

The Village of Frazeyburg Council convened in regular session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:37 p.m. at the Township Hall. Mayor Fred Wolford called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Mr. Kurt Laughton
Ms. Emily McIntire

Mrs. KC Smith
Ms. Carol Ross

Absent: *None*

EMPLOYEES: Sterling Coots, Chief Eliasha Bourne, Natalie Grable, Solicitor Tiberio, Josh

VISITORS: Emmett Reisinger, Diane Wolford, Scott Wolford, Holly Wolford, Terry Swarts, Sharon Erickson

The reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was said and a prayer.

- **RESOLUTION 01-24**

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF EMMETT REISINGER TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT ON THE VILLAGE COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- OATH OF OFFICE

WOLFORD-Voted in
LAUGHTON-Voted in
MCINTIRE-Appointed
REISINGER-Appointed

Motion McIntire, Second Smith approving the minutes from the December 11th regular council meeting. Four (4) yeas and Zero (0) nays

Motion Laughton, Second McIntire, approving the payment of bills for 1/08/24. Four (4) yeas and Zero (0) nays

Mayor's Report

Mayor's state of the village

- Lift station generators
- Ferrell has asbestos
- Water of resign and filled executive session to discuss personal
- Duvolator Oct 22 EPA

Mayor's Court report:

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH
Village	None Received	
State		

Muskingum City Court		
Total paid out		
Computer fund		
Computer fund YTD		

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Last meeting signed bank Recusation

BPA:

Did not meet

INCOME TAX:

Nothing provided

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Met 1/5/24 (the following info in regular type was the committees' notes, the bold letters are what was discussed during the council meeting)

Chair McIntire reported: Emily McIntire, KC Smith, Kurt Laughton, and Fred Wolford were all in attendance.

Discussion was had on the following:

- Diving Board- Waiting to hear back
- Concern about pool management for upcoming season lack of management/work ethic safety concern-lots of little kids only one lifeguard
- Reach out to Caitlyn about next parks + rec meeting
- Straker Foundation- grant window open
- Senior hour at the pool- 1 hour before gives management time to check pool
- Should we ask for applicants for pool manager to see if there is any interest and we can employ the best option
- ODNR Grant?
- Homecoming Committee?
- Concern over the cut down trees at the pool- Plan is to replant
- Basketball/Pickleball court/pickleball tournament fundraiser
- Fundraiser for parks + rec
- Discuss use of town hall -Free to public with deposit, advertising on Facebook? Liability? (Tiberio)
- Food Truck completion during Homecoming
- **Emmett- grand fathered?**
- **Hannah-pool management? get Caitlyn in on meeting, pool liner many complain**
- **Straker grant**
- **Em taking a grant writes concern**
- **Replants? Can get pen oaks**
- **Tennis courts- Tiberio to flu (Fundraiser of pickleball)**
- **Discuss use of Town hall- Free to public-w/ deposit**
- **Senior hour? More hands on with management duties**

- **Last minute fixes with laborers**
- **Homecoming committee to help fire department Terry talks about how it went in the past**
- **Food Truck competition on Saturday of homecoming**

SAFETY COMMITTEE

- Did not meet

ZONING REPORT

Will meet on January 29th

POLICE REPORT:

January 2024 Report to Council and Jackson Township

Statistics for December 2023 [vs previous month]:

Total Incidents: 52 [65]

Calls for Service: 33 [45]

Traffic Stops: 19 [20]

Citations/Criminal Summons Issued: 11 [13] (5 Speeds, 1 DUS, 3 Expired Registration, 1 FTC, 1 Fictitious Plate)

Arrests made: 2 (1 felony warrant, 1 felony OVI crash in village) [4]

Notes for the Month:

We had a drop in calls for the month mainly due to the colder weather as usual. We are still seeing many more accidents in our area than normal, all but one outside the Village limits. But the majority were injury accidents. As always be sure to keep an eye out for suspicious behavior and report it immediately to the Sheriff's Office Dispatcher 740-452-3637.

Jackson Township:

Of the 33 calls for service, 9 [6] were in Jackson Township. They were as follows:

12/01 Inj. Crash, Shannon Rd@ Baker Rd, Assisted OSP and FD with extraction of injured driver/investigation

12/01 Trespassing, Blackrun Rd, took report and forwarded to prosecutor for review

12/04 Unruly Juvenile, Cannon Rd, Handled for SO, Transported suicidal Juv.to Hospital for eval.

