COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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The Village of Frazeysburg Council convened in regular session from 5:58 p.m. to 7:11 p.m. at the Township Hall.

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

PRESENT:

EMPLOYEES: Chief Eliasha Bourne, Sgt. Josh Marohl, Fiscal Officer Grable, Office Assistant Evans, and Zoning Inspector Anita Brock

VISITORS: Rick and Becky Priest, Darrell Bragg, and Sharon Doughty

Roll call was made with the following members present:

- ✓ SMITH
- ✓ ROSS
- ✓ REISINGER
- ✓ LAUGHTON

Absent: MCINTIRE, GAYHEART

• Motion Laughton, Second Smith approving the minutes from March 10, 2025 regular council meeting. FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

*Councilmember Smith had a question on what LEADs was (on the payment of bills) Fiscal Officer Grable asked Sgt. Marohl if he would explain it to Council. He explained it was a source that the Police Officers used when interacting with those they are called to serve. Smith also had questions on the price for the United States Postal service, it was explained that the Village put additional money on the account with the post office as Grable would be on vacation this coming month and not be there to write a check and sometimes getting the mayor for a signature is a challenge so this makes it easier to make use of the account with the post office.

- Motion Smith, Second Laughton approving the payment of bills for April 14, 2025. FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS
- Darrell Bragg of RD Energy was asked to attend because of many questions still being asked about aggregation. Questions have arisen about electricity demand, upcoming usage by potential factories in the area and where the power came from. He explained that most citizens do not realize that AEP does not own the energy that they sell and that they purchase it from a supplier as well called PJM. Council members asked about potential flyers for aggregation information as it was all hard to understand and Bragg explained that typically his company, RD Energy, waits to do that closer to time but if we wanted, he could make something that we could send out with bill cards sooner to get the word out. Fiscal Officer Grable asked attendee Rick Priest if this was something that the

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Township would be interested in, he stated that at this time he was unsure. It was discussed that a lot of people probably had questions but did not want to ask them. Darrell explained that he would be back for the May meeting and for the FRA's dedication of the tree at Veteran's Park.

• Sharon Doughty from Rinehart, Walters, and Danner with the Ohio Plan (property and liability insurance) presented her product for council. She reiterated the benefits offered by the Ohio Plan and reminded Council that before last year the Village had been with them since 1991. Doughty left a quote for council to read.

ENTITY	AMOUNT	MONTH	
Village	\$ 847.00	March	
State	\$ 254.00	March	
Muskingum County Court	\$ 9.00	March	
Total paid out	\$1,110.00	March	
Computer fund	\$ 70.00	March	
Computer fund	\$ 310.00	March	
YTD			

Mayor's Court report: (as per ORC 905.033)

FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT: (regular type from meeting, **bold from council discussion)** Met 4-14-25 before the meeting

- Bids were opened by the committee for the valve replacements- Three vendors in all had submitted an RFP.
- Mayor Wolford explained the differences in the RFPs submitted
- The Committee recommended accepting bid #2 (alternate bid) submitted by Ferguson Withholding Inc. for \$75,888.75
- The committee went over the bank reconciliation
- Mayor Wolford asked the committee about purchasing a Vac truck since it was approved with Resolution 03-24, he found one that will come under the amount of \$79,600 as approved by the legislation and has low hours.
- Mayor Wolford also let Council know that he is interested in grants for Food Trucks and Farmers Market once the transaction for the purchase of the ballfields occurs.
- Councilmember Ross asked the status on the sidewalks for 3rd Street, it was stated that the paperwork had been submitted, just waiting on ODOT to do their part; Ross did notice that some students are wearing reflective gear now when walking that route.
- Contracts were presented for the Fire Department use of the storage building that belongs to the township building, owned by the Village, and the FRA as they meet regularly at the township hall and do the cleaning and upkeep of the building that belongs to the building. It was then mentioned that a contract should be made for the Township that also utilizes the building for their meetings. It was noted that the township keeps cemetery records in the back of the building, this was asked only because of contents and who should insure items, renter vs. owner. Solicitor Bennington has

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seen the contracts and has a few corrections but she was not able to attend this meeting and will get the information to Fiscal Officer Grable.

<u>BPA:</u> Met 3-25-25

The Board met at the Village Office at 3:00 pm with the following present: Dave Ludinich, Kenny Jenkins, Mayor Wolford, and Office Assistant Whitney Evans. Absent: James Wriston

Reports were reviewed for the month of February: monthly reconciliation, and adjustments.

