stated there is no other requirements that she has other than a food truck license. He states if we want licenses for them to maintain we need to have it in our ordinance.

Minutes

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hopkins to approve minutes for May 23, 2024.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Bills and Reallocations

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the bills and reallocations as submitted.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Finance Committee - Nothing to report this week.

Safety & Service – John Hill just wanted to discuss the possibility of putting a sidewalk in front of Family Dollar and CVS, and in front of post office. He estimated the cost to be around \$7,000. Mr. Hopkins moved to allow Strange and Sons to do the work, for not more than \$7,000, Mrs. Lewis second it.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Cemetery Board – Tom Lee had nothing to report this week.

Old Business

We had a Public Hearing on December 14, 2023 and the minutes from that meeting were never approved. We need to approve those minutes. The meeting was for rezoning the properties on North Broadway and Center St. There was a list of parcels that would need to be considered. There was a motion made by Mrs. Lewis and a second by Mr. Parks to approve those minutes.

The rezoning that we need to address is the properties at address 201-216 North Broadway that is currently zoned B4, to rezone these to B1. Mr. Hopkins motioned and Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion to have the Solicitor draft up an emergency ordinance to move forward with this new zoning.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

We have the final reading of ordinance 2024.008 which is for the permitting of Food Trucks. Mrs. Lewis motioned to approve ordinance 2024.008 regulating food service trucks and Mr. Hopkins seconded the motion. This ordinance will go into effect in 30 days.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

New Business

We have two projects we are working on that just got grants. We are looking to sign contracts on these grants. Lazenby is a Water/Street project split at 50/50 where we are replacing the water main there and then resurfacing. Orchard View Phase 11 will start when Phase 1 has been completed. This project is a 60/40 split. The street department will pay 60% and water/sewer will pay 40%. Mr. Hopkins motioned that the mayor be permitted to enter in to contracts for both, and Mrs. Lewis seconded the motion

Vote: Yea – Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Department Reports

Solicitor – nothing to report tonight.

BPA - no one present

PARKS – Gymnasium is now all complete, the Grand Opening will be June 29th at 1:00. They will also be having 3 splash days in July as well as the July 4th events.

Police – Chief Houghton discussed the activities that they have been involved in during the Month of May. Active Aggressive training is still scheduled August 9th at the School. We are waiting to get new antenna's on the cars so they can start using the new computers. He is anticipating that the antenna's will be installed within the next 2-3 weeks. On July 13, 2024 from 8-11 am it is Cops and Bobber at the water plant. We have National night Out on August 6th. We have two candidates right now that have applied for the open positions. No hires have been made yet though.

Street Dept. – Paul Daniels reported that he is still waiting on pricing for the Pedestrian signs. They have been working on getting the painting completed on curbs and handicap spaces. They have also been working on the Baldwin St. Project.

Zoning – Jeff Hurst took the time to thank the mayor for all his help the past couple of weeks on figuring out some zoning issues. Mrs. Lewis thanked Mr. Hurst for all his hard work and working to be sure BP opened on time.

Fiscal Officer – Regina Johnson just wanted to say thank you to everyone for showing the fiscal department a little grace right now during this time while they are learning. We are making progress, but still want anyone who has a question about reports to be sure to ask about them.

Mayor – The mayor wanted to thank Regina for all her hard work and working to find resolutions to the problems that we are facing in the fiscal department. Carla has also really stepped up as she is helping in the fiscal office as well as her other duties. Her and Regina are making a good team. He also wanted to remind all residents that we have an Ordinance regarding posting signs. You cannot hang yard sale signs on telephone poles or village property. They will be torn down and you could possibly receive a citation from that Ordinance.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks that the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Approved: 7-11-24

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Regina Johnson

