

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 29, 2022

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session on December 29, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. with the honorable Mr. John Carman, Mayor, 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	Present

Amended Agenda

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

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

Motion Passed

Public Comment

James Ponder, 249 West Fancy Street. – Discussing the Wilmington Ordinance that allows chickens in town. Mr. Ponder supplied a copy of the Ordinance, and asked the Council to review it and consider allowing chickens in town. Mr. Ponder also thanked the BPA Department and Street Department for taking care of the pipe on Fancy Street.

James Constable, 135 Orchard View – pointed out that the comments listed in the minutes from the last meeting did not reflect his comments. At the December 8th meeting Mr. Constable suggested hiring an Administrator and getting rid of the BPA board, and spoke about the \$5.7 million dollar carry over money.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve minutes from the December 8, 2022, meeting.

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

Motion Passed

Bills and Reallocations

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

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

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Finance committee met and recommended that Jack Kirby, Assistant Fiscal Officer, to be moved to full time from part time beginning January 1, 2023. The committee also recommended a 5% pay increase for all Police Officers, and a 3% pay increase for all other departments. The BPA board will make its own recommendation to council. The committee recommended Cyndi Vonderhaar be moved to Step D on the Fiscal Officer pay scale, all pay increases beginning the first full pay in January. The possibility of doing repairs to the gym were also discussed, Tom Lee will be getting quotes for the needed repairs.

Safety & Service – Meeting was cancelled.

Cemetery – Nothing new to report at this time.

Old Business

1. Ordinance 2022.033 Amended Mayor/Council Salary Ordinance (First Reading)

It was moved by Mr. McCollister and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve First Reading of Ordinance 2022.033.

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

Motion Passed

New Business

1. Ordinance 2022.034 – 2023 Temporary Appropriations

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gephart to approve 2023 Temporary Appropriations, with the addition of the remodeling costs for the Men's bathroom being added to the appropriation for the Land and Buildings fund.

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

Motion Passed

Department Reports

Solicitor – Nothing to report.

Parks – Nothing to report.

Police – Nothing to report.

Street – Nothing to report.

Zoning – Taco Bell hopes to be breaking ground in May. It was asked that the public be kept aware of updates on the BP and Taco Bell projects.

Fiscal – Fiscal Officer asked for approval from the Council for the following items for fiscal year 2023:

- To process transfers from the General Fund to the Police Operating Fund
- To process transfers from Water Operating Fund to Water Bond Fund for payments.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve Fiscal Officers requests for fiscal year 2023.

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

Motion Passed

Mayor – Mayor Carman presented the Council Meeting Schedule for 2023 and Appointments

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve the 2023 Council Meeting Dates.

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

Motion Passed

Mayor recommended Mr. John Hill as the replacement to the Board of Zoning and Appeals due to a member stepping down.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve John Hill to the Board of Zoning and Appeals.

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

Motion Passed

Mayor recommended Mr. Russ Kidd for another term on the Parks Board, his term would run until 2027.

It was moved by Mr. Gephart and seconded by Mr. McCollister to approve Russ Kidd to a new term on the Parks Board, the term would run through 2027.

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

Motion Passed

Mayor recommended appointing James Constable to the Planning Commission replacing Mr. John Hill.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve James Constable to the Zoning Commission.

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

Motion Passed

Mayor recommended appointing Don Gephart as Chair of the Finance Committee, along with Council members Tyler McCollister and William Garner. He also recommended Josh Parks as Chair of the Safety and Service Committee, along with Reilly Hopkins and Harry Brumbaugh. Don Gephart will remain on the Fire Board, Emergency Management would be John, Josh Parks will remain on Solid Waste, Harry Brumbaugh will remain on Planning, Clinton County Community Action will remain Cindy Sutton, Chamber Representative will be Don Gephart, Paul Daniels will remain Street Commissioner, John will continue on the Clinton County Regional Planning Committee.

It was moved by Mr. McCollister and seconded by Mr. Garner to approve the Mayor's Committee Appointments for 2023

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

Motion Failed

Committee Appointments tabled until next meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks that the meeting be adjourned at 8:35 pm.

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

Motion Passed

Approved: January 12, 2023

Mayor: John M. Coonan

Attest: Cynthia Vanderhaar

