

VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

06/10/2024

REGULAR SESSION

Held: June 10, 2024

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The Village of Frazeysburg Council convened in regular session from 6:01 p.m. to 7:15 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: Street Commissioner Sterling Coots, Solicitor Tiberio, SGT. Josh Marohl, Whitney Evans, Officer Ian Lewis

Ms. Evans filled in for the Clerk of Council that was on vacation.

VISITORS: Diane Wolford, Rich Pierce

Roll call was made with the following members present:

SMITH

MCINTIRE

GAST

REISINGER

LAUGHTON

ROSS

Absent: NONE

Guest speaker Al Dolezal from Regional Income Tax Agency:

Mr. Dolezal provided a packet of information titled “Account review of collections for the Village of Frazeysburg”.

Council had questions and concerns about using RITA versus bringing income tax collections back to the Village. Al was asked to be available for the Council's questions.

- Expected to surpass 2023 receivables in 2024
- Spoke of online resources for taxpayers and for the elderly the availability of phone support with call center employees having knowledge of tax laws.
- RITA's Legal department is available for the Village as part of their services.
- RITA Collection Department is working for the Village and have collected \$2000 of the \$10,000 due to the Village.
- The Municipality is the boss of RITA

Approval of minutes:

- Motion McIntire, Second Laughton approving the minutes from the May 13, 2024 regular council meeting. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Payment of bills:

- Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger approving the payment of bills for June 10, 2024. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

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Mayor's Court report:

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH
Village	\$2,005.00	May
State	\$385.00	May
Muskingum County Court	\$560.00	May
Total paid out	\$2,375.00	May
Computer fund	\$109.00	May
Computer fund YTD	\$450.00	May

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Met 5-10-24 prior to Council at 5:15, with the following present: Chair McIntire, Ross, Smith, Mayor Wolford, Whitney Evans

Guest Speaker: Sharon Doughty from Rinehart, Walters and Danner and the Ohio Plan, our current property and liability Insurance Company

- More secure than most other companies
- What your premium is, is what it is
- They offer coverage for email hacks and data breeches
- We have been a member with them since 1991
- The Ohio plan has a 10% deductible so our deductible would be \$25,000
- Emily stated with data breeches it does not take much to hit a \$25,000 deductible

BPA:

VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MAY 28, 2024

The Board met at the Village Office at 3:00 pm with the following present:

Mayor Wolford, Dave Ludinich, Kenny Jenkins, and Pam Parrill.

Absent: James Wriston

The Board went over the monthly reports. There was no new business to discuss.

Motion to adjourn: Kenny Jenkins

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Second: Dave Ludinich

Next meeting scheduled for June 25, 2024 @ 3:00pm at the Village Office.

INCOME TAX: Regional Income Tax Agency representative Al Dolezal attended the meeting with useful information and entertained questions and concerns from the Council.

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Met 6/5/24 (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

Guests: Michelle Schneider, Diane Wolford, Sharon Erickson

Discussion was had on the following:

Upcoming Oktoberfest planning to include:

- Gun raffle- Member Laughton will purchase the guns for the raffle. Year to date fundraising monies will be transferred from the FRA account to Village funds and used to handle this purchase.
- Committee has been researching and looking at sample food truck registration forms to get ideas on how to set up registration forms.
- The committee would like to have a face Painting booth which will take donations

Concerning the swimming pool:

- The pool has been closing early with low attendance
- Closing parameters should be looked at again and make sure they are followed
- The pool should be open as much as possible for pass holders
- Rules should be published to benefit all
- Water aerobics-public feedback should a lifeguard be present?
- Corn hole boards for rent at the pool?

Other items for discussion:

- Donations for yard sale drive next Thursday 6-7-24 at the Township Hall, should committee sell popcorn?
- Tennis courts- room to be 1 court pickleball and 1 basketball?

Council discussion:

POOL:

- **Rules need to be adhered to**
- **Not opening or closing early will affect next year pool pass sales**
- **Do we want to have equipment at the pool that we can rent out?**
- **For water aerobics no lifeguard needed it is all adults**
- **Jerry suggested having Kurt go and pick out a couple guns and getting prices together to know how much funding he is going to need**

Tornado related items:

- **Putting a board together for a relief fund; so far just Fred and Rich. Frazeyburg Disaster Relief Committee**

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- **Should the Tornado relief fund board sell t-shirts and use that money for the relief fund?**
- **Can we put the money into the parks and rec fund?**
- **Jerry said to check with Natalie on where to put the funds**
- **Should the FRA just handle the funds?**
- **Make a formal agreement with the FRA for the money from the shirts to go to them**
- **Citizens Diane Wolford and Sharon Erickson also contributed questions to this discussion.**
- Office assistant Ms. Evans included a Square report summary for Council of revenues received from the pool and a UAN summary of fund activities for May, which shows what has been expended and received in the Fiscal Officers software.

