

VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

11/12/2024

REGULAR SESSION

Held: November 12, 2024

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The Village of Frazeytsburg Council convened in regular session from 6:00 p.m. to 6:37 p.m. at the Township Hall.

The reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance was said by Mayor Wolford.

PRESENT:

EMPLOYEES: Solicitor Tiberio, Chief Eliasha Bourne, Josh Marohl, Fiscal Officer Grable, Whitney Evans

VISITORS: Terry Swartz, Diane Wolford, Irene Veatch, Cindy Simpson, Jeff Robison, Billy Hedges, Rocky Brown, Deena Brown, Taylor Bennington, Brynn Stillion

Roll call was made with the following members present:

- ✓ SMITH
- ✓ MCINTIRE
- ✓ ROSS

Absent: REISINGER, LAUGHTON

*There were not enough Council members present for a quorum

With the resignation of Liz Gast at the October Council meeting there is a vacancy on the Village Council. Mayor Wolford advised the administrative employees to advertise in local media and on Facebook that he would be accepting letters of intent from citizens that wish to be considered for the position through November 11, 2024. As a result, Mayor Wolford received three (3) letters of intent, and one citizen had mentioned his interest but had not submitted a letter. Two (2) were able to attend the November meeting and one (1) other was not able to attend but communicated their continued interest. Mayor Wolford and Council asked that all three attend the December 9, 2024 meeting for further discussion.

- Cindy Simpson- She spoke to Council and stated that she has lived in the village for 20 years and is a retired Registered Nurse. Her husband, David, is a life-long citizen of Frazeytsburg. Cindy loved how the Village came together after the tornado and wants to help out and would like to see the Village grow.
- Jeff Robison- Jeff announced that he is a lifetime resident of 63 years of the Village. He is an Airforce Veteran and works for Cliff's (AK Steel). For years he was on a swing shift schedule but is now on day shift and is preparing for retirement, therefore he wants to contribute to the community and now has time freed up to do so.

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Mayor's Court report:

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH
Village	\$1,456.41	October
State	\$368.00	October
Muskingum County Court	\$12.00	October
Total paid out	\$1,836.41	October
Computer fund	\$110.00	October
Computer fund YTD	\$1,080.00	October

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

BPA:

VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES 10/29/24

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

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

The Board went over the monthly reports: monthly reconciliation, and adjustments.

Mayor Wolford informed the Board that the Village will be exercising the various shut off valves in the village on October 31st to determine which ones need replaced.

The grant that was awarded to the Village, H2O Water Infrastructure Grant, for the Duralator project had been ok'd to be used for valve replacement by them.

The Bulk water station had a water line break inside the building which resulted in the bulk water being shut off for approximately 18 hours, but was fixed and is back up and running.

Eric Wasson, on behalf of the VFW hall inquired about the water bill for the VFW. He was wondering if it could be lowered any due to the low usage each month. It was explained to him that the Village has a minimum set for anywhere between 1 to 1000 gallons, and that it could not be lowered.

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The Village received an Equipment Grant, from Ohio EPA Water Infrastructure, which will be used to purchase a line locator which will transmit the data to the GIS system for the water lines in the Village.

Motion to adjourn: Dave Ludinich

Second: Kenny Jenkins

Next meeting is scheduled for November 26, 2024 @ 3:00 pm at the Village Office.

