

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 26, 2023

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session on October 26, 2023, 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. Harry Brumbaugh	Present
	Mr. William Garner	Present
	Mr. Don Gephart	Present
	Mr. Reilly Hopkins	Present
	Mrs. Lynn Lewis	Present
	Mr. Josh Parks	Present

Agenda

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

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks
 Nay – None

Motion Passed

Public Comment

James Constable – Mr. Constable thanked everyone who came to the forum that was held for the Police levy, and for answering all the questions asked. Mr. Constable discussed a flyer that was passed out that stated we are spending on the average of \$300,000 a year over what was appropriated, we cannot continue doing this. The amount being spent on the Police Department is approximately \$895,000. We are spending more money that we have coming in. In 2018 the Police budget was \$560,000 and now it is \$895,000 that is a 60% increase in the past 5 years. Finance committee needs to get involved and help work through the budget as per the Ohio Revised Code and get things figured out.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Parks and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to approve minutes from the October 12, 2023 regular meeting.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks
 Nay – None

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, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Nothing to report.

Safety & Service – No Safety meeting was held. Mr. Parks did bring up that at the last meeting there was a discussion about parking at a residence regarding a safety issue of street parking from the driveway of the resident to the corner. Also, the parking spots in front of UDF to be removed. Mr. Parks asked the Solicitor about the legality of what the Village needs to do.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to have the Solicitor draft an Ordinance for no parking in front of UDF and have it for the next meeting.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Cemetery – Nothing to Report. Carla was trying to schedule a meeting, but per the Ohio Revised Code we need to create a new Cemetery Board. We hope to have that completed before the next Council meeting

Old Business

1. Resolution 2023.018- Resolution Renewing the Lease Agreement Entered into by and Between the Village of Blanchester and Blanchester Senior Center (First Reading)

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve first reading of Resolution 2023.018.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion for Second Reading Passed

Executive Session

1. Enter Executive Session for the purpose of items under Ohio Revised Code 121.22
G3: Conference with the Attorney for the Board concerning disputes involving the Board that are the subject of pending or emanate court action.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to enter Executive Session at 7:27 pm.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Present in Executive Session: Mayor Carman, Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks, Solicitor and Fiscal Officer.

It was moved by Mr. Parks and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to return to regular Council meeting from Executive Session at 8:00 pm.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Department Reports

Solicitor – Nothing to Report

Parks – The Halloween Boo Bash will be from 6-8 PM on October 31, 2023.

Police – The Cones with Cops event had a great turn out, they plan to do it again when School lets out this Spring. UDF supplied the ice cream and they estimated that approximately 1000 cones were handed out!

Street – Leaf pick up is starting and will be going on for quite a while. Please put your leaves by the street not in the ditch, or if you have mulched them, they must be bagged. Due to the poor condition of the catch basins on Orchard Circle they were replaced.

Zoning – There are 8 partials on Main Street that need to be rezoned. Work is in progress to get the clean-up started behind Dominos.

Fiscal – Nothing to Report

Mayor – Nothing to Report

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Lewis that the meeting be adjourned at 8:07 pm.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis, Mr. Parks
Nay – None

Motion Passed

Approved: 11/9/2023

Mayor: John M. Carman

Attest: Cynthia Vanderheer