

VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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REGULAR SESSION

Held: August 12, 2024

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The Village of Frazeytsburg Council convened in regular session from 5:58 p.m. to 7:44 p.m. at the Township Hall.

The reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was said and a prayer was given by Mayor Wolford.

PRESENT:

EMPLOYEES: Natalie Grable, Solicitor Tiberio, Chief Eliasha Bourne, Josh Marohl, Whitney Evans, Ian Lewis, Earl Jenkins

VISITORS: Terry Swartz, Darrell Bragg, John Furek

Roll call was made with the following members present:

- ✓ MCINTIRE
- ✓ SMITH
- ✓ REISINGER
- ✓ LAUGHTON
- ✓ ROSS
- ✓ GAST

Absent: NONE

Guest speaker Darrell Bragg from RD Energy, Inc. spoke on:

Darrell had asked to speak in June 2024 for the August 2024 meeting:

- Increased usage from Intel will cause what is called “demand pricing increases” in the area.
- The Village buildings are currently on a two-year contract for electricity aggregation, but the purpose of Darrell presenting to Council is educating about what usually happens in these demand pricing situations.
- Solar energy is experiencing a big push these days because of the “green energy” agenda that the Federal Government is big on, but it is not without its issues:
 - Ohio is not the best place to have solar panels because of weather issues and solar requires a constant flow of sun
- Council received a package of information from RD Energy, all upcoming projections do include solar panel energy generation.
- From what Darrell is seeing; he is expecting that in June of 2025 electric rates will be @ .09 cents, which are currently trending at .05 cents.
- Mayor Wolford and Council believe that signing now is the best step forward based on those projections and with Intel coming in the area and demand increasing. Darrell has proposed a two- three-and four year contract and has placed them in the packets provided to Council.
- RD Energy also offers what is called Aggregation for the residents. We currently are just using contracts for the Village buildings. He has worked with Dresden for years, initially with Fiscal Officer Grable approximately ten years ago. Dresden now has a residential rate of 0.0485. Residential has the opportunity to be less than commercial.

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Guest speaker John Furek of Dresden, Ohio (filled out a request to speak when he arrived at meeting)

- On the November ballot running for Muskingum County Commissioner
 - Supports the FRA locally because he feels it is giving back to the community and he believes in Community.
 - He is a former teacher at Tri-Valley Schools and started the RuriTeen club during his tenure.
 - He feels that the County Commissioners forget about the townships and that is something he would like to improve on if elected.
 - He also believes that there should be more accountability from the County offices.
 - John wishes that the County Commissioners would have taken broadband monies to a different level, comparable to what has been done in Coshocton County with their broadband ARPA monies.
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- Motion Ross, Second Laughton approving the minutes from the **July 8, 2024** regular council meeting. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS
 - Motion Reisinger, Second McIntire approving the minutes from **July 25, 2024** special council meeting. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS
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- Motion McIntire, Second Smith approving the **payment of bills** for August 12, 2024. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Mayor's Court report:

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH
Village	\$1,240.00	July
State	\$320.50	July
Muskingum County Court	\$10.50	July
Total paid out	\$1,571.00	July
Computer fund	\$90.00	July
Computer fund YTD	\$630.00	July

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

Met 7-23-24 Special meeting for the Dualator Project

Met with Heidi Milner from RCAP who will be helping the Village pursue grants and funding opportunities for the Dualator in the year 2025.

BPA: There was no BPA meeting in July. Next meeting will be August 27th 2024

INCOME TAX: Nothing reported.

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PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Met 8/7/24 (the following info in regular type is the committees' notes, the bold letters are what was discussed during the council meeting)

Members Present: Committee Chair Emily McIntire, Kurt Laughton, and KC Smith were all in attendance

Guests: Michelle Schneider and Pool Supervisor Andrea Janssen

Discussion was had on the following:

Fundraisers:

- The CaraJean fundraiser was held by the Jeep rally members and donated the money directly to the family. Tiberio are we okay since it was originally posted as a pool fundraiser?
Cornhole tournament during the Jeep Rally was handled the same way with the money going to CaraJean fundraiser
Pool Supervisor Andrea Janssen advertised prizes for the cornhole tournament and is going to cover the cost of the passes given out as prizes.
- Octoberfest- Entertainment prices: Bryan Lewis, American Mojo and Barely Broken
Committee members KC Smith and McIntire will go to wineries to solicit donations for the Beer/Wine Garden, other committee member Kurt Laughton will also go to drive for safety reasons.
Games- Plinko game, spin the wheel game, cornhole tournament from 6-8 in or near the beer garden Jail? Citizen Michelle Schneider will be reaching out to Barry and Donna Wisecarver as they have a "jail" that has been used in the past. Schneider has prizes for games and is still gathering.
Committee thinks its best to change the gun raffle time to 8:00 p.m. that would be in between the entertainment/bands
main events- Bands, Pie baking contest, Hot dog eating contest, Gun raffle, Food truck competition, Vendors, Games, Beer Garden, Pull Tabs Stage? Do we have one to use? Can we get benches? Use straw bales?
Fire department can we use your parking lot for the beer garden? Reach out to Matesichs Distributing for beer
- Next Octoberfest meeting August 21, 2024 @6 P.M

