

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
OCTOBER 13, 2022

The Village of Blancheater Council met in regular session on October 13, 2022 at 7:05 p.m. with the honorable Mr. John Carman, Mayor, presiding.

Roll Call	Mr. Harry Brumbaugh	Present
	Mr. William Garner	Present
	Mr. Don Gephart	Present
	Mr. Reilly Hopkins	Present
	Mr. Tyler McCollister	Absent
	Mr. Josh Parks	Present

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

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to excuse Tyler McCollister from meeting.

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

Motion Passed

Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve amended agenda, removing the Executive Session that was not needed.

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

Motion Passed

Swearing in of Officer Dallas Miracle

Public Comment - None

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve minutes from September 22, 2022, meeting.

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

Motion Passed

Bills and Reallocations

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gephart to approve Bills and Reallocations.

- Mr. Parks asked for the copy of the bills to be given earlier for review.

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

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Finance Committee –

It was moved by Mr. Gephart and seconded by Mr. Parks to remove Jack Kirby, Assistant Fiscal Officer, from the 180-day new hire probation and move him up 1 step on the pay scale.

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

Motion Passed

Safety & Service – No meeting

Cemetery – Carla has been working with the families with the cemetery plots. The companies that have been mowing and weed eating have the cemetery looking better than it has in quite a while.

Mr. Hopkins suggested that we work with the companies doing the work in the cemetery to get them under a 3 year contract to try to lock in prices before they go up.

Old Business

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to sign contract to approve the codification of all Village Ordinance books, paying 30% down to start, and initially giving 50% of the Ordinance books to be scanned.

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

Motion Passed

New Business

None

Department Reports

Solicitor – Working on a current Public Records Request policy. He will email each Board member a copy to review. If members have any suggestions or questions, please email the Solicitor separately. He will be bringing the policy to the next board meeting.

Parks – Trick or Treat Boo Bash will be on October 31st here at the Municipal Building. In the past, have had between 2,000 and 2,500 children come through. Hitachi has contacted us asking to set up a booth here to be able to pass out candy as well.

Police – Chief Houghton stated that there will be extra Officers on duty for the Halloween Boo Bash. The new officer Dallas Miracle will be going through 30 to 40 days of training prior to beginning his shift work. Drug Take Back Day is October 29th from 10 am to 2 pm. They will be set up at Kroger collecting any prescription medications that community members have that need to be disposed of. Chief was contacted by Hamilton Township the speed sign is available to be picked up, so we should be able to go get it and have it here next week. Lindsey will be traveling to Hamilton Township to spend a day working with their clerk to learn about some of their processes. Chief also discussed the flyer that has been printed for the levy that explains that only those who work in Blancheater would be affected by the tax. Chief Houghton also thanked the Street Department for their help with the cleanup issues on Ash Lane.

Street – The curbs down Main Street from the Air B&B to the Cemetery have been completed. The concrete area in front of the Police station door was replaced with the hope it takes care of

the water pooling problem. Cherry Street Phase II – water line has been installed from Wright Street to Grove Street for the water main.

Zoning – McDonalds will be closing on October 17th for remodeling, they will be closed for 5 to 8 weeks. They will reopen the drive thru only on the October 24th.

Fiscal – Meetings have started with each department to get there needs, and wants, preparing to work on the budget for 2023.

Mayor – Mayor Carman stated that at the BPA meeting he was made aware of an issue that had occurred with one of the checks that the BPA had issued. Donna had attempted to contact the bank regarding the issue and they would not speak with her about the issue because she is not a signer on our account at First National Bank. The Mayer suggested that we get Donna on the signature card at the bank so that this problem will not happen again, this was also the recommendation of the BPA board.

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gephart that Donna Johnson be added to the First National Bank signature card.

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

Motion Passed

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks that the meeting be adjourned at 7:37 pm.

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

Motion Passed

Approved: October 27th, 2022

Mayor: John M. Carman

Attest: Cynthia Vandenberg

