

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

**June 9, 2022**

Jason Henderson, Mayor	Present
Chad West, President	Absent
Bob Pangborn, Councilman	Present
Bill Mason, Councilman	Present
Michelle Dumolt, Councilwoman	Absent
Barry Williams, Councilman	Present
Jim Munsey, Councilman	Present

**CALL TO ORDER:**

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

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all. Roll call taken.

In addition to council attendance, Penny Marquart, Fiscal Officer, Samantha McCreery, Administrative Assistant, Casey Ash, Maintenance was in attendance. Also in attendance was Bill Vance, Village Consultant.

**MINUTES:**

Minutes from the regular council meeting of May 12, 2022 were not completed and ready for Council at the time of this meeting. They will be on the July 2022 agenda.

**GUESTS:**

Bill Vance, WMV, LLC. – Village Consultant

**BUSINESS OF GUESTS:**

Bill Vance, Village Consultant, reports that the application for Fairfield County's American Rescue Plan for 600k has been submitted. Hoping to hear back regarding the application sometime in June.

**PUBLIC INPUT:**

There is no public input.

**COUNCIL REPORTS:**

FINANCE

President West was absent. There was no meeting (June 9, 2022) due to a lack of a quorum.

ZONING/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

President West was absent. No update.

RECORDS, RULES AND LAW

Councilwoman Dumolt was absent. Nothing to report.

RECREATION, COMMUNITY CENTER, AND POOL

Councilman Williams reports that there are 10 parties scheduled at the pool for the month of June; 5 parties in July. There are in services for the guards on June 16<sup>th</sup> and June 23<sup>rd</sup>. There are lessons in both June and July and a teen party in July. He reports that there are 3 rentals in the shelter house for the month of June and none in July. There are 5 rentals in the grange/community center for June and 2 rentals in July. There are also free line dancing classes on Wednesday in the grange. Aerobics have moved from Tuesday and Thursday from the grange to water aerobics at the pool on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.

Mayor Henderson reports that the pool is up and running and Chris Miller the pool manager and Mayor have been trying to smooth things over with the very young, "new" staff. The hope is that the current guards will continue to "stick with the pool" for several years and grow. Councilman Williams reports that he has not been to the pool to introduce himself or check in.

Mayor Henderson shares that the grant for Otte Park is still in planning. There have been conversations with Alan Brown, Village Engineer, and the Junior Falcon Baseball League about the possibility of moving one of the fields to Pleasantville Park and only having one field at Otte Park. These have been "general" conversations. Mr. Brown will create several plans to look at. The bathroom addition to Otte Park will be submitted for funds through the NRG/CDBG grant. Other grants will be looked into to fund a new playground. The Village is required to pay 10K to make these updates – this amount is the Village portion of the grant.

SAFETY/SERVICE

Councilman Munsey reports that he has had a meeting with maintenance to discuss issues at the water plant. He has asked Casey Ash, Village Maintenance, to put together a list of priorities and things that need to be done at the plant. He says that if the issues can not be fixed "in house" (by the Village), then a way to finance the repairs

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and corrections to be fixed. Mayor Henderson explains that if the Village is awarded the grant for the new water treatment plant design (ARPA grant), then an adjustment can be made regarding priorities and what will be funded by the grant and what will need to be funded by the Village. Mayor Henderson and Councilman Munsey both say that safe drinking water in the Village is a huge priority.

Councilman Munsey shared that there needs to be more law enforcement presence. He says that if Baltimore PD is in the Village, he suggests they give more tickets for violations (of the law) – instead of warnings. He shares that the warnings do not seem to deter the violators. Mayor Henderson explains, for clarification to those who may not know due to being “new” to council, that the contract that the Village has with Baltimore PD states that BPD is not in the Village for any specific number of hours. Beginning April and running through October, the Baltimore PD will be in the Village every Friday, Saturday, and Sunday for four hours each day. They (BPD) can choose the hours. Once Mayor Henderson speaks with Chief Tussey, Baltimore PD he will bring more information back to council. Councilman Munsey states that the Village needs more money to increase the police presence. Mayor Henderson replies that if there was a RITA money tax put on the ballot, and earmarked for police protection, those funds could only be used for that purpose. However, there are challenges to having this on the ballot, in discussing this issue with legal council it was suggested that any RITA tax increase be generic to state it would be placed in the General Fund account for operations and maintenance. Then council would vote to pass a resolution to fund a police department, this way the allocation could be changed based on the current needs.