Approval of adjustments: Motion Kenny Jenkins, Second Dave Ludinich

Citizen Mike Lane was present at the meeting, Mayor Wolford explained that Mikes water was supposed to be shut-off but he asked for an extension so the Mayor asked him to attend the meeting to bring it up to the Board.

Mike explained that his grandson had just passed and they were in a tight spot at the moment. He explained that their check should be here next week and they will be able to pay it then. Dave Ludinich asked him how long of an extension he was looking for. Mike told him that he was not sure for how long but they were told 7-10 days for the check.

Dave Ludinich motioned that they give an extension and Kenny Jenkins seconded.

Motion to adjourn: Dave Ludinich Second: Kenny Jenkins

The next Board of Public Affairs meeting will be held April 29, 2025 @ 3:00 pm at the Village Office.

INCOME TAX:

Legal accounts currently with RITA breakdown information was included in the council packets

PARKS AND RECREATION REPORT:

Met 4/9/25 (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, KC Smith, and Mayor Fred Wolford

Community Participant: Michelle Schneider

Discussion was had on the following:

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- The swimming pool chair lift is not working. It will not be available for use this season. (Any possible grants for this?)
- When will the Gift Certificate (pool pass) for AIM outreach be ready? It is needed by the end of April
- Pool cleaning day to be scheduled soon to scrub the pool liner before filling
- Spaghetti dinner Sunday, May 4th from 12-5 at the town hall. We are going to try and round up community donations.
- The ballfields have not closed yet.
- Parks and Rec would like to initiate Town entry signs sponsored by local businesses on the east and West entrances to town on 3rd Street
- May 1st the blacktop is going down on the pickleball courts
- We will be reaching out to vendors soon for the Oktoberfest. The next Parks and Rec meeting will be the first to focus on the Oktoberfest
- Fiscal Officer Grable stated that she had found where the Village had received a grant for the purchase of the handicapped chair lift. She will explore those grants for a new one.
- It was asked if we could legally announce that the chair would be out of use this year and Councilmember Laughton stated he read through the packet that Grable had given him on ADA Compliance and since it would be a hardship for the Village to repair or replace; announcing it was not working this year was acceptable.
- Next months meeting will be the first planning meeting for Oktoberfest
- Mayor Wolford also noted that the vendor that is the selection of the Finance Committee for the valve bids comes highly recommended by other local businesses, Ferguson does have product on the shelf whereas other companies are waiting on backorders. The Valve exercising will occur the first week of May and knowing that the product needed for valve repair by the laborers is available is reassuring.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

Did not meet, will have a meeting Monday 4-21-25 at 6 P.M.

Councilmember Laughton was given the list of roads that had previously been presented to Council as having the greatest need; he stated that he had been out and drove these roads listed and agreed that they needed to be repaired first. It was stated that Gary Williams from the Muskingum County Engineer's Office has the list of roads and is getting us estimates on cost for repair.

STREET	SPECIFIC SECTION
Clay Street	1 st to Canal Road
First Street	Grant to Nora Drive
Nora Drive	3 rd to the new asphalt
West Carlisle Road	3 rd to 4 th Street

ZONING REPORT:

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Met 3-25-25

PRESENT: Mayor Fred Wolford, Zoning Inspector Anita Brock, David Ludinich ABSENT: Emmett Reisinger, Pam Gayheart, Earl Jenkins VISITORS: None Committee notes presented by Zoning Inspector Anita Brock:

Discussion:

- Improvements are coming along. Property on Beard Street is in process of being purchased with new owner removing an abandoned trailer on the property.
- Property at 165 3rd Street is in process of being sold. New owner plans to tear down the house and build a stick home.
- Mobile Home on West 4th Street now has hitch (aka a tongue) and tires on it and is ready to be moved.
- Apts. on 5th street are being cleaned up by owner; dumpster was running over with trash and old furniture. Also, debris is piled up around the apts. We were contacted by neighbor with this complaint. It is being addressed.
- Property on 3rd street across from the Duke and Duchess gas station has been notified by letter; second notice has been sent. Cars with no tags, boat trailer no tags, brush pile and a lot of debris in yard. Again, a neighbor contacted us with complaint.
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- Anita mentioned that to make the citizens realize that the Village is serious about the Zoning Ordinances then the committee members need to be present at the meetings to give advice on places that need investigated or updates on places that have been sent letters.
- Anita mentioned that she had reached out to Liz about joining the committee
- Mayor Wolford mentioned that Anita might ask Cindy Simpson or Jeff Robison about joining the committee, as those two had expressed interest in being on Council.
- A question was asked about the boundary of the Village for the anticipated 6th Street extension project, Mayor Wolford noted that he had not spoken to the citizen working on that for a few weeks but will let Council know when he hears anything further.

