

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE  
COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES OF  
October 14, 2021**

Jason Henderson, Mayor	Present
Chad West, President	Present
Judy Boyer, Councilwoman	Present
Bill Mason, Councilman	Present
Michelle Dumolt, Councilwoman	Present
Barry Williams, Councilman	Present
Open Seat	Open

**CALL TO ORDER:**

President Chad West called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. Pledge of Allegiance recited by all. Roll call taken.

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

**MINUTES:**

Councilman Mason made a motion to accept the September 9, 2021 meeting minutes. President West seconded.

Judy Boyer - yes  
Bill Mason - yes  
Michelle Dumolt - abstain  
Chad West - yes  
Barry Williams - yes  
Motion carried

**GUESTS:**

Bill Vance, WMV, LLC. – Village Consultant

Steve Childers, 117 Pearl St., Pleasantville

**BUSINESS OF GUESTS:**

- Bill Vance, Village Consultant, Attended a meeting for Water and Wastewater Infrastructure grant. He is making headway on moving forward. On October 26, 2021 he will attend a meeting with grant writers for Fairfield County.

- Mr. Childers of 117 Pearl Street spoke regarding the storm drain that he had previously brought the attention of the council two or three years ago. Mr. Childers states that the drain has collapsed. Mayor Henderson explained that the Village is currently starting the process to apply for grants for the storm sewer drain in front of his property as well as other drains. Mr. Childers is concerned that the drain is falling in and he has put a solid plastic grate/skid over the hole but these disintegrate in the sun. He says the walls need rebuilt. Mayor Henderson explained that with the grant, if approved, the entire area would be repaired but that with the application of and granting of the grant, Mr. Childers could not use outside materials for repairs. Mr. Ash, Village Maintenance and Mayor Henderson indicated that the walls of the drain are block and they do not want to touch it for fear of the block disintegrating. Mr. Childers will check back to see if grant has been approved.

#### **FINANCE REPORT:**

President West reports that there have been no new updates.

#### **ZONING REPORT:**

President West reported that Mr. Freeland of 112 Pearl Street was to appear in Mayor's Court and that if he did not appear, a warrant would be issued for his arrest. It was not confirmed if he had appeared or not at the time of the meeting.

Mayor Henderson asked if Council would be opposed to allocating more money in next year's budget for "zoning". He went on to explain that with the new zoning program that will be used, time would be alleviated and all persons involved would be on the same page. Ms. Wise, Village Zoning Inspector, gives the Village every hour that the Village pays for and then some for "free". Mayor Henderson will ask Ms. Wise how many hours she anticipates using next year and more money can be added into the budget in 2022.

#### **RECORDS AND LAW REPORT:**

Councilwoman Dulmolt reports that there is nothing new to report.

#### **RECREATION AND COMMUNITY CENTER, PARK AND POOL:**

Councilwoman Boyer reported that there were (2) rentals in the grange for the month of October and (2) in the month of November. She also reported that there are (2) rentals in the shelter house plus the festival in October. Mrs. Diane Snook asked to rent the shelter house on November 7<sup>th</sup> – the shelter house was to be closed on November 1<sup>st</sup> following the festival. It is approved that Mrs. Snook use the shelter house on November 7<sup>th</sup> and the shelter house will then be closed on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

## **COUNTY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:**

Regional Planning – No update. An email was sent to Mayor Henderson that Regional Planning will begin to have dial in meetings. Mayor Henderson asked Councilwoman Dumolt to dial in to the meetings if possible.

Board of Health ADHOC – Councilwoman Dulmolt reports that September's meeting was cancelled and moved to November.

## **GRANT UPDATES:**

### **Current/Awarded:**

OPWC (2020 Round) Lincoln Ave Phase I, grant awarded, contract awarded to Axis Engineering. Phase 1 has begun.

- Council approved in August of 2021, up to \$13K additional funds for the sidewalks along Lincoln Avenue and up to \$1,800 to fix the gap at 101 Lincoln Avenue
- Mayor Henderson reports that the contractor has the "punch list". The contractor has had other issues and is struggling to get workers here to help. The Village will wait to make final payment until all work is completed. Several residents have commented on problems with the work; no one has had flooding basements and it seems people are "complaining to complain". This has been a great project overall and Axis has done a great job.

