

VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG

COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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REGULAR SESSION

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The Village of Frazeysburg Council convened in regular session from 6:01 p.m. to 7:50 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, Pam Parrill, Sterling Coots

VISITORS: Terry Swartz, Diane Wolford, Anita Brock, Fallon White, Marty Grable

Roll call was made with the following members present:

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

Absent: NONE

Discussion was made about setting up a meeting about the medical insurance in order for the employees to ask questions so they can better understand the new polices.

Special thank you to the Fire Department as they paid for the electric used at the Oktoberfest.

Motion Laughton, Second Smith to go into executive session to discuss personnel

SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion to return from executive session Laughton, second McIntire

SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Councilperson Smith had a few corrections for both sets of minutes presented; the corrections were noted so they could be updated. Council agreed to approve as long as corrections were made.

- Motion Smith, Second Laughton approving the minutes from the **September 9, 2024** regular council meeting. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS
- Motion McIntire, Second Laughton approving the minutes from **September 25, 2024** regular council meeting. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

For the payment of bills Councilperson Smith mentioned the payment made to Penchura for the swings that she thought were bought but being returned since some were donated. Fiscal Officer Grable stated that she was not aware that they were under the impression that the swings were being returned, she stated the ones ordered were a different size than the size of the ones donated.

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Grable asked what they would like done with the swings? Mayor Wolford stated since they are a different size we should keep them.

- Motion Laughton, Second McIntire approving the payment of bills for **October 15, 2024**. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Mayor's Court report:

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH
Village	\$1,663.00	September
State	\$487.50	September
Muskingum County Court	\$19.50	September
Total paid out	\$2,170.00	September
Computer fund	\$140.00	September
Computer fund YTD	\$970.00	September

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT:

The Committee had met on September 25th to make decisions on the employee medical insurance as the deadline for the new policy year was October 1, 2024. The Committee decided to elect the Anthem coverage, which was similar in costs as Medical Mutual's 2024 coverage and Medical Mutual was showing a large increase for 2025.

BPA:

VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG BOARD OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS MEETING MINUTES 9/24/24

Meeting was held at the Village Office @3:00pm with the following in attendance:

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

The Board went over monthly water reports for August.

The Board discussed the cost of the Bulk water. The cost is \$0.0250 per gallon and the Board discussed raising it to \$0.03 per gallon.

Motion: Dave Ludinich

2nd: Kenny Jenkins

There was no other new or old business to be discussed.

Motion to adjourn:

Kenny Jenkins

2nd

Dave Ludinich

The next Board of Public Affairs meeting will be held Tuesday October 29, 2024 at 3:00 pm at the Village Office

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INCOME TAX: Information included in Council packets showing the yearly summary from RITA

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Met 10/2/24

Members Present: Committee Chair Emily McIntire, Kurt Laughton, and KC Smith

Discussion was had on the following:

- No new business was discussed, spent the time finishing the planning for Oktoberfest
- The Oktoberfest event was held the Saturday previous to this Council meeting and it went well; good feedback was received
- Thanks to both the Fire Department and the FRA for the help and support for the Oktoberfest

A discussion was then had on the following, pertaining to the new medical insurance policy for the Village employees:

- **Council person Smith suggested having an employee information meeting Friday 10/18/24, however it was realized that several employees will not be at work that day and it was agreed upon that the employees can attend an evening meeting. The meeting was then scheduled for Monday October 21, 2024 @ 5 P.M. at the Townhall. Smith acknowledged that she would like to have Michelle Crocket from Acrisure, the HRA Company, as well as Agent Tony Palandrani from Rankin and Rankin insurance attend and will check their availability.**

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Did not meet

ZONING REPORT:

Did not meet

Mayor Wolford announced that Anita Brock, a member of the Zoning Committee, will be taking over as Zoning inspector as Inspector Jenkins has decided that he does not have the time to commit to the position that he had hoped to have. It was announced that Anita would like to donate her pay back to the Parks and Recs fundraising efforts to which Council was very appreciative.

