

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
OCTOBER 10, 2024

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session on October 10, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. with the honorable John Carman, Mayor, presiding.

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

Mr. William Garner	Present
Mr. Don Gephart	Present
Mr. John Hill	Present
Mr. Reilly Hopkins	Present
Mrs. Lynn Lewis	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. Garner, Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis  
              Nay – None  
              Absent – Mr. Parks

**Motion Passed**

**Agenda**

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

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

**Motion Passed**

**Guest Speaker**

**Public Comment** - James Constable 135 Orchard View Lane – Wanted to follow up as to why Ordinance 2024.007 and Ordinance 2024.008 were not online yet. He states that he went online on 10/8 and the Ordinance 2024.008 for the Sewer Rate needs to be updated to show it was never passed and not just tabled. He was told by the mayor that he was reviewing the minutes and would be working with our solicitor to see how we move forward with it.

**Approval of Minutes**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the Minutes from the September 26, 2024.

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

Absent – Mr. Parks

**Approval of Bills and Reallocations**

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Gephart to approve the Bills and Reallocations from the October 10, 2024.

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

**Motion Passed**

**Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Gephart reported they had a request from Paul Jackson from the Parks department to pay ½ of the amount that they gym project went over. They went over \$20,000 and would like to Village to pick up and pay \$10,000 of that.

Mr. Gephart recommended to council that due to the current budget for 2024 that the Village pay \$5,000 with the provision that they look at paying another \$5,000 after the first of the year.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gephart to approve the \$5,000 be paid at this time, and we look at the other \$5,000 next year.

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

**Motion Passed**

Mr. Gephart recommended to council that the Village allow the Street Department move ahead with the Grant of not to exceed \$50,000 for the new Salt Bin.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to allow the Street Department to move forward with this grant work.

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

**Motion Passed**

Mr. Gephart recommended to council that Tammy May (Old Fiscal Officer) by compensated for her time that she came in and provided consulting for Past and Present Fiscal Officers. The amount owed her is \$150.00.

It was moved by Mr. Gephart and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to allow the payment to Tammy May.

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

**Motion Passed**

Safety & Service – Mr. Hill reported that he is still narrowing down the location for the sidewalk in front of BP, but really needs to get the sidewalk from BP to the Schools installed.

Cemetery – Nothing to report.

BPA – Nothing to report.

**Old Business**

Ordinance 2024.018 titled Ordinance to Amend Ordinance 2018.022 titled “An Ordinance for the Establishment of Curfew for the Village of Blanchester.” This is will be the third and final reading.

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill to amend Ordinance 2024.018.

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

**Motion Passed**

**New Business**

Under New Business the mayor discussed the need to protect our computers against cyberattacks and would like to move forward with S & H to provide us SOPHOS ENDPOINT to be installed on all village computers for the sum of \$1,495.00 annually. The cost would be split by each department, by however many computers that they have.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to move forward and allow S&H to install this software on all computers.

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

**Motion Passed**

**Department Reports**

Solicitor – He is currently working on amended the Ordinance on revising the zoning cost of street cuts from \$150 to \$500.

**Parks** – Wants to remind everyone of Boo Bash coming up on 10/31 at the Municipal Building. Contracts are now available to rent the new Gymnasium.

**Police** – Nothing to report.

**Street** – Paul Daniels reported that the Orchard View project started this week with the sanitary work getting started and the milling on Baldwin started this week.

**Zoning** – Nothing to report

**Fiscal** – Nothing to report

**Mayor** – The mayor brought forward a “Permit Application” for food trucks per Ordinance 2024.008. This Permit Application will need to be used by all Food Truck Vendors moving forward except as outlined in Ordinance 2024.008.

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hopkins to move forward and use this contract for all Food Truck Vendors wanting to set up inside Village Limits.

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

**Motion Passed**

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

**Action Taken:**

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mrs. Lewis that the meeting be adjourned at 7:28 PM.

Approved: 10-24-24

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Regina Johnson