Pool:

- Set clear rules for closure of the pool for next year
- Wages for guards is there going to be a resolution for this? (to even out pay and to be able to pay Dresden guards the correct wages) Can we get this done for Monday? Back pay? Can we establish a new pay scale for 2025
- Freezer is not working correctly. Things are not staying frozen. KC offered the meat house freezer and frozen coolers for use temporarily.

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- Cement is loose by the slide needs repaired after Labor Day.
- Citizen Dan Wells is willing to write a grant for pool lining for next year
- Actual swimming pass system for the pool next year- Scan tags?
- Returning lifeguards -3
- Recouping certification cost on payroll as a deduction in the future?
- We need a chain of command/ SOP for the pool for supplies/repairs

- **Instead of the pool having the Jeep Rally on August 4, 2024 to benefit the fundraising for the pool liner, the event was changed at the last minute by the Pool Supervisor to a fundraiser for a former Village lifeguard that was in a motorcycle accident. The question was asked to Solicitor Tiberio if there were issues to discuss since it was changed at the last minute?**
 - Solicitor Tiberio suggested executive session to discuss possible litigation.
 - Motion Laughton second Smith to go into executive session concerning possible litigation. 6 yeas, 0 Nays
 - Motion Laughton second McIntire to return from executive session. 6 yeas, 0 nays
- **Octoberfest bands:** McIntire contacted bands about prices:
 - American Mojo will do 8-11 for \$600
 - Bryan Lewis \$650 for 6-8. Council decided that was too much.
 - Barely Broken is \$100 an hour
- **For the Beer/wine garden**
 - Wineries:** Council Person Reisinger mentioned he knows the owner of Stone Crest and will ask them about a donation McIntire mentioned she has connections with someone from Matesich and is going to try to get donations from there. When the liquor license was applied for it required a map submitted of where the beer garden would be located. Mayor Fred wanted it to be in front of the Township Hall doors, so that is where it will need to remain.
- **Games:** It was noted that citizen Michelle Schneider has lots of games for the Octoberfest and prizes Jail? Barry Wisecarver used to have it? does he still? Can we use the stage he owns? Eli do jail and bail? Diane Wolford mentioned a game where you play hide and seek with the Police Officers. Pull tabs: it was mentioned that after doing some research you are required to have a license to provide them -Council decided it was too close to try and get that done
- **Gun raffle** change the drawing to 8 o'clock, more people will be able to enter it during the entertainment
- **Dan Wells** – is he going to write a grant for free? The Village already has grant writers at no charge to the Village.
- **August 21st is the next Octoberfest meeting**

- **Pool rules- Parks and Recs shall establish them and give them to the pool**
- **Lifeguard pays- Fiscal Officer Grable notified that Bailey Rice has received \$12.66 per hour (rate of what the pool manager Lexi was making and was the first guard to help when we were in dire need) and that the other “Dresden guards” are making minimum wage as per the Wage Ordinance. One guard has worked but never turned in their paperwork, another**

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worked 7.5 hours at this point and has since been on vacation, a third guard is already done for the summer as she has another job at Genesis. The annual Village wage Ordinance will present as a first read in October and Grable asks that the committee discuss the wages at their next meeting and let Fiscal Officer Grable know for when the Ordinance is written. Also, if the committee wants to discuss changing the way lifeguards receive certification to discuss and put in the minutes.

- Mayor Wolford would like to have the freezer fixed/worked on in the off season and that replacing it would be costly because of the requirement of NSF certification as required by the health department. The toaster ovens we were looking at are over \$300, which we received a donation for that amount as per the conversations on Facebook.
- Fiscal Officer Grable has had to transfer from the general fund for the pool already.
- Mayor Wolford prefers that he or Sterling handle the pool chemicals for safety reasons and plans on having someone from a pool company come to the pool and talk about procedures and have an SOP created.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Met 7-15-24

Kurt Laughton and Rich Pierce in attendance

They discussed disaster plans and details from the recent Tornado, a Safety shelter, publication of emergency contacts, purchase of "Road Closed" signs for future use.