POLICE REPORT:

October 2024 Report to Council and Jackson Township

Statistics for September 2024 [vs previous month]:

Total Incidents: 82 [96]

Calls for Service: 63 [53]

Traffic Stops: 19 [43]

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Citations/Criminal Summons Issued: 13 for 7 violations [18]: 6 Speed (52/35, 43/25, 42/25, 44/25, 50/35, 43/25), 1 Driving Under Suspension, 2 No OL, 1 Reckless Operation, 1 Parking, 1 Littering, 1 Traffic Control Device

Arrests made: 1 [4]: 1 OVI

Notes for the Month:

It was a busy month again but normal for the time of year with school back in session and all the fall activities starting. Ofc. Lewis got hired full time already elsewhere but he is still going to stay with us part time for now. We are having our Fall Festival on Oct. 12th. The Garden of Lights out at the old Longaberger place is expected to bring in ALOT of traffic and visitors to the area this Holiday Season starting the 18th. So please do not hesitate to report any issues with traffic or suspicious activity that may happen in the area. As always please call MCSO Dispatch at 740-452-3636.

Jackson Township:

Of the 63 calls for service, 13 [9] were in Jackson Township. They were as follows:

- 09/05 Crash on Narrows Rd, assisted MCSO w/ scene
- 09/05 Road hazard on Raiders Rd at Old Riley Rd, unfounded (see Cass Township entry)
- 09/06 Suspicious vehicle on OH-16 at Old Riley Rd, assisted disabled motorist
- 09/11 Civil paper delivery on W Carlisle Rd
- 09/11 Road hazard on OH-16 westbound, driver was located and cited for reckless operation (multiple lane violations, and admitted to being on Zoom call while driving)
- 09/18 Grass fire on OH-16, assisted FVFD w/ shutting road down and controlling traffic while they put grass fire out; also checked on disabled motorist whose mechanical failure started the fire
- 09/18 Road hazard on OH-16, maroon PT Cruiser headed E/B in W/B lanes; caller said it turned around, but checked area just to be sure; did not locate
- 09/23 Assist officer on Hi-Lo Dr, assisted Dublin PD w/ making contact w/ person of interest in a traffic investigation
- 09/23 Road hazard on Shannon Rd near Baker Rd, conducted traffic control on Shannon Rd while dozer was loaded onto a flatbed semi
- 09/24 Crash on OH-16, car vs deer, driver gone upon arrival, removed deer from roadway
- 09/25 Littering complaint on Wakatomika Rd at Michael Rd, took report of littering in the area, advised resident to report suspicious persons/vehicles, will also conduct occasional routines of the area
- 09/26 Drug complaint at Frew Park, caller reported some loose OTC medications that were found at playground; they were taken and disposed of safely
- 09/27 Crash on Shannon Rd, assisted w/ scene

Other Agency Assists outside Jurisdiction:

Cass Township:

- 09/05 Aforementioned road hazard on Raiders Rd found near Cass Irish Ridge Rd, removed tree debris from roadway
- 09/09 Suspicious vehicle on Raiders Rd, checked OK, was box truck waiting on next load dispatch
- 09/12 Verbal dispute at The Landings, assisted MCSO deputy w/ handling
- 09/12 UTV inspection for resident

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09/12 Animal complaint on School House Rd near Cass Irish Ridge, caller reported a deer possibly needing dispatched, but could not locate

09/16 UTV inspection for resident

09/20 Check welfare on Northpointe Rd near McGlade School Rd, assisted other agencies in checking on vehicle occupants who were originally reported as passed out

Dresden PD:

09/03 Assisted Dresden FD w/ medical call at FD's request

- ✓ 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 mentioned that with the light show at the Crawford Barn it was going to start getting busy as they are projecting around 250,000 visitors over the next three months, which means more calls and possibly accidents for his department. Several of the council members stated that most would use the highway and not drive through town. Chief agreed but stated if they decide to get something to eat or need gas, they will more than likely come through town. Councilperson Reisinger asked how the calls for the police were looking compared to last year. Chief explained they were a little higher than last year, Reisinger asked if there was something the town could do to help with it? Chief explained that most were speed related so there is not much town can do. Could the Sherriffs department help with extra coverage with the lights? Does there need to be volunteers to assist? Chief confirmed that the Sherriff's department can assist and that anyone working for the PD has to be OPOTA certified.

FIRE REPORT:

EMS	Fire	Misc	Total
#26	#19	#0	#45
Village	Jackson	Pike	Hanover
#20	#6	#2	#1
Falls Twp. Mutual Aid #8	Licking Twp. Mutual Aid #3	Mary Ann Mutual Aid #1	Dresden Mutual Aid #

LEGISLATION:

FIRST 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

Reisinger questioned why we were putting this on the Police Department when Chief Bourne stated that it is difficult for him to keep help. Bourne explained that it helps pay

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part-time employees and that it benefits us as it is already being done. The price increased this year from \$4,000 to \$5,000.

