

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
JUNE 8, 2023

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session on June 8, 2023, at 7:00 p.m. with the honorable Mr. Riley Hopkins, President Pro tempore, presiding.

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to excuse Mr. Garner and Mr. Gephart from the meeting.

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

Agenda

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

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

Motion Passed

Public Comment

James Constable – Mr. Constable asked again about the amount of Kilo Watt Tax money, and why we are losing \$200k. Mr. Constable also stated that a statement was made that when Bobby Rose was Police Chief there were 13 policemen. He called Mr. Rose who is currently the Police Chief of Goshen and the administrator. Mr. Rose said when he was Chief there were 7 FT and 5 PT not 13 as stated in previous council meeting. Also, he said at the May 6th meeting he asked to look into paying the sewer, water and electric for the Senior Center building. He made a statement that village is paying for the Library and Fire Department, he did not mention the EMS as the minutes state, and someone needs to look into the pay rate schedule because there are still several errors.

Minutes

It was moved by Mr. Brumbaugh and seconded by Mr. Parks to approve minutes from the May 25, 2023 regular meeting.

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

Bills and Reallocations

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Parks to request a motion to council to withdraw its approval of payment of \$600 to Wildcat Port-a-potty on May 25, 2023.

The Solicitor explained that Mr. McCollister inadvertently voted yes for the May 25, 2023 bills list instead of abstaining now we need to withdraw and then revote on it.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Parks
 Abstain - Mr. McCollister

It was then moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to recommended approval of the payment of \$600 to Wildcat Port a Potty from May 25, 2023 bills list.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Brumbaugh, Mr. Hopkins, Mr. Parks
 Abstain - Mr. McCollister

It was moved by Mr. Parks and seconded by Mr. McCollister to approve the current Bills and Reallocations.

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

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – The committee met with First National Bank and Mr. Gephart has information that he is reviewing and will report back at the next meeting.

Safety & Service – Mr. Parks spoke with ODOT and discussed not allowing parking on State Routes and they stated we would need to do a traffic study. Mr. Parks feels there are a lot of safety issues with people parking on State Routes. He is wanting to place additional no parking signs posted in additional areas.

Cemetery – Nothing to report

Old Business

New Business

Department Reports

Solicitor – Nothing to Report

Parks – June 23rd is the next Party in the Park. Mr. Lee commented that he had spoken with Jack inquiring about checks that had not shown up in their account. The checks had not yet been deposited, and Mr. Lee asked that it be addressed with the Fiscal Office for future timely deposits to be made.

Police – Nothing to Report

Street – Cherry Street is open, and with the small amount of extra money we had left we were able to repave around the Municipal building. The drain by UDF was raised and is much better to drive over. Update on flashing beacons for crosswalks, ODOT said the flashing beacons that have a button to push when crossing are better than the ones that flash all the time. The Village was awarded a Grant from ODOT and approved for 3 of the flashing beacons for crosswalks they will be placed at Balwin and Grove, South Broadway by UDF and East Main. We will be able to make the step at that crosswalk into a legal handicap ramp. The grant from ODOT will pay for everything but 10% which is amazing.

Zoning –Nothing to Report.

Fiscal – Nothing to Report

Mayor – Nothing to Report

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. McCollister that the meeting be adjourned at 7:23 pm.

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

Approved: 7-13-2023

Mayor: John M. Carman

Attest: Cynthia Vanderhear