Councilman Munsey also shared that he has begun looking into the proposed solar farm in the area. As of current, there is nothing the Village can do about this issue. Councilman Munsey says that it could be an issue due to the (proposed) farm going in right above the Village water aquifer and there are unknowns – what chemicals they will be using; how does this effect the Village aquifer; etc. Mayor Henderson has spoke with Jonathan Ferbrache from Fairfield County regarding this issue. Mayor and Mr. Ferbrache discussed the priorities to protect the aquifer and water plant (drinking water). Mayor Henderson reports that there is a review board that will help the Village create documents and send them to the state for approval/not. This process does take quite a while. Mayor Henderson will ask Mr. Ferbrache to come and speak with Councilman Munsey’s committee.

Mayor Henderson says there are some educational “classes” hosted by non-profit organizations to educate people and answer questions about solar fields. He would like to have the Geenex group to come into the Village and host such a “class”.

## **COUNTY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS**

Regional Planning – Councilwoman Dumolt was absent - nothing to report.

Board of Health ADHOC – Councilwoman Dumolt was absent. Mayor Henderson shared that the Board’s budget was passed which will allow to move forward with planning.

**GRANT UPDATES:**

Current/Awarded:

*OPWC Round 35 (2021) W Columbus Street.* Bidding took place on May 10, 2022 at 2:00 pm. Two bids were received and Spires Paving was the lowest bid with \$206,777.10. Columbus Asphalt and Paving bid at \$232,380. Spires Paving was awarded the contract.

*Nature Works Round 27 (2021-22) Otte Park Ball Diamond* – in design. Will bid out later this year. Construction on this needs to happen after the baseball season is over. The Village portion of this grant is 15K; the grant will cover up to 45K.

Applied for:

*ARPA Funds at Fairfield County.* Water Treatment Plant design and Tower refurbishment. The design for this project is 250K.

*Safe Routes to School.* Have applied for this grant. Waiting to hear if awarded or not.

Coming up:

*CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization – Year 2022.* Possible \$800K. Grant applications are due the first part of July. James Makko, Fairfield County, is working on the application.

*OPWC 2022.* The Village will apply for this grant in the fall. If awarded, this grant will allow for the Summit Street storm line to be fixed/replaced. This is about a \$400K project.

**VILLAGE MAINTENANCE REPORT:**

Casey Ash reports:

May Highlights

Worked on Water Plant Paperwork and EPA paperwork

Completed Lead and Copper Samples

Water Plant repairs to waterline

Repairs: 2 Meter replaced

0 Curb box replacement

0 Shut off valve

Replaced chlorine pumps and tubing at Water Plant

Rebuild High Service Pump and checked Impeller

Working out electric issues at water plant

Stripping and repairing Water Plant filter area Floor

Got pool up and running

Installed and set up automated system for Pool

Continuing preventive maintenance on summer equipment

Continuing GIS mapping

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Fire Department Update – Mayor Henderson reports that he has had a meeting regarding this. Pleasant Township Fire Department is more than willing to come into the Village and service the entire Village. Mayor Henderson says he has to go to Fairfield County Auditors regarding costs of the services Pleasant Township would be providing so that the Village can be fair with them in terms of costs, etc. Mayor Henderson reports that the goal is to have this partnership up and running in the fall. This process has to happen before “conforming boundaries” takes place which would pull the Village out of Pleasant and Walnut Township services. Mayor Henderson will work with Fairfield County more on this. The goal is to not “double” property taxes of Village residents, but more reliable services need to be made available without raising property taxes too much. Mayor will also have a meeting with the Pleasant Township fiscal officer. He has notified Walnut Township that the Village is moving forward with this process. With the upgrades in staffing and full-time hours being made at Pleasant Township, these will help better serve the Village. This issue will be brought back to council in the near future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Pool “Stuff” – Mayor Henderson reports there was a new cash register purchased for the Pool. There was also a new laptop purchased to allow the pool manager to create schedules, etc. and share them on the shared drive to help open communication between the pool and office. There is a teen luau on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. There will also be a few free pool days.

Increasing Indigent Policy from \$250.00 to \$750.00 – According to state of Ohio, if a person does not have money or insurance is to pay for burial, the Village or “City” in which the person resides is to pay for the burial/cremation, etc. This has not happened very much in the Village of Pleasantville. The current ordinance allows for up to \$250.00 for this process. This has not been updated since 2017. The minimum for burial/cremation today is \$750.00. This can possibly be refunded to the Village from the State of Ohio. The goal of the Village when updating this ordinance/policy is to structure is similarly to Baltimore’s. The Village does not want residents to use this as a “life insurance” policy. It will also, hopefully, make it a deterrent to residents to state in the updated ordinance that the Village has the right to “keep the body (ashes)”. Councilman Mason made a motion to increase the allotted amount from \$250.00 to up to \$750.00. Second by Councilman Munsey.