- **RESOLUTION 62-24** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR'S APPOINTMENT OF THE FIRE PREVENTION OFFICER FOR 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

SECOND READING:

- **RESOLUTION 51-24** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE REHIRING OF ELIASHA BOURNE AS POLICE CHIEF FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2025
Councilperson Reisinger questioned the necessity of three reads to which Mayor Wolford explained that it still has to go through the three reads
- **RESOLUTION 56-24** A RESOLUTION TO HIRE ATTORNEY TAYLOR BENNINGTON AS SOLICITOR FOR THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG FOR THE YEAR 2025
Solicitor Tiberio inquired and was asked to have Attorney Bennington attend the November Council as it was the third read.

THIRD READING: NONE

NEW AND EMERGENCY:

- **RESOLUTION 66-24** Motion McIntire, second Reisinger suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE THIRD QUARTER QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS PROCESSED BY THE VILLAGE WATER CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, second McIntire adopting A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE THIRD QUARTER QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS PROCESSED BY THE VILLAGE WATER CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FIVE (5) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS, ONE (1) ABSTAIN

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Before this was passed, Solicitor Tiberio asked that the probationary period be added into the resolution

- **RESOLUTION 67-24** Motion Laughton, second McIntire suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYOR WOLFORD'S RECOMMENDATION OF HIRING BRIAN GAST AS A FULL-TIME VILLAGE LABORER; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS, TWO (2) ABSTAIN

Motion Laughton, second Reisinger adopting A RESOLUTION APPROVING MAYOR WOLFORD'S RECOMMENDATION OF HIRING BRIAN GAST AS A FULL-TIME VILLAGE LABORER; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS, TWO (2) ABSTAIN

Approved with notation of Solicitor Tiberio's edit to be made

- **RESOLUTION 68-24** Motion Reisinger, second Smith suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG, OHIO TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING A PARK GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BALLFIELDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, second Reisinger adopting A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG, OHIO TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES THROUGH THE LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND FOR PURPOSES OF OBTAINING A PARK GRANT FOR IMPROVEMENTS AT THE BALLFIELDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 69-24** Motion Laughton, second McIntire suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN DOCUMENTATION TO PROVIDE FOR A WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS, TWO (2) ABSTAIN

Motion Laughton, second McIntire adopting A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN DOCUMENTATION TO PROVIDE FOR A WELFARE BENEFIT PLAN EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2024; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS, TWO (2) ABSTAINS

- **RESOLUTION 70-24** Motion Laughton, second Reisinger suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR CHANGES IN THE ZONING DEPARTMENT

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WITH THE RESIGNATION OF EARL H. JENKINS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, second McIntire adopting A RESOLUTION ALLOWING FOR CHANGES IN THE ZONING DEPARTMENT WITH THE RESIGNATION OF EARL H. JENKINS; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- **RESOLUTION 71-24** Motion Laughton, second Reisinger suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANITA BROCK AS ZONING INSPECTOR; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, second McIntire adopting A RESOLUTION APPROVING ANITA BROCK AS ZONING INSPECTOR; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY. SIX (6) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

DISCUSSION/COMMENTS and MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:

- Trick or Treat was announced on Facebook for October 31st 5:30 to 7:00 P.M.
- Grable included a quarterly update from Sedgwick on the status of the Village's workers compensation for Council's pleasure.
- Tennis court property discussion with Craig Strohacker input and ODNR direction on bringing parcel back to Village- the school wants to add the tennis courts to the agreement if the Village agrees to rewrite parts of the original lease. Solicitor Tiberio suggested staying on top of them so it does not get away from council. Mayor Wolford said he would send them an email to get everything started
- Email from Kacey at the Auditors Office that they have not yet completed the audit for 2021-2022 and will try to complete in November of this year
- Zoning- Tiberio and Chief are currently working on a zoning issue with the property in the Village that wants to add a third mobile home on their parcel

VISITOR COMMENT:

- Zoning meeting has been changed to 6:00 P.M. instead of 4 P.M. the last Tuesday of the month
- Fire Captain Swartz asked if Council or Zoning knew anything about the structure in the Village that used to be the IGA. Zoning can look into and discuss but it is believed that the owner is repairing soon.
- Councilperson Liz Gast announced she was resigning since her husband, Brian Gast, has been hired by the Village as a laborer.

Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., until November 12th, 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.

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Ms. Emily McIntire

Mrs. KC Smith

Ms. Carol Ross

Mr. Kurt Laughton

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