ZONING REPORT:

Met 7-30-24

Zoning Inspector Earl Jenkins was present and gave the following information to Council:

- A citizen put up a pool and didn't realize he needed a zoning permit, this was taken care of
- Not many zoning applications processed in June
- Compliance letters have been given to a few homes and most of them comply once they receive the letter
- Someone from the office or the Mayor normally notify Earl if an application comes in and Earl looks into as soon as he can, Mayor Wolford has also been knocking on doors and having conversations with citizens about non-compliance zoning issues and this has been effective.
- Some of the houses that are in violation right now are waiting on construction companies to complete jobs
- Emmett mentioned that he cannot make it to the meetings since they have been moved from 5:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., he is still at work at that time. Earl stated that he could meet with Emmett to fill him in after the meetings as they are neighbors.
- Anne Klein with Fallsburg Pizza has notified that occupant of the RV that it needs to be moved.
- Council Person Reisinger mentioned the camper by the Drive-Thru property. Chief Eli and Firefighter Swartz stated that it is rented out and not used as a residence.

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- Council Person Laughton inquired about a list of permits required by the Village.
- Fiscal Officer Grable noted that she and Office Assistant Whitney are currently creating a Fee Schedule as the Village does not currently have one.
- The question was raised about moving of grass and at what point a violation is incurred. The answer is 12 inches. Once it reaches that point you are in violation. Chief Eli served a zoning violation recently since the occupants had not mowed their grass in 7 weeks and the grass in the yard was two feet high.
- Earl considered talking to the owner of the old IGA, but they are cleaning it up now so he will wait to see if they are waiting on their insurance company
- Mayor Wolford is keeping a folder of what is being done. Mayor had one owner offer to turn over the deed of the property to the Village because they do not have time to get in compliance.

POLICE REPORT:

August 2024 Report to Council and Jackson Township

Statistics for July 2024 [vs previous month]:

Total Incidents: 91 [57]

Calls for Service: 52 [39]

Traffic Stops: 39 [18]

Citations/Criminal Summons Issued: 18 [6]: 8 Speed (48/25, 47/35, 46/25, 45/35, 46/25, 49/35, 43/25, 46/25), 4 Expired Registration, 1 Driving Under Suspension, 1 Littering, 1 Improper Backing, 2 Disorderly Conduct, 2 No Ops

Arrests made: 1 [2]: Warrant arrest for Muskingum County

Notes for the Month:

It was a busy month with a lot of stops. Ofc. Lewis is continuing his field training, with more hours of coverage coming soon.

As always, be sure to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior and report it immediately to the Muskingum County Sheriff's Office at 740-452-3637.

Jackson Township:

Of the 52 calls for service, 10 [12] were in Jackson Township. They were as follows:

07/01 Road hazard on OH-16, unable to locate

07/02 Suspicious vehicle on Old Riley, checked OK, was property owner working w/ contractors

07/03 Check welfare on Pike Rd/Ashcraft Rd, unable to locate vehicle

07/04 Road hazard on OH-16, unable to locate

07/08 Road hazard on OH-16, unable to locate

07/12 Assist officer on OH-16, assisted Newark PD w/ pursuit

07/13 Animal complaint on Raiders Rd, removed dead deer from roadway

07/16 Suspicious person at Meadow View Church, checked OK, was allowed by staff to set up tent for night

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outside

07/19 Walk away from The Landing, assisted MCSO

07/29 Road hazard on OH-16, assisted motorist and removed debris from road following tire blowout

Other Agency Assists outside Jurisdiction:

Cass Township:

07/04 Suspicious activity on Hill Rd in Dresden, assisted MCSO

Licking Township:

07/12 Check welfare on Black Run Rd at Canal Rd, assisted MCSO w/ arrest

As always please be sure to keep an eye out for any suspicious activity and report it to the Muskingum County Sheriff's Dispatch center at 740-452-3637 or call 911 in case of an emergency.

Chief reports: Still waiting on the breathalyzer equipment to come as Council approved using ARPA funds for the purchase, it has been ordered. Chief Eli applied for a grant for new MARCS radios, as the ones the department currently have are going to be "turned off" in 2025. The department will need four hand-held ones and three for the police cruisers. The hand-held ones are \$4,000 each and the ones for the cruisers are even more than that. (See Resolution 50-24 in new and emergency.)