OPWC Round 35 (2021) W Columbus Street - awarded. Holding off bid until Spring 2022 (in hopes that materials would go down)

### **Applied for:**

Nature Works Round 27 (2021-22)– Otte Park Ball Diamond update, estimated \$60,000, our match would be 25% (\$15,000) 2021 Budget. Application deadline was postponed until June 1, 2021. Mayor Henderson reports that there has not been and word as the this grant application as of yet.

### **Coming up:**

CDBG Neighborhood Revitalization – Year 2022: Possible \$800k. Will be starting soon.

Mayor Henderson reports that he will start the conversation with the Fairfield County Commissioner regarding grants and funds to tear down/rehab the old Sunoco station located at 407 S. Main St.

Mayor Henderson also reports that Mr. Ash and Mr. Taylor, Village Maintenance, are working on keeping a list of what will need addressed in the village and mapping out a plan.

## VILLAGE MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Casey Ash reports:

### September Highlights

Worked on Water Plant Paperwork and EPA paperwork – two water line repairs – 408 Columbus St.; 119 Pearl St. – valves were busted had to replace

Water Plant repairs to waterline

Repairs: 2 curb valves replaced

We have to start looking at replacing meters with what we have? The meters we use are obsolete – have (4) left – working with Buckeye Pipe to see what can do to change over – replace with new as they break -

Pool is winterized, just need to put pool cover on to complete

Repaired trailer/stage and picnic tables for Music fest – 4 others repaired plus ones in shelter house – will have to replace one tire on trailer

Working with County to get reduced speed sign put up (fun fact County doesn't talk among themselves) – no one can seem to tell us what permit needed – Casey said by next wed, 10/20, the sign will be up – county said that they didn't receive – sent fax again today 10/14, will call in the morning

Working with Allen for completing project on Lincoln Ave – Alan has list of what need to complete

Starting to level out alleys with a tractor that has a box attachment – will need to settle and other steps will need to be completed before "fixed"

Tree limb chipping behind shop and some.... not all at water plant

Beautifying Pleasantville Park.... Diamond dug up and leveled – going to try to get to Otte Park next week (week of 10/18)

Gravel turned and leveled at Grange and shelter house

Sorted all the old nuts, bolts and water pieces from the water plant storage and brought down to shop to be put on shelves

Continuing GIS mapping

## OLD BUSINESS:

Purchase of new truck dump/plow package – being looked into by Maintenance Department. The department stopped at the County garage to look at their truck. The truck they looked at seemed perfect for the Village. Maintenance has been working with Clerk Marquart on this.

Employee Handbook - Councilwoman Dumolt reported that she has been working on this with Mr. Vance.

Fire Department Contract Meeting – Mayor Henderson reports that he has spoke with Mr. Nicodemus, Village Solicitor, and Walnut Township has "gone silent". It will be put on the ballot at election to annex the Village as a whole into Pleasant Township OR to remove the Village from Walnut Township. He explained that the wording of this must be carefully written so that Walnut Township can not come back and say the Village would still be under their contract.

Police Subcommittee update - Councilwoman Dumolt reports that there has not been a meeting yet. She explained that with Baltimore Police Department and the Fairfield County Sheriff's Department being more present, she says more "traction" has been made to move forward. Councilwoman Dumolt also reports that the Fairfield County Sheriff has been looking at adjusting the lines along Richland Rd. and another road to get another sector car that will focus on Pleasantville. Mayor Henderson reports that due the allocation of additional funds for the month of October, he has been "double booking" the Sheriff Department and Baltimore PD for patrol in the Village. He explained that by having officers/deputies from both departments at the same time in the Village, it would help to keep issues under control.

#### 2021 Initiatives

- Safe Routes to School ODOT Grant – need to assign leader. This process has started to happen. Mr. Vance and Mayor Henderson have begun work. Mr. Brown, Hull & Associates along with Mr. Vance and Mayor Henderson will have a meeting together.
- Mr. Vance reports he will be applying for a grant in January for up to 400K with the initial target of Richland Rd. He explained that this grant doesn't work like the others but will have a focus.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Resolution 10-14-21-01 – 2021 Budget Adjustments. Requesting to add \$1,200 to OPERS and \$5,500 to pay for paint for the Municipal Office and for Music and Street Festival Insurance. A motion was made to approve the adjustment/addition of funds by Councilwoman Boyer. Seconded by Councilman Mason.

