

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
NOVEMBER 10, 2022

The Village of Blancheater Council met in regular session on November 10, 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	Absent

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gephart to excuse Josh Parks from 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. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gephart to approve amended agenda, removing #3 under old business.

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

**Motion Passed**

**Public Comment**

Mr. Constable spoke asking about possibly having a budget meeting to review budget for next year. Mr. Constable also asked that the Police Department supply a yearly crime report informing the community of the crime rate in the Village.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. McCollister to approve minutes from October 27, 2022, 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. McCollister and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve Bills and Reallocations.

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

**Motion Passed**

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Did not meet. At their last meeting a raise for the Parks Department and Street Department employees was discussed.

**Safety & Service** – Nothing new to report.

**Cemetery** – Paul reported tree stumps are gone and the trees have been removed that needed to come down in the Cemetery. Carla is working on getting the software from UAN for the cemetery.

**Guest Speaker:** Barry McDaniel from Sheakley, BWC Account Representative – discussed the new Drug Free Safety Reimbursement Program. Mr. McDaniel will be sending additional information to the Mayor about specific pricing on the program.

**Old Business**

1. Resolution 2022.028 to Amend Paragraph Three of Resolution 99.021 Establishing Park Board

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve Resolution 2022.028 to Amend Paragraph Three of Resolution 99.021 Establishing Park Board

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

**Motion Passed**

2. Ordinance 2022.029 Adopting Updated Village of Blanchester Public Records Policy

It was moved by Mr. Brumbaugh and seconded by Mr. Hopkins to approve Ordinance 2022.029 Adopting Updated Village of Blanchester Public Records Policy

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

**Motion Passed**

**New Business**

1. Ordinance 2022.030 Approval and Granting Consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation Authority to, Maintain and Repair Standard Longitudinal Pavement Markings and Erect Regulatory and Warning Signs on State Highways Inside Village Corporate Limits, and

Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Remove Snow and Ice and Use Snow and Ice Control Material on State Highways Inside the Village Corporate Limits, and

Giving Consent of the Village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to Perform Maintenance and/or Repair on State Highways Inside the Village Corporation.

It was moved by Mr. McCollister and seconded by Mr. Gephart to suspend the three-reading rule and pass as final approval Adopting Ordinance 2022.030

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It was moved by Mr. McCollister and seconded by Mr. Gephart to approve Ordinance 2022.030

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

**Motion Passed**

2. Ordinance 2022.030 Exhibit A - Agreement Between the State of Ohio Department of Transportation and the Village of Blanchester, Ohio for the Removal of Snow and Ice  
It was moved by Mr. Brumbaugh and seconded by Mr. McCollister to approve Ordinance 2022.030 Exhibit A - Agreement Between the State of Ohio Department of Transportation and the Village of Blanchester, Ohio for the Removal of Snow and Ice

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** – Trick or Treat Boo Bash was a huge success they had a great turn out. There was approximately \$1,300 worth of candy passed out. Breakfast with Santa will be held on December 3<sup>rd</sup> from 8 am to 12 pm, and the lighting of the Christmas tree will also take place on December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6pm with hot chocolate, cookies and caroling.

**Police** – The Chief reported the Village had a safe Halloween and that the officers had passed out about \$400 worth of candy to the local children. He also reported that a Safety and Security K-9 sweep of the Middle School/High school had been completed with the help of 8 different K-9 units from different areas, as well as many additional officers who came to help with the search. They plan on doing this again in the future.

**Street** – Leaf pick-up has been going on the past couple of weeks. Due to recent heavy winds a new tarp had to be purchased for the salt bin. ODT has been contacted to find out if we are permitted to paint the bridges, waiting on a response back from them.

**Zoning** – There will be a public hearing regarding rezoning held at 6:45 pm on December 8<sup>th</sup> before the regular Council meeting. The decision has been made on what size transformer BP is going to need. They are also waiting on soil samples to come back.

**Fiscal** – Meetings have been completed with each department to get their needs, and wants, preparing to work on the budget for 2023.

**Mayor** – Mayor Carman stated that there had been recommendations made for pay raises at the Finance meeting. The requests were for the following street employees: Brian Buchanan and Dylan Perry to be moved to Step H on the Laborer’s scale, and Rick Jones to be moved to Step F on the Foreman scale. There was also a request for Don Sturgill, Parks Department, to be moved to Step H. Mayor also reminded everyone that there will be a public meeting at 6:45 on December 8th before the Councils regular meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. McCollister to approve all pay raise recommendations effective the first full pay in December.

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

**Motion Passed**

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

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

**Motion Passed**

Approved: November 24, 2022

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Christina J. Winderkaas