12/06 Inj. Crash, SR586 on Baughman Hill, Car vs man, Assisted OSP with scene/investigation

12/07 Inj. Crash, SR16 MP5, Car vs Deer 3 injured, Assisted OSP

12/11 Suspicious Person, Raiders Rd @ Meadowview Church, Walk away from Cedar Ridge

12/18 Crash, Shannon Rd @ Hi-Lo, Took report, Citation for FTC

12/21 Road Hazard, Raiders @ Meadowview Church, Deer in roadway still alive, 1 dispatched and removed

12/29 Road Hazard, SR16 MP4, Dead deer removed from roadway

Other Agency Assists outside Jurisdiction:

MCSO in Cass Twp. 3

12/11 Dispute, Raiders Rd, Cedar Ridge, Subj on Federal Probation left facility, See arrest report

12/15 Fire, Fanatics, Assisted SO with evacuation

12/20 Inj. Crash, Raiders Rd. @ Schoolhouse, Assisted FD and OSP

Dresden PD 1

12/20 Suspicious Person, Main St, Man with axe and hammer near the school, assisted Dresden in locating and investigating

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.

2023 End of Year Report

Happy New Year to all, my wishes of settling down with personnel for 2022 AND 2023 were unfortunately again, just wishes. I would like to thank the officers that worked hard throughout the year. We again appreciate the dedication and professionalism they exhibited while representing our village.

Staffing - During 2023 I was the full-time Chief and was assisted by full time Sgt. Joshua Marohl, with part-time police officer II Erich Schultz starting in May. I briefly had an auxiliary officer, David Fleming, and had started training him, but he was hired by Guernsey County straight to the road for a full-time position. His was the only other application I received for a certified officer during 2023. I do have 2 applications from cadets at the police academy, but they will not be finished with school until May. We will keep our fingers crossed. This will continue to be the biggest challenge for us as well as the rest of law enforcement going into the future. I encourage Council to think hard about what we offer any potential applicants and ask yourself if you would do the job for the same.

Workload – The officers handled the below throughout the year. 2022 stats are included on the left for comparison.

2022 Stats		2023Stats	
Incident Reports	989	Incident Reports	788
Calls for Service (FPD)	646	Calls for Service	479
Twp. Calls	123	Twp. Calls	96
Citations Issued	164	Citations Issued	162
Traffic Stops	343	Traffic Stops	309

Arrests	26 (5 Felony)	Arrests	30 (6 Felony)
Total Miles Driven	Aprox. 24,000	Total Miles Driven	25939

Our total # of incidents decreased from again from last year. Some of this is because I would like to think we have locked up and removed some of our local frequent fliers, but also we have had less hours covered due to the lack of part- time staffing available. So that effects the numbers too. We missed about 127 calls for service that were handled by the Sheriff's office this year due to lack of coverage.

As far as the Township Contract I have had no complaints directly to me about any of our actions while in the Township. We actually have had good interactions with many of the residents we have encountered on our calls as I would expect nothing less from my professional staff. Of the 479 calls for service 96 were in Jackson Township. They ranged from minor assistance calls to several cases where we have detained suspects and held the scene for the County Deputies to arrive or this year just handled the cases ourselves. We appreciate the Township using us to provide services and look forward to another year of helping the residents of Jackson Township whenever we can.

Equipment – During 2023 we operated 4 police vehicles. We still have FPD1 our 2017 Ford Utility Interceptor we purchased in 2017 and it has about 87,000 miles on it. 7,566 of those added this year. We retired the 2015 Ford Utility Interceptor (FPD2) after it became high maintenance and unsafe for patrol use. It has 119,975 miles and will be sold on gov deals later this year. We purchased a new 2023 Ford Utility Interceptor and that vehicle has been assigned to Sgt. Marohl for his usage and we received it June 30th. It has 6,559 miles in 6 months of use. The 2007 Ford Crown Vic is also still going well with the help of a parts car donated by Carroll's Towing as well as parts from the 2009 we retired last year. We put 6,280 miles on that vehicle this year. No accidents in our vehicles occurred in 2023

Plans for 2024

Our department will continue to work to improve community relations and expand the services we can provide to our community where possible. Funding is always the key. I am always looking for new recruits and that will not change in the coming year.

Natalie has been working on grant funding for the replacement of our Breathalyzer machine which will no longer be supported after this year. Some of the other equipment we utilize is getting to the end of its lifespan and we will look to replace those as needed to keep us updated and our officers as well as the public safe.

As always please continue to call 911 in the case of any emergency and call the S.O. dispatch at 740-452-3637 if you have a non-emergency issue and need to speak with an officer. Any issue about zoning can be left on the police dept. voicemail at 740-828-2901 ext.4 or you can leave a message with the village clerk during normal business hours.

Chief E. Bourne

Frazeysburg P.D.