- President West - absent
- Councilman Munsey – yes
- Councilman Williams - yes
- Councilman Mason – yes
- Councilman Pangborn – yes
- Councilwoman Dumolt – absent
- Motion carried.

Mayor Henderson reports that due to the downed trees from the storm the evening of June 8, 2022, he has authorized up to 5K for the emergency removal of necessary trees. The Village may have to pay for trees that are not to be touched according to AEP. This is being investigated.

Resolution 06-09-22-01 – Resolution Directing Village of Pleasantville Mayor to Submit a Cemetery Financial Assistant Grant for Targeted Dangerous Tree Removal. A motion to approve this was made by Councilman Mason. Seconded by Councilman Pangborn.

President West - absent  
Councilman Munsey – yes  
Councilman Williams - yes  
Councilman Mason – yes  
Councilman Pangborn – yes  
Councilwoman Dumolt – absent  
Motion carried.

Resident Symposium – Mr. Vance, Village Consultant, and Mayor Henderson attended this symposium. Mayor Henderson reports that growth is anticipated to happen in the next few years in part of the Intel plant being built in New Albany. There are different organizations that are/will be putting together information and charts showing areas of possible growth. Mayor Henderson stressed the need to have the Village zoning policies updated, in a book and in place before this growth starts to happen. Mayor Henderson and Mr. Vance will be working on this. The plan is for Mr. Vance to create a book that can just be handed to a builder to give them the Village rules and guidelines for building requirements, zoning, etc. within the Village. The Village also will need to control where subdivisions will go to help prevent issues between the Village and (potential) builders regarding water, sewer, etc. Putting together this plan and “book” will help prevent/minimize these issues. Mayor Henderson reports that there are many townships that do not know if their zoning rules are all up to date. Mayor suggests starting with Fairfield County to have them help the Village direct and suggest where subdivisions could possibly go and to build the Village “book” around the County’s suggestions.

Mayor Henderson reports that the Fairfield County Commissioners will be holding their meeting in the community center/grange on Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Mayor Henderson encourages council to attend the meeting. The purpose of this and other meetings being held not in their typical office is to bring the commissioners into various communities. They will hold their regular meeting then open up to other questions, issues, etc.

Mayor Henderson shares with council that the contract awarded for Columbus Street work was granted to Spires Paving. He shares that Jason Cooper is the person doing the work for Spires and that he has worked in the Village previously, is a good person, and does a great job. Spires came in under bid at \$206,000. They will start work after June 7<sup>th</sup> and hopes to be done by August 18<sup>th</sup>. September 17<sup>th</sup> is the date of FINAL



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completion. They will be working from 7:30am until 6:00pm with no weekends or holidays unless approved prior by Mayor Henderson. They will be using the grange and maintenance building as a staging area. Mayor Henderson has previously been approved by council to make approvals for work, etc. Mayor will bring back any change orders to council as he receives updates. They will start work at Pleasantville Elementary and work towards Main Street.

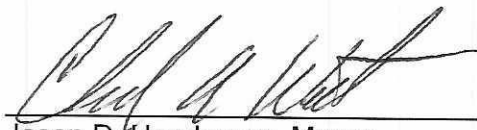
**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**


Councilman Williams states that Baltimore PD needs to be stricter and enforce on SR 188 and Pearl Street area. He states that there are children that play in that intersection and the police say nothing to them. Mayor Henderson will ask Chief Tussey, Baltimore PD, for a report of how many pull overs, citations, etc. and, albeit an ad-hoc report, will bring that back to council.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

Samantha McCreery, Administrative Assistant/Festival Coordinator, presented a brief festival update. Festival is scheduled for Saturday, August 13<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am until 10:00pm. Currently, there are spaces for three bands and one is confirmed. Working on the morning performer and the "headliner". Currently have one confirmed food truck – are working on others. Cash raffle tickets are available! They can be purchased in the office during open hours or the day of the event. Council members are able and welcome to "sign out" tickets to sell and either return the unsold tickets or cash for tickets purchased. Will be having a queen's pageant. Will also have a DJ, a vendor area, a kid's corner, beer garden and a game area. Perhaps will have a car show of sorts – currently being investigated. Have sponsors lined up and confirmed. Mrs. McCreery asked council that if they have ideas or know anyone who would like to participate, sponsor, etc. to please contact her at the office or via cell phone. This year's monies raised will be going to Fairfield Union Local School District – being split between the four buildings in the district.

Councilman Mason made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilman Muncy. Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

  
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Jason D. Henderson, Mayor

  
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Penny Marquart, Fiscal Officer