SAFETY COMMITTEE

Met on 5-20-24 Members present: Committee Chair Kurt Laughton

No topics were discussed

ZONING REPORT

Met 5-28-24

Present were: Mayor Wolford, Dave Ludinich, Eli Bourne, Emmett Reisinger, Earl Jenkins, Liz Gast, and Anita Brock

Topics:

- Three notices sent out for Zoning violations of unkept properties
- Discussion of properties that have RV Campers as residences- committee would like to see an Ordinance addressing the issue
- Sidewalks need repairs. Committee had questions on who is responsible for maintenance of them. **Next meeting is 6-25-24**

When the committee notes were read to Council the following questions were discussed:

If legislation is passed updating this issue, would those already residing in RVs in the Village be grandfathered in? Solicitor Tiberio advised that if the structure was not “permanent” then they could not.

Council member Laughton questioned if the matter was already in the zoning legislation in place. Solicitor Tiberio noted that he would look into the legality of the situation and how Council should approach.

It was noted by Council that the legislation should allow the temporary shelter in an RV on the citizens own property while repairs are made to their home, with a permit noting the details granted.

Further research needs to be had on the homeowner’s responsibility of the sidewalks, there were conflicting comments made by those in attendance.

POLICE REPORT:

SGT Marohl stated with all that has gone on with vacations and the tornado that the June RTC had not been created. He introduced the departments newest Officer, Ian Lewis, in attendance.

SGT Marohl explained that once Ian receives his training and is comfortable, he can start patrolling on

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his own. This will lead us to having more patrol hours and coverage when needed.

June report will be released at the July Council meeting with the July report.

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.

FIRE REPORT: None received

EMS	Fire	Total	
#	#	#	
Village	Jackson	Pike	
#	#	#	
Falls Twp. Mutual Aid #	Licking Twp. Mutual Aid #	Hanover Mutual Aid #	Dresden Mutual Aid #

LEGISLATION:

FIRST READING: Council, please choose between the two 38-24 resolutions

- **RESOLUTION 38-24**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A WATER SUPPLY REVOLVING LOAN ACCOUNT (WSRLA) AGREEMENT ON BEHALF OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG FOR PLANNING, DESIGN AND/OR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER FACILITIES; AND DESIGNAING A DEDICATED REPAYMENT SOURCE FOR THE LOAN:

- **RESOLUTION 38-24**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR, ACCEPT, AND ENTER INTO A COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF WATER TREATMENT IMPROVMENTS PROJECT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE AND THE OHIO WATER DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

**Motion to table it to the next meeting Laughton, Second Reisinger
SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

- **RESOLUTION 39-24**

A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE THE USAGE OF THE TENNIS COURTS LOCATED AT 141 5TH STREET TO BASKETBALL COURTS WHICH WILL ALLOW FOR THE SPACE TO CONTINUE TO BE USED FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

(Council wishes this to be changed to Pickleball Courts instead, as there are other basketball courts available in the Village for usage)

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- **RESOLUTION 40-24**
A RESOLUTION TO CHANGE FROM A 1% CREDIT TO A ZERO CREDIT FOR THE VILLAGE INCOME TAX

SECOND READING:

- **ORDINANCE 11-24**
AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY TO INCREASE THE INCOME TAX RATE FOR THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 718.02 AND 718.04, ALLOWING FOR ADDITIONAL MONIES TO BE AVAILABLE FOR POLICE PROTECTION, RECREATIONAL PURPOSES AND OTHER GENERAL FUND USES.

THIRD READING:

- **RESOLUTION 28-24**
A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ACCEPT A PROPOSAL FOR PROPERTY AN LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH_____, A COST NO GREATER THAN \$ _____
Motion to table to the next meeting: Laughton, Second Reisinger SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

NEW AND EMERGENCY:

- **RESOLUTION 41-24**
Motion McIntire, Second Laughton suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION APPROVING CASHOUT OF ACCUMULATED VACATION TIME FOR STREET COMMISSIONER STERLING COOTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS
Motion Laughton, Second McIntire adopting A RESOLUTION APPROVING CASHOUT OF ACCUMULATED VACATION TIME FOR STREET COMMISSIONER STERLING COOTS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS
- **RESOLUTION 42-24**
Motion Smith, Second Ross suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION GIVING NOTIFICATION TO COUNCIL OF EXPENSES EXCEEDING \$3,000.00; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY
Council wishes this to be done as a non-emergency.

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DISCUSSION/COMMENTS:

- Does council want to change the October wage ordinance to say that vacation cannot go over two years, instead of three?
Council Clerk and Office Assistance provided a breakdown of three employees with large amounts of vacation time accumulated.
Council does want to look at changing the vacation roll over from three (3) years to two (2) years
- Concerning Regional Income Tax Agency: President McIntire mentioned that her only concern was RITA's customer service as she had tried contacting them before and never got an answer, does not wish for the citizens to have the same issues; Council Persons Gast and Smith stated they both use RITA and have never had an issue

VISITOR COMMENT:

Frazeysburg Fire Chief Rich Pierce mentioned he had only attended the meeting because he saw Assistant Chief Terry Swartz was not in attendance.

Motion Laughton, Second McIntire to adjourn at 7:15 p.m., until July 8th, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at the corner of Second Street and State Street in Frazeysburg, Ohio. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS.

Ms. Emily McIntire

Mrs. KC Smith

Ms. Carol Ross

Mr. Kurt Laughton

Mr. Emmett Reisinger

Mrs. Liz Gast

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Mayor Fred R. Wolford, Jr.

Fiscal Officer Natalie Stillion Grable

All formal actions of the Village of Frazeytsburg 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