FIRE REPORT:

EMS	Fire	Village	Total
#21	#9	#1 false	#31
Village	Jackson	Pike	
#12	#7	#2	
Falls Twp. Mutual Aid	Licking Twp. Mutual Aid	Pike Mutual Aid	Dresden Mutual Aid

Year 454 EMS 370/84 fire 212 in Village 180 in Jackson and 37 in Pike

- Exhaust system is installed
- Power cost with grant from BWC
- Ohio EMS training looking at adding a Cumby tool to break in cars \$15k. \$14,5k

LEGISLATION:

FIRST READING:

• **ORDINANCE 01-24**

11th DAY OF MARCH 2024

Motion Laughton, Second Ross Approving

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 06-23 ALLOWING LANDLORDS THE OPTION TO SET UP BILLING AND LINE REPAIR RESPONSIBILITY IN REQUIRING APARTMENT COMPLEXES IN THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG TO MAINTAIN A MASTER METER

• **RESOLUTION 02-24**

11TH DAY OF MARCH ,2024

Motion Laughton, Second Smith

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR FISCAL OFFICER TO USE AMERICAN RESUCE PLAN FUNDS TO PURCHASE BREATHALYZER EQUIPMENT FOR THE VILLAGE POLICE DEPARTMENT

• **RESOLUTION 03-24**

11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG TO PURCHASE AN EXCAVATOR TO BE USED BY THE VILLAGE LABORERS FOR CLEANING OF LINES WITHIN THE VILLAGE, SAVING MONEY AND TIME BT PERFORMING ON THEIR OWN INSTEAD OF HAVING THE EXPENSE OF HIRING OUT.

• **RESOLUTION 04-24**

11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024

A RESOULTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND/OR FISCAL OFFICER TO APPROVE THE COST OF PLACING FENCING AROUND THE FRAZEYSBURG WATER PLANT FOR SAFTEY PURPOSES

In future fence will move for Hoop Barn

RESOLUTION 05-24

11TH DAY OF MARCH, 2024

A RESOULTION TO TRANSFER MONEY RECEIVED QUARTERLY FROM THE CABLE FRANCHISE FEE BEGINNING BUDGET YEAR 2024 FROM THE GENERAL FUND THRICE TO THE POOL FUND AND ONCE TO THE POLICE CAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

SECOND READING: NONE

THIRD READING: NONE

NEW AND EMERGENCY:

• **ORDINANCE 02-24**

Motion Loughton, Second Smith Approving

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING ADOPTING AND ENACTING AMERICAN LEGAL PUBLISHING'S OHIO BASIC CODE, 2024 EDTION, AS THE CODE OF ORDIANCE FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF FRAZEYSBURG, OHIO, AND DECLARE IT AN EMERGENCY.

• **RESOLUTION 06-24**

Motion Loughton, Second McIntire Approving

A RESOULTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS PROCESSED BY THE VILLAGE WATER CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

• **RESOLUTION 07-24**

Motion Loughton, Second McIntire Approving

A RESOULTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF STERLING COOTS AS THE 2024 STREET COMMISSONER; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS:

- FISICAL OFFICER ASKING FOR DIRECTION ON THE FIREWORKS ORDINANCE INFORMATION
- DISCUSSION ON 2024 COUNCIL DATES AND CONFLICT WITH VACTIONS, ETC.
- PERMISSION TO PAY FORMER EMPLOYEE MIKE LANE VACTION PAY FOR A TOTAL OF \$903.10
- DISCUSSION ON STREET PAVING USING VILLAGE FUNDS (THAT WE HAD ASKED THE STATE REP FOR)

CLAY STREET (1 ST TO CANAL RD.)
FIRST STREET (GRANT TO NORA DR.)
NORA DRIVE (3 RD TO NEW ASPHALT)

W. CARLISLE RD. (3RD TO 4TH ST.)

- MAYOR WOLFORD ASKED THAT ANY INVOICE THAT IS OVER \$3000.00 RECEIVE A RESOLUTION. THERE ARE TWO INSTANCES THAT AN INVOICE WILL BE OVER \$3000.00- 1) IS THE ACCUMULATIVE TOTAL OF TALL OF THE DEPARTMENTS CREDIT CARD BALANCE AND ON OCCASION THE ELECTRIC BILLS FOR THE WATER AND WASTE WATER TREATMENT PALNT MAY EXCEED \$3000.00- ASKING FOR AN EXCEPTION FOR THOSE TWO INSTANCES.
- CURRENT POLICE OFFICERS NEED TO UPDATE THEIR BULLET PROOF VEST

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- Fireworks- Vote to have or not
- Emmett asked chiefs opinion don't believe any "safe" places in the village according to state law Fire department agrees
- Carol- Why do we need more restrict?
- Kurt + Emmett- leave only law to decide it
- Emmett- No place in village complies with Ohio law
- Tiberio- Village can be more restriction
- Write ban on fireworks in village
- Swarts- Fire Marshall deems "undetermined" to leave open for future fireworks still permitted by state

VISITOR COMMENT:

Online forums for the schools zoning have an instep for villagers for unincorporated areas

Motion Laughton, Second Smith to adjourn at 7:37 p.m., until February 12th, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at the corner of Second Street and State Street in Frazeyburg, Ohio. FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS.

Ms. Emily McIntire

Mrs. KC Smith

Ms. Carol Ross

Mr. Kurt Laughton

Mr. Emmett Reisinger

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 Code.