FIRE REPORT:

EMS	Fire	Misc	Total
#29	#5	#1	#35
Village	Jackson	Pike	
#17	#6	#5	
Falls Twp. Mutual Aid #1	Licking Twp. Mutual Aid #1	Hanover Mutual Aid #0	Dresden Mutual Aid #5

LEGISLATION:

FIRST READING: NONE

SECOND READING:

- **RESOLUTION 43-24**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO RENEW THE VILLAGE'S MEDICAL INSURANCE WITH RANKIN & RANKIN INSURANCE
- **ORDINANCE 14-24**

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AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG ZONING ORDINANCE 15-16, INCORPORATING SAID REVISIONS AND AMENDMENTS IN THE EXISTING VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG ZONING CODE

THIRD READING:

- **Council Person Reisinger questioned why Council was moving ahead with Resolution 39-24 when we do not have permission from the school for the shared property. Solicitor Tiberio explained that the risk is low of the school doing anything to deter the usage, but it is a risk we take. Reisinger expressed concern of the Village losing money if the school decided to object. Council Person McIntire mentioned that Fiscal Officer Grable was applying for a grant. Grable explained that she was applying for the Straker Grant once it opens up on September 3, 2024 for the paving, nets and some equipment to rent out.**
- **RESOLUTION 39-24**
Motion Laughton, Second Smith approving A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE USAGE OF THE TENNIS COURTS LOCATED AT 141 5TH STREET TO PICKLEBALL COURTS WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR THE SPACE TO CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS
- **RESOLUTION 40-24**
Motion Laughton, Second McIntire to table until the regular October Council meeting as Council wishes to have a townhall meeting to get citizen's input on September 21st @ 2 p.m. at the Township Hall.
A RESOLUTION TO MAKE THE NECESSARY CHANGES IN THE VILLAGE INCOME TAX ORDINANCE TO AFFECT A ZERO CREDIT FOR THE LOCAL INCOME TAX SIX. (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

NEW AND EMERGENCY:

- **RESOLUTION 46-24**
Motion McIntire, Second Smith suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF IAN LEWIS AS A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR A PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2024 AT A RATE OF PAY OF \$15.00 PER HOUR; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, Second McIntire approving A RESOLUTION OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF IAN LEWIS AS

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A PART-TIME POLICE OFFICER FOR A PROBATIONARY PERIOD OF SIX MONTHS EFFECTIVE JUNE 6, 2024 AT A RATE OF PAY OF \$15.00 PER HOUR; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **ORDINANCE 15-24**

Motion Laughton, Second McIntire suspending the rules on AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG TO CERTIFY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNTS; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, Second Smith approving AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG TO CERTIFY PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENTS FOR DELINQUENT WATER ACCOUNTS; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 50-24**

Motion McIntire, Second Laughton suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, Second McIntire approving A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE POLICE CHIEF TO APPLY FOR THE EDWARD BYRNE MEMORIAL JUSTICE ASSISTANCE GRANT; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS and MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- **Zoning committee availability and meeting date and time was talked about during the zoning report:** Emmett is the only one that cannot make it and he will meet with Earl at some point after the meeting to discuss what was talked about
- **Change to two (2) council meetings per month in 2025? One for parks and recs?** Council feels that one meeting a month is fine and if a second one is needed, we can do a special meeting. Fiscal Officer Grable mentioned that it is about to get busier with grant windows opening up. Parks and recs feel that things will be slowing down once the pool season is over
- **Swimming pool prices on the village website?** Pool Supervisor Janssen mentioned at the last meeting that someone told her the prices on the website were wrong; but when looked into further it appears that there are no prices on the Village website at all.
- **Mayor Wolford states that the Village is closer to acquiring the ballparks, waiting on a signature from the ODNR.**

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- **Reisinger inquired on measuring of traffic on the website.** Grable stated that she will inquire with the website person, Mitch with New Perry Group.
- **Grable also stated that google offers free ads with purchase, did the Council want her to pursue?** Council felt that would be a good way to promote the Octoberfest
- **Carol Ross, treasurer of the FRA is waiting on a confirmation of the liquor license that was applied for. The August agenda stated:** √ Liquor license has been applied for in the FRA's name and they paid for it then we will reimburse them; **Instead it should have been stated that "The FRA paid for the Liquor License and on the day of the event the FRA will retrieve back the cost that was paid out of the proceeds of the Beer Garden and then remainder will go to the fundraiser.**
- **VISITOR COMMENT:**
- **Eli Bourne states that his wife has asked about getting new swings for the park by the pool. Grable stated that she has just ordered swings, Mayor Wolford had to measure for the company as the swing set is homemade and old and specifics were required in the ordering process.**

Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger to adjourn at 7:44 p.m., until September 9th, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at the corner of Second Street and State Street in Frazeyburg, Ohio. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS.

Ms. Emily McIntire

Mrs. KC Smith

Ms. Carol Ross

Mr. Kurt Laughton

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Mr. Emmett Reisinger

Mrs. Liz Gast

Mayor Fred R. Wolford, Jr.

Fiscal Officer Natalie Stillion Grable

All formal actions of the Village of Frazeyburg concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised