

April 14, 2022
Regular Council Meeting
7:00 p.m.
Meeting in Council Chambers

Harry Brumbaugh, William Garner, Don Gephart, Reilly Hopkins and Tyler McCollister were present. Mayor John Carman presided over the meeting.

GEPHART/GARNER: Motion to excuse Josh Parks. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda was presented to Council with revisions.

HOPKINS/GEPHART: Motion to approve the agenda as presented with revisions. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes from 3/24/2022 were presented to Council.

MCCOLLISTER/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve minutes. All voted yea.

APPROVAL OF BILLS & REALLOCATIONS

GEPHART/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve bills. All voted yea.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee

Mr. Gephart reported a special finance committee meeting was held on April 14, 2022. The committee recommends employing John Kirby as Assistant Fiscal Officer for 30 hours or less per week at Step 1. Also, the committee discussed a resolution to require all village employees and elected officials to have wages direct deposit.

MCCOLLISTER/HOPKINS: Motion to hire John Kirby as Assistant Fiscal Officer at Step A. All voted yea.

Safety & Service Committee

Mr. McCollister announced the committee will meet prior to the next council meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor Carman introduced community yard sale dates for 2022.

HOPKINS/MCCOLLISTER: Motion to approve yard sale dates as presented. All voted yea.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

James Barbieri reported he and Scott are reaching out to Blanchester Schools for the asbestos report. Also, Ken Geise has requested parcel numbers of the properties the village is interested in developing to provide examples for a TIF. Mr. Barbieri presented a revised public comment policy and reviewed the changes recommended. Discussion followed.

GEPHART/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to adopt Resolution 2022.007. All voted yea.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Parks – Mr. Lee reminded everyone that the Easter Egg Hunt is April 16, 2022 at 10:00 a.m.

Police – None

Street – None

Zoning - None

Fiscal - Mrs. May presented two resolutions to create funds: 1) Cemetery Fund and 2) E. Fancy Street Water Main Fund. Discussion followed regarding the cost of maintaining the cemetery. Mr. Hopkins suggested a levy be placed on the ballot to fund the cost. Mr. Barbieri informed Council that the state has a cemetery grant fund.

GEPHART/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve Resolution 2022.005 (Cemetery Fund). All voted yea.

MCCOLLISTER/BRUMBAUGH: Motion to approve Resolution 2022.006 (E. Fancy Street Water Main Fund). All voted yea.

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MAYOR – Mayor Carman presented a quote from All About Shine Floor Care/Janitorial for cleaning services at the municipal building. The initial cleaning cost would be \$500.00, with a cost of \$250.00 per week thereafter. A quote is also being obtained to wax and buff the tile floors.

HOPKINS/GEPHART: Motion to approve quote. Councilmen Brumbaugh, Garner, Gephart and Hopkins voted yea. Councilman McCollister voted no.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 1) The mayor revisited the request from Mr. Perkins at the previous council meeting regarding having chickens within the village. Ordinances 292 and 2005.002 were reviewed prohibiting chickens. Discussion followed by Council.
- 2) Mr. Hopkins inquired about Taco Bell. Mayor Carman reported that there is still a contract with UDF and is moving forward. There is still some work being done on the property and a clear title/deed.
- 3) A meeting was held with McDonalds about their plans to remodel the dining room and add another kiosk. Several concerns regarding traffic and stacking kiosks have been discussed. McDonald's has asked the village to vacate Railroad Street or Short Street. Mr. Hopkins stated that the excess traffic on a state route needs to be addressed.
- 4) Cost estimate to update the municipal building or replace it - An individual is working on a proposal for a new building including the cost. Mr. Hopkins stated the numbers need to be provided. Mr. Gephart commented that the estimate should include the same information from each department as he had rendered previously. Mr. McCollister asked who owns the property on Cherry Street across from the municipal building. The mayor confirmed it is owned by the school, but leased by the village. Mr. McCollister asked what the annual cost is for the municipal building. Discussion followed regarding other things to consider such as demolition of existing building and grant moneys.

PUBLIC COMMENT - None

Motion to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Approved: April 28, 2022

Mayor: John M Carman

Attest: Sharon A. May