The following BPA topics were then discussed:

- Mayor Wolford explained that the Water Clerk Pam had received an email from M. E. Simpson Co. of Valparaiso IN on a new piece of equipment that can help get valves that are stuck back into use. This will have significant savings for the Village. The existing 6" valves in the Village should turn 22 times upon exercising, most will only turn 5-6 times because of the lack of exercising the valves in the past. Out of 57 valves, 27 of them do not work.
- Wolford and the Village employees replaced a valve while they were working on the water line on Third Street recently. They had found with the leaks at the bulk water plant that the original pipes used for the bulk water were actually sewer pipes and this did not allow for the correct flow, when replacing the leak Wolford made sure to use the proper pipe.
- The Village did get permission to use the \$200,000 grant we received for valve replacements instead of the Dualator, as was discussed in the BPA meeting which is a relief.
- Mayor Wolford explained the reason why the current boil alert seemed to be taking longer than other times; because the work was done on a Saturday and then Monday was a Holiday, the sample was not able to be submitted until Tuesday. Once a sample is submitted the boil alert continues for 24 hours after a negative result. It was necessary to do the work on the recent 3rd street break on the weekend so as not to affect the school day, let the leak go on until school was on break and with the added valve issues that exist there was no other option.
- Wolford mentioned the Village would be using an Ohio EPA Equipment grant to purchase a Sewerin UT-9200 and that this equipment will make finding the lines much easier; the employees will not have to dig up your yard as much because this equipment will show the source of the issue within 3 inches of the line.
- Eric Wasson of the VFW in the Village has inquired about getting the water bill lowered at the VFW Hall because of limited usage. Mayor Wolford explained that the Village has a minimum billing rate and that is what they pay and by law they cannot lower it any further. He also explained that if you have a tap, the Village has to charge you for it whether you use it or not per the USDA Standards. At that point Wolford encouraged the audience to go to the monthly VFW breakfast as that is the only fundraiser they have to pay for things.

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- Citizen audience member Billy Hedges complimented Wolford and the Council on the written notice that was given to the citizens about the boil alert. Wolford thanked his wife Diane for assisting with walking around the Village to post the alerts as well as Chief Bourne for walking the pavement to get the situation taken care of.

INCOME TAX:

Nothing reported

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Met 11/6/24 (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 and KC Smith were in attendance

Discussion was had on the following:

- Oktoberfest was a success
- The committee did find that the hours needed to be shortened and they needed to add more places for people to sit down and eat
- At the next meeting the committee will discuss preparation for the next pool season and wages with Andrea Janssen pool supervisor to be in attendance. The Committee reiterated the good job done by Janssen at the second half of the season and look forward to next year.
- **Mayor Wolford announced that the Village has received a grant for the tennis courts to become Pickleball courts from the Straker Foundation. (Citizen Deena Brown was very pleased with this announcement). Wolford and President McIntire had plans to attend a school board meeting to seek further information from Tri Valley Schools however Wolford spoke with Treasurer Ryan Smith and Buildings Manager Craig Strohacker at the schools on the phone and the issue is more complex than originally thought. Wolford asks that Taylor Bennington who will become the new Village Solicitor in January assist in this situation.**

As an aside, Wolford reported that the Village recently had a fire hydrant hit at Basin and Canal by a driver, the Village office is in the process of getting a replacement cost to be charged to the guilty party.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Did not meet

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ZONING REPORT: (the following info in regular type is the committees' notes, the bold letters are what was discussed during the council meeting)

Zoning Committee Meeting

October 29, 2024 6:00 P.M

Met with SEO Equities Carter Brown discussed the property at 40 N. Canal ST.

Was a three manufactured home community but the previous owner moved one of the trailers out. Now SEO Equities has purchased the property and wants to put another trailer on this site.

Zoning committee denied the application due to set back off side lot is only 3.5feet minimum of 10 required, also requires 15,000 sq. foot per residence.

At this time SEO wishes to appeal. We will be sending letters to surrounding neighbors for input.

It has been brought to zoning committee that Katlyn Carroll is inquiring about having goats this property is behind old IGA. On August 16, 2016 council voted that only agriculture area could be permitted for livestock. Committee plans to deny if application is filed.

Camper at pizza shop is to be moved Nov.7.

Trailer on Beard Street owned by Karen Clark has been issued notice for removal.

Property at 40 second street has potential buyer no action has been taken. Letter sent giving 15 days to get in touch with Mayor.

