

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

February 8, 2024

Jason Henderson, Mayor	Present
Michelle Dumolt, President	Present
Bob Pangborn, Councilman	Present
Bill Mason, Councilman	Present
Korry Harrier, Councilwoman	Present
Nate Coleman, Councilman	Present
Open Seat	

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Henderson called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all. Roll call taken.

In addition to council in attendance, Penny Marquart, Fiscal Officer, Samantha McCreery, Administrative Assistant, Casey Ash, Village Maintenance, and Nick Garver, Police Chief were present. Also, present were Bill Moore and Heather Siders of Garver Asset Protection. Present included Sarah Wharton of 209 Market St. and Jodi Mertz of 306 S. Main St.

SWEARING IN:

Councilwoman Harrier made a motion to appoint Sarah Wharton to the open council seat. Seconded by Councilman Mason.

President Dumolt –yes
Councilman Mason – yes
Councilman Pangborn – yes
Councilwoman Harrier - yes
Councilman Coleman - yes
Motion carried.

Councilwoman Dumolt made a motion to appoint Samantha McCreery to the position of Clerk of Court. Second by Councilman Mason.

President Dumolt –yes
Councilman Mason – yes
Councilman Pangborn – yes
Councilwoman Harrier - yes
Councilman Coleman - yes
Motion carried.

Mayor Henderson swore in Samantha McCreery as Clerk of Court.

Mayor Henderson swore in Sarah Wharton as Council Member at Large.

MINUTES:

A motion to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from January 11, 2024 was made by Councilman Mason. Second by Councilwoman Harrier.

President Dumolt –yes
Councilman Mason – yes
Councilman Pangborn – yes
Councilwoman Harrier - yes
Councilman Coleman – yes
Councilwoman Wharton - abstain
Motion carried.

BUSINESS OF GUESTS:

None.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

FINANCE

President Dumolt shares that all of the January documents looked good with no issues.

ZONING/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Mayor Henderson reports that there is nothing of note. Heather Siders will be taking over zoning and property maintenance.

RECORDS, RULES AND LAW

Nothing to report. Mayor Henderson shares with Councilwoman Harrier that there will be a project coming up regarding ordinances – he will share more details at a later time.

RECREATION, COMMUNITY CENTER, AND POOL

There are no grange rentals for the month of February. There is one paid rental in March and Fairfield County Family First Council will be offering trainings/workshops three times in March. The Easter egg hunt is Saturday, March 23rd at the Shelter house. The swimming pool will not open this year due to the repairs that need made. The license will still be applied for to keep it “up to date” and not lose it. If repairs can be made in a timely fashion, maybe the pool can be opened later in the season. Will try to have other activities for youth over the summer.

SAFETY/SERVICE

Councilman Pangborn has nothing to report.

COUNTY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Regional Planning – President Dumolt shares that there is nothing to report.

Board of Health ADHOC – Councilwoman Dumolt shares there is nothing to report.

GRANT UPDATES:

Current/Awarded:

ARPA Funding. \$825,000.00. Work has begun on both towers, Pleasantville Rd tower approx. 95% complete. Walnut St work still has the majority of the work to perform, contractor will return in the spring. **After initial inspection, the entire tower needs "redone" – Mayor Henderson is working with engineers to take out a loan to do the work (about 175K). Work will not happen until springtime**

CDBG Funding. \$100,000.00. In design phase for Pleasantville Pool Improvements. Received the final okay. Bids for this should go out next month.

NRG Funding. \$818,000.00. In design phase for W. Columbus St. storm line replacement, partial Pearl St. storm line replacement, Hickenlooper repaving, Otte Park restrooms/concession stand, and Pleasantville Park baseball diamond improvements. Received the final okay. Bids for this should go out next month.

OPWC 2022. \$450,000.00 In design phase installation of new storm lines in the right-of-way behind Second Street. Also working with property owner Mr. Ed Otte to obtain a minimum 20-foot easement and a minimum of 30-foot right-of-way for construction. This is with the attorneys now. Could go out for bid next month.