President West – yes  
Councilwoman Boyer – yes  
Councilwoman Dumolt – yes  
Councilman Williams – yes  
Councilman Mason – yes  
Motion carried.

Resolution 10-14-21-02 – Authorization for Mayor to submit application through OWPC – for drainage, sidewalk, repairs on Pearl St. Mayor Henderson reports that he doesn't have numbers or costs for this yet. Councilman Mason made a motion to approve. Councilman Williams seconded.

President West - yes  
Councilwoman Boyer - yes  
Councilman Mason - yes  
Councilman Williams - yes  
Councilwoman Dumolt – yes  
Motion carried.

2020 Federal Census results – Mayor Henderson reports that the population has gone down since the previous census. The 2020 Federal census indicates the population of Pleasantville of 934 persons. The census from ten years ago indicates 960 people. Mayor Henderson explains that this will help with the application of grants.

Approval of contract for Walnut Township to supply de-icing salt to the Village for 2021. Salt is priced at \$60.47 per ton; the Village must purchase salt at this rate after what is currently in the supply. Councilwoman Boyer made a motion to approve the contract. Councilman Williams seconded.

President West - yes  
Councilwoman Boyer - yes  
Councilman Mason - yes  
Councilman Williams - yes  
Councilwoman Dumolt – yes  
Motion carried.

Notice of appointment for new Walnut Creek Sewer District representative for the Village. The expiration of Anna Wood's, current representative, term is December 31, 2021. This position will need to be advertised. Applications will be due by 4:00 pm on the date of the December Council meeting. Mrs. Wood may reapply.

Trick or Treat – Council donate money for candy. Administrative Assistant McCreery will fill bags with candy and a Music and Street Festival flier to pass out. Council can drop candy off to the office as-soon-as possible if able to donate.

2021 Music & Street Fair - Administrative Assistant McCreery reports that all of the bands and food trucks have been scheduled. All materials, equipment, etc. are scheduled. Office and Maintenance staff have been working hard to prepare. She requests that Council members sell raffle tickets for the cash drawing if possible. One hundred tickets need to be sold to recoup prize moneies.

Mayor Henderson reports that the pirate ship at Otte Park "needs to go". He indicates that the insurance on the ship is very high and it is not qualified as "commercial" equipment. He has reached out to Fairfield County and they do not want it. The Village of Shawnee is very interested in it. A representative from the Village of Shawnee will be coming look at it. If they want it, they will be responsible for removal.

Mayor Henderson reports on the open council spaces. Currently there is no one running. He indicated that the current council come back to Council. If council members have not completed the paperwork, they will have to be appointed to Council. Mr. Nicodemus, Village Solicitor, is looking into how and when to hold an election. The lack of interested parties to hold Council seats is a problem county wide. If Mayor Henderson does not hear back from Mr. Nicodemus, the current council will be permitted to vote on the new council. Councilwoman Boyer is officially retiring. The open seat(s) will be advertised in November to allow for a vote in December. The Village has levy renewals on ballot.

**MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:**

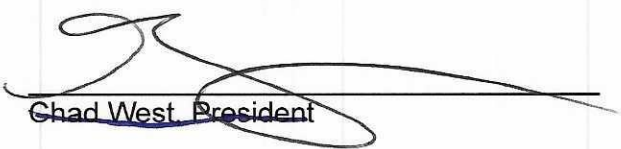
Clerk Marquart reports that Pleasantville Commons will be replacing driveways and digging up the parking lots. Residents will be permitted to park in yards. Mr. Ash, Village Maintenance, took the "no parking" signs down.

Clerk Marquart reports that water meters are "freezing". The conversation took place on how to protect Village from having replace meters. The first time a meter is froze and breaks, it would be deemed an accident. The second time, should the customer be charged to replace? The Village would have to make it a resolution to either fix the back plate or replace the whole meter. The resolution would state that if the breakage is due to neglect the customer would have to pay the current rate to replace/fix. Mr. Nicodemus, Village Solicitor, will be asked if and how the Village can do this. The cost of materials and labor will be investigated and sent to Mr. Nicodemus for review. Perhaps the customer would have to sign a release or agreement when the village has to replace meter the first time.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:**

No concerns to report or discuss.

Councilman Mason made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Boyer. Meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.



Chad West, President



Penny Marquart, Fiscal Officer