The next three properties are owned by out-of-town people. 105 Beard Street letter sent 15 days to contact. 148 fourth St. letter sent 15 days to contact. 155 W. first street letter sent 15 days to contact Mayor.

Received complaint from Deloris Seceist Neighbor behind her on left storing trash in garage Mayor is to address this.

All letters have been sent as of November 5, 2024.

The following was discussed during the Council Meeting:

- **The camper at Fallsburg Pizza originally was supposed to be out the 7th of November but when the owner came to court, they presented paperwork stating they would not be able to move until November 22nd. Woford gave a 30-day extension and a promise of a fine after the 30-days.**
- **SEO Equities at 40 Canal Street bought the property with two trailers and thought that they should be grandfathered in to allow for three trailers on the parcel. Zoning denied the**

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request and SEO filed an appeal to Council at the December 9th meeting. There will be a sign posted about this meeting as is required.

- Wolford reports that there are empty properties within the Village and there are citizens that wish to purchase, he is aware of several transactions that are in process.
- The Zoning Committee is actively working on the issues in the Village as it is important to Wolford to show pride in the community, he states that “it’s working and that’s what we want.”
- Mayor Wolford received a complaint from Deloris Seceist on her neighbor’s property to which he talked with the neighbor and he was getting it cleaned up.

POLICE REPORT:

November 2024 Report to Council and Jackson Township

Statistics for October 2024 [vs previous month]:

Total Incidents: 72 [82]

Calls for Service: 49 [63]

Traffic Stops: 23 [19]

Citations/Criminal Summons Issued: 13 for 16 violations [13]: 7 Speed (52/35, 45/35, 35/20, 40/25, 47/25, 45/25, 36/20), 2 Driving Under Suspension, 2 No OL, 1 Fict. Plates, 2 no plates, 1 zoning, 1 exp reg

Arrests made: 3 [1]: 1 Domestic, 1 misdemeanor warrant, 1 felony warrant

Notes for the Month:

It has started to settle down a bit from the busy summer months. Trick or treat went off without any issues, everyone was safe and had fun. The fall festival was a success and it was good to see everyone out for that as well. As always please call MCSO Dispatch at 740-452-3636 to report any suspicious activity or problems.

Jackson Township:

Of the 49 calls for service, 9 [13] were in Jackson Township. They were as follows:

10/02 Road Hazard, SR16@SR586, UTL

10/03 Susp. Activity, SR586@Raiders Rd., Patrolled area UTL

10/07 Susp. Vehicle, Old Riley @ SR16, Checks OK

10/11 Dispute, West Carlisle, Assisted SO, no report necessary

10/15 Assisted Motorist, Raiders @ Hamby Hill, assisted getting semi turned around

10/17 Susp. Activity, SR16 MP 4, Someone shooting in ditch, Checked for OSP UTL

10/23 Check Welfare, man walking on SR16 Checked OK gave ride

10/29 Deer crash, SR16 MP3, Did report for OSP

10/30 Susp. Person, Shannon Rd @ Narrows, Assisted S.O. with felony warrant arrest

Other Agency Assists outside Jurisdiction:

Cass Township:

10/08 Road Haz., Removed tire

10/23 Road Haz. Male walking, Gave ride to LC line

Dresden:

10/22 Missing elderly woman, Chestnut, Assisted Dresden PD

10/30 Fight, Assisted Dresden with 2 Juveniles

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- ✓ 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:

EMS	Fire	Misc	Total
#30	#5	#	#35
Village	Jackson	Pike	Hanover
#16	#8	#1	#1
Falls Twp. Mut Aid #	Licking Twp. Mut Aid #1	Mary Ann Mut Aid #	Dresden Mut Aid #8

- Assistant Fire Chief Swartz mentioned that the Fire Department would like to remind everyone to call 911 and not the Fire Station when you need assistance.
- Chief Bourne mentioned that what people do not realize is that the fire department is worried about responding and more questions need to be asked before they can respond; it is better to call 911 that can automatically find your location and have the fire department there in a timely manner
- It was asked if putting a post on Facebook would help. Swartz mentioned that the fire department has done that and it still happens but will continue to do so.
- Citizen Cindy Simpson mentioned they used to give out stickers to put on your phone that had the number for 911 on them; but no one uses landlines anymore.

