

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING  
March 23, 2023

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session on March 23, 2023 at 7:03 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

**Agenda**

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

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

**Motion Passed**

**Swearing in of new Police Officer**

Officer Stephen Biscardi

**Guest Speaker**

Judy Gano, nominee for Municipal Court Judge  
Pastor Sabin, First Baptist Church

**Public Comment**

James Constable – Discussed some details of the Temporary Appropriations and asked about revenue verses spending. He also asked about the Sewer increase and what was planned for that money since there was already a large surplus of money for the Sewer Dept.

**Minutes**

It was moved by Mr. McCollister and seconded by Mr. Brumbaugh to approve minutes from the March 9, 2023 meeting.

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

**Motion Passed**

## **Bills and Reallocations**

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

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

### **Motion Passed**

## **Committee Reports**

**Finance Committee** – Mr. Gephart stated that he is looking into other avenues for better interest rates on our CD's and Bonds. He is looking into STAR (State Treasury Asset Reserve) of Ohio they are associated with the Treasurer of State for Government and Municipal entities. Mr. Gephart would like to have a meeting with First National Bank to discuss our options there.

**Safety & Service** – It was discussed that the salt bin for holding the road salt is about to collapse quotes are being collected in order to see what the cost for a new bin will be. Cherry Street Phase II should be starting back up hopefully in early May.

**Cemetery** – Paul has reached out to Lakeside Tree Service for quotes to take down 3 trees and grind the stumps it would be \$700. They also gave a quote on cleaning up more of the waste water side Creekside that streets and parks had started that would be \$3200. The next Cemetery meeting will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

## **Old Business**

1. Approve 2023 Permanent Appropriations

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. Gephart to approve 2023 Permanent Appropriations

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

### **Motion Passed**

## **New Business**

## **Department Reports**

**Solicitor** – Nothing to report.

**Parks** – The Easter Egg hunt will take place on April 8<sup>th</sup> the eggs are filled and ready to go. There will be a Circus in town performing 2 shows on May 9<sup>th</sup>. There will be a 5K run on April 15<sup>th</sup> to help raise money for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Mr. Lee thanked the Eagles 2222 lodge for their \$1,000 donation to help with the Easter egg hunt.

**Police** – LT gave an update on the police activity of the past month, calls, arrests, investigations etc.

**Street** – Paul elaborated on the salt bin issue, he said that the side is blowing out and could collapse soon. He mentioned that he has been to a couple different places looking at their salt enclosure set up. He is going to get addition information and quotes on cost for different sizes and construction material.

**Zoning** – Nothing to report

**Fiscal** – The Fiscal Officer stated that she would be attending a conference in Columbus that is being put on by UAN and is hopeful that she will be able to make contacts there that will be able to provide more help and information.

**Mayor** – Nothing more at this time

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

It was moved by Mr. Hopkins and seconded by Mr. McCollister that the meeting be adjourned at 8:40 pm.

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

**Motion Passed**

Approved: March 23, 2023

Mayor: John M. Cannon

Attest: Cynthia Funderburk