Applied for:

OPWC (2023) for Walnut Street Improvements

(Grants, Continued...)

Coming up:

Mayor Henderson is working with Fairfield County Foundation on a grant for \$35K for electric for park for festival. The original was denied. Will reapply.

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Casey Ash reports the following January highlights:

- Worked on Water Plant Paperwork and EPA paperwork
- Water Plant repairs to waterline:
- Repairs:
 - 1 Meter replaced - Have 4 more to replace - Need to order more
 - 0 Curb box replacement
 - 0 Curb box relocated for construction
- Repaired a water leak on 2nd St
- Cleaned out meters at water plant to get them operating normally
- Shut off the water to 100 N Main found a water leak there
- Repaired Generator at Water Plant
- Changed Battery on Flashing Stop sign at school (on 1-Feb-24)
- Repaired Potholes throughout the village
- Filled and Drug Alleys
- Added grindings to shop parking lot

(Maintenance Report, Continued...)

- Put gravel in missing sidewalk area on North Main
- Organized shop for more equipment arriving (Police Cruisers)
- Continuing GIS mapping

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Nick Garver reports the following January/February highlights:

- **STATION:**
 - The police station secure office buildout is nearly complete.
 - The only remaining project before we can move in would be clearing out the museum items
- **CRUISERS:**
 - The 2020 Ford Explorer graphics were installed and the car
 - The cruiser has been in use since the last council meeting without issues
 - The 2019 Dodge Charger graphics were finished two days ago.
 - We are working on getting a compatible siren control box from the state
- **POLICE OFFICER APPLICANTS:**
 - We just got the peace officer certifications from the state this week for the two policemen appointed at the last meeting.
 - Their badges just came in today.
 - We will likely begin field training them very soon.
- **PATROLS:**
 - Patrols have begun
 - So far, we have handled about 45 cases with about 40 being traffic violations.
 - We did two weeks of nothing but warnings and the last two weeks we have started to issue traffic citations into the municipal court while we wait for Mayor's Court to come online.
- **POLICE K-9:**
 - Although this was never planned to have a K-9 unit in town I think it would be beneficial.
 - I have met with the mayor regarding this and he is in agreement.
 - Even if we never deployed the dog, the simple fact that we have it and one of the cars is marked as such would be a huge drug deterrent.
 - Traditionally police K-9 units are met with public support.
 - Under federal and state law, police do not need a reason to deploy the dog on traffic stops, or in just about any other case where it would be legal for the police officer to be when the K9 is deployed. There are certain exceptions, such as we would not be able to intentionally search a person using the dog without consent or without a warrant.
 - I have a longtime friend who is a Sergeant at New Lexington who has been a K-9 officer his entire career and he operates his own K-9 training program. He can also administer the Ohio State police K-9 training test.
 - I own a German Shepherd that is about 9 months old, her name is Denali.
 - I am willing to become a K-9 handler and to donate the use of the dog for police purposes.
 - I will also pay for the training out of pocket and if needed I can either donate the cost of it or maybe we can obtain funds through grants, donations, or fundraisers to pay it back and to maintain the program.

(Police Report, Continued...)