LEGISLATION:

* **Solicitor Tiberio confirmed that the Mayor could present in the meeting the reports from the departments and do the first and second readings however without a quorum of Council nothing could be passed.**

FIRST READING:

- **RESOLUTION 74-24 A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE CHANGE OF THE VILLAGE EMPLOYEE'S LIFE INSURANCE POLICY**
- **ORDINANCE 19-24 AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG TO PUT ON THE MAY 3, 2025 BALLOT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR AGGREGATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY**

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SECOND READING:

- **RESOLUTION 61-24** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH JACKSON TOWNSHIP, TO PROVIDE POLICE PROTECTION SERVICES FOR THE YEAR 2025
- **RESOLUTION 62-24** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER 2025
- **RESOLUTION 63-24** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG TO ENTER INTO A FIRE AND EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES PROTECTION CONTRACT WITH THE FRAZEYSBURG VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
- **ORDINANCE 17-24** AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION THEREOF.

THIRD READING:

Not passed without a quorum

- **RESOLUTION 51-24** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REHIRING OF ELIASHA BOURNE AS POLICE CHIEF FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025
- **RESOLUTION 56-24** A RESOLUTION TO HIRE ATTORNEY TAYLOR BENNINGTON AS SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG FOR THE YEAR 2025

NEW AND EMERGENCY:

Not passed without a quorum

- **RESOLUTION 72-24** A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO USE H2OHIO EQUIPMENT GRANT PHASE 2 FUNDS AND ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH UTILITY TECHNOLOGIES LLC FOR THE PURCHASE OF A SEWERIN UT-9200 GPS/GNSS PIPE & CABLE LOCATOR KIT FOR A SUM NOT TO EXCEED SIX THOUSAND FOUR HUNDRED TWENTY-NINE AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$6,429.00); AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- **RESOLUTION 73-24** A RESOLUTION TO ADVERTISE FOR BIDS FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF WATER VALVES WITHIN THE VILLAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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- **ORDINANCE 18-24** AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING UPDATES TO PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS IN FISCAL YEAR 2024 REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY
- **RESOLUTION 75-24** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF _____ TO FILL THE VACANT SEAT ON THE VILLAGE COUNCIL; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS and MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- As the Village received H2O money for back-up generators on the lift stations in the Village and Nichols Motor Repair had the job ¾ of the way complete, Mayor Wolford mentioned that he and Mike Nichols had finally gotten an answer on the issue that was holding up the project's completion. The price of the switches had increased to \$10,000 each since the original quote was made. Nichols had to speak with several people within the company he used for the quote of the switches and was finally able to get the exception approved.
- Thanks Cindy Simpson and Jeff Robison for showing up for the open seat
- Mayor Wolford spoke of a compliment to Sgt. Marohl during the last Mayor's Court.
- **VISITOR COMMENT:**
- **Rocky Brown wanted to thank everyone that was involved with the carving at the Veterans Park and was proud of the results. It was bragged on that the FRA donated the \$3,500 for the Tree Carving and that lights are going to be put up to shine on the monument. Possibly the lights will be donated by the American Light Co. in Zanesville. Regular maintenance on the statue is resealing every 3 years.**
- **Citizens are glad that zoning is cleaning up the Village**

Adjourned at 6:37 p.m., until December 9th, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at the corner of Second Street and State Street in Frazeytsburg, Ohio.

Ms. Emily McIntire

Mrs. KC Smith

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Ms. Carol Ross

ABSENT
Mr. Kurt Laughton

ABSENT
Mr. Emmett Reisinger

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