

Council Meeting
April 5, 2022

Mayor Scott Harrison called the council meeting to order at 6:30 pm. All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance. Council persons attending were Rob, Bill, Joyce, Linda and Chuck. Gilbert arrived at 6:35 pm

Motion to approve the video and typed minutes from March's council meeting made by Linda, second by Bill. Motion passed 5-0

Motion to approve the typed minutes from March's special council meeting made by Joyce, second by Rob. Motion passed 5-0

Motion to approve the February and March bank rec and March financial reports made by Joyce, second by Linda. Motion passed 5-0

Special Guests: Judge Kelbley stopped in to say "Thank You" to the people for whom he has been working for the last 34 years. He has to retire due to turning 70.

Ken Egbert Jr. and Damon Alt stopped in to introduce themselves. They are both on the ballot to replace Judge Kelbley.

Chris Channels attended to talk to zoning regarding a new garage he wants to build. Chris will need to file for a variance and pay the fee. Then Rob will send letters to his neighbors and hold a zoning meeting. Also stated the Veteran Banners will be re-addressed in the fall of this year.

Joe Worland/PEP Ins attended to discuss renewal. After discussion, Joyce made a motion to go with the \$1,000 deductible on property and vehicles, second by Rob. Motion passed 6-0 Joe to get the new amount and sent to Angela so she can pay the invoice.

Committee Reports:

Finance: Rob informed council February bank reconciled at \$2,064,538.97 and March bank reconciled at \$1,954,379.83. Payments for March was \$185,426.49.

Police: Scott reported the info from the current report.

Fire: Chief Snell gave his report. The Fire Assoc. bought a thermal imaging camera for the Fire Dept. The light bar is on backorder until May. Scott discussed oxygen no longer being able to be used from the squad by the Fire Dept. and he is talking to the Commissioners to get this resolved. This year's reverse raffle was the most tickets ever sold and was successful.

Clean-up: Joyce said not a lot has been done lately.

Water/Sewer/Street: Sewer – House that burnt on Monroe St is down and they will be rebuilding within the footprint of old house. Waiting on EPA permits before they can move forward with the project. Waiting on a hydrant to come in to replace on Thomas St. Water usage is back to normal.

Park: Scott got all the playground equipment from the School of Opportunity for the new park. S&S will be digging up the concrete at the School of Opportunity and relevel the ground. Still need to get the ground rubber that goes under the equipment from the school.

Zoning: Will start the park zoning process once the annexation is completed

Old Business:

Scott has all the documents and maps for the annexation signed. Once this is completed there will be a resolution done to sell the property.

Joe Kimmet attended regarding purchasing his ground to help with the Village's water issues but doesn't want any impediment onto his property. He is not agreeing to a \$ amount at this time until he sees the layout. He is to make a list of his concerns and get with Scott. Alex to draw up an agreement so Joe's attorney can look it over.

Scott stated Carolyn is working on getting the documents online. He would like a council member to take on overseeing her work and checking the website info.

Scott stated there is money set aside for assistance with the Phase I testing of the Vesuvius property and he is working on getting help with this cost.

Alex has RITA hearings tomorrow to try to get estimates that they owe in taxes to have a reasonable \$ to collect on. 2015 Non-responders will be filed this week as well.

Heard the 1st reading presented by Alex - Resolution #2022-05 – Establishes an ordinance for the repair and maintenance of sidewalks within the Village of Bettsville

Rob asked about acquiring a grant writer. Jon stated he was told it is best to speak to an engineering firm regarding these services, due to the high fees charged by grant writers.

New Business:

Council was asked to approve appropriations for the American Rescue Plan Act fund of \$130.06
Motion to approve made by Linda, second by Chuck. Motion passed 6-0

Angela informed council that, per Julie Adkins, the sale of the park will need to be deposited into a capital improvement fund and the improvements for the new park can be paid from this fund. After discussion, Joyce made a motion to create Fund #2042 – Village Complex Park fund, second by Rob. Motion passed 6-0

Council was asked to approve appropriations for the \$297 of misc. fire equipment sold to go into account code 1000-120-520 – equipment. Rob made the motion, second by Bill. Motion passed 6-0

Amendment to Resolution 2022-01 – the Village deems the property unnecessary for the Village and is unused by the Village. Joyce made motion to amend, second by Gilbert. Motion passed 6-0

Alex presented Resolution #2022-06 – Appoint Mayor, Scott Harrison, as duly appointed fiduciary representative of the Village of Bettsville (annexation)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Linda, second by Rob. Motion passed 6-0

Motion to declare an emergency made by Bill, second by Rob. Motion passed 6-0

Motion to adopt Resolution #2022-06 made by Gilbert, second by Rob. Motion passed 6-0

Alex presented Resolution #2022-07 – Appoint Mayor, Scott Harrison, as duly appointed fiduciary representative of the Village of Bettsville (grantor to transfer property)

Motion to suspend the rules made by Linda, second by Bill. Motion passed 6-0

Motion to declare an emergency made by Rob, second by Bill. Motion passed 6-0

Motion to adopt Resolution #2022-07 made by Chuck, second by Gilbert. Motion passed 6-0

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 pm made by Rob.

Fiscal Officer

Mayor