- STATE & FEDERAL COMPLIANCE & PROGRAMS:
 - OPOTC:
 - The Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission now recognizes both of the new officers
 - LEADS:
 - We have radio access to the Sheriff's Office to get LEADS information but we are still working on LEADS access in the car. They have 50 forms and processes it seem like.
 - OHLEG:
 - We gained access to this system last week. We will likely be using it for reports, evidence management, and citations.
 - MARCS:
 - We are still waiting on in-car radios to get programmed which are loaners from Madison Township FD.
 - We currently have a total of three operational portable (hand held) radios that will access MARCS so we can communicate with Fairfield County Sheriff, these are also loaner radios from Madison Township FD.
 - I will request Madison Township donate the radios to Pleasantville next week at their regular meeting.
 - These radios will only work from now through 1st or 2nd quarter next year and will be administratively kicked off the system because they won't meet security standards that will roll out at that time. But this buys us time to use the system and find grants or purchase radios.
 - LESO/1033:
 - I have heard nothing out of them about the status of our application and I have followed up twice.
- UNIFORMS:
 - Badges are in.
 - Officers are buying their own uniforms for now
 - The Mayor and I are working on a ballistic vest grant
 - We are still waiting for artwork for our shoulder patches and I have been harassing two companies about this.
- EMAIL ACCOUNT:
 - The emails are working now.
- UPDATES:
 - We have taken delivery of citations, warnings, parking tickets, zoning door hangers, criminal summonses, traffic crash report forms, evidence bags, and fingerprint cards since the last meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Bucket Truck Reimbursement – The bucket truck that belongs to Bremen broke while the Village of Pleasantville was using it. Pleasantville uses the truck throughout the year for lots of different things. The repairs for the truck will cost \$5,501.51. A motion was made by Councilman Coleman to pay for half of the repairs - \$2750.76. Second by President Dumolt.

President Dumolt – yes
Councilman Mason – yes
Councilman Pangborn – yes
Councilwoman Harrier - yes
Councilman Coleman – yes
Councilwoman Wharton - yes
Motion carried.

Resolution 02-08-24-01 – Supplemental Appropriations adding \$10,350.00 to the Street Fund for the heaters for the shop. A motion to approve the appropriations was made by Councilman Coleman. Seconded by Councilman Mason.

President Dumolt – yes
Councilman Mason – yes
Councilman Pangborn – yes
Councilwoman Harrier - yes
Councilman Coleman - yes
Councilwoman Wharton - yes
Motion carried.

Walnut Street Water Tower Repeater – Mayor Henderson reports that when work on the water tower took place, the internet repeater that was on the tower was removed. The company, Rowe Industries, would like to put it back up. It would provide free internet to the Village (office) and save money on the Spectrum bill. Mayor Henderson reports that a lease agreement is being drafted by the Village solicitor. Council said this is okay.

MARCS Radios – Mayor Henderson and Chief Garver report on the radios. The current ones are only good for about another year or so. They have been looking into new Motorola radios. These are good quality but yet affordable. They (police department) are asking for about \$30K in radios. There is a financing plan available through Motorola as-well-as a grant program. Grants are not awarded until September after the purchase of the radios and there is no guarantee of awarding of a grant. If radios are ordered today, arrival is 20 weeks away and then there is a wait to have them programmed. The radios have a 10-year guaranteed life span. The department is asking for 3 mobile and 3 portable radios. Council is okay with ordering now if have to and can not wait until the next council meeting.

(New Business, Continued...)

Motion to Place Funds into CDs at Bremen Bank – Mayor Henderson and Penny Marquart, Village Clerk, brought to council that Bremen Bank is offering a 5-month CD yielding 5% interest. Councilman Mason made a motion to approve investing \$450,000.00 in a 5-month CD at 5% interest at Bremen Bank. This motion was seconded by Councilman Pangborn.

President Dumolt – yes
Councilman Mason – yes
Councilman Pangborn – yes
Councilwoman Harrier - yes
Councilman Coleman – yes
Councilwoman Wharton - yes
Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

Thurston Methodist Church is having a fish fry on Fridays beginning 2/16

The AEDs are back and in the police cruisers

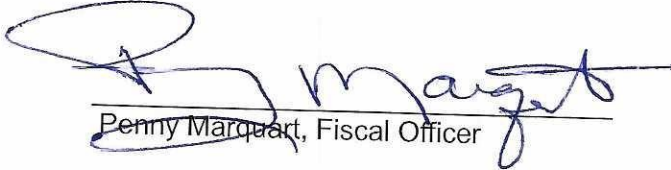
MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Sam McCreery is scheduled for Sunshine Law April 3rd. Will add Councilwoman Wharton to the list to be taken for also.

Councilman Coleman made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Mason. Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.



Jason D. Henderson, Mayor



Penny Marquart, Fiscal Officer