POLICE REPORT:

April 2025 Report to Council and Jackson Township

Statistics for March 2025 [vs previous month]:

Total Incidents: 67 [51]

Calls for Service: 44 [42]

Traffic Stops: 23 [13]

Citations/Criminal Summons Issued: 14 [6]: 8 Speed, 3 Expired Registration, 1 Traffic Control Device, 2 Display of Plates

Arrests made: 0 [3]

Notes for the Month:

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Calls for service are up as the weather gets nicer and activities pick up around the village. We received a grant for almost \$15,000 for new radios to keep compliant with the new MARCS radio authentication standards. We will get three in-car radios, and three portable radios, with only a small contribution from the village proper. We have also finally ordered a replacement engine for the Humvee, which will hopefully be fixed and ready for outfitting by the end of this month. This was funded almost entirely by the money obtained from the asset forfeiture from the major drug trafficking case from last year. Once equipped, we will begin using it for special events (Homecoming, fireworks, etc.), as well as any natural disaster/special response as needed.

Jackson Township:

Of the 44 calls for service, 11 [11] were in Jackson Township. They were as follows:

- 03/06 Suspicious vehicle following caller into township/village from Zanesville. Vehicle left the area and caller was escorted to the highway.
- 03/13 Shopping cart on OH-16. It was being removed from the roadway by OSP upon arrival.
- 03/14 Car vs deer on Canal Rd at Vickers Hill. Report handled by OSP.
- 03/14 Loose dog on Canal Rd at Vickers Hill. Returned to owner.
- 03/22 Suspicious person at OH-16/OH-586. FPD assisted, and person was transported to Genesis by MCSO.
- 03/26 Piece of wood w/ nails reported around Hamby Hill Rd/Wakatomika Rd area. Unable to locate.
- 03/26 Disabled/abandoned vehicle removed from Shannon Rd at Hedges Ln.
- 03/28 Report of vehicle on OH-16 with no lights coming from Dresden. Did not see any vehicles matching description.
- 03/29 Check welfare of black vehicle parked on Cannon Rd at O'Dell Rd. Assisted MCSO.
- 03/31 Assisted citizen w/ flat tire on OH-16.
- 03/31 Possible stolen vehicle on OH-16 coming from Newark. Unable to locate.

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 Mayor Wolford noted that Captain Swartz was at a meeting

EMS	Fire	Misc	Total
#	#	#	#
Village	Jackson	Pike	Hanover
#	#	#	#
Falls Twp. Mut Aid #	Licking Twp. Mut Aid	Mary Ann Mut Aid #	Dresden Mut Aid
	#		#

LEGISLATION:

FIRST READING:

*Mayor Wolford asked meeting attendees Rick and Becky Priest if they would like to speak on why they request the alley vacate. Mr. Priest explained that as long as he has had his property, he was never aware that there was an alley on their property He explained that when they began working on their Will, they learned of the alley. It is stated on the parcel

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paperwork at the county that the alley is 1/20th of an acre and on his deed, it shows he owns the 1/20th of an acre. There is a garage built on the alley that the previous owner had built and he assumes that owner was not aware of the alley either.

- ORDINANCE <u>10-25</u> AN ORDINANCE TO VACATE AN ALLEY LOCATED IN THE GOFF AND BLIZZARD'S ADDITION OF FRAZEYSBURG, OHIO NOW CALLED 67 CLAY STREET BETWEEN PARCEL 29-61-21-02-000 AND 29-61-21-01-000, WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG
- **RESOLUTION 15-25** A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE UPDATING OF THE RULES OF COUNCIL

SECOND READING: NONE

THIRD READING:

• RESOLUTION 09-25

Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger approving A RESOLUTION CREATING THE FEE STRUCTURE AS ESTABLISHED BY HOUSE BILL 315, PASSED JANUARY 2, 2025 BY GOVERNOR MIKE DEWINE FOR THE CHARGING OF FEES IN PUBLIC RECORDS REQUEST THAT INCLUDE VIDEOS OF POLICE DEPARTMENT INCIDENTS FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

• ORDINANCE <u>05-25</u>

Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger approving AN ORDINANCE TO OUTLINE PROCEDURES AND FEES RELATED TO EXPANSION, BUILDING AND RIGHT OF WAY MATTERS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

• **ORDINANCE** <u>06-25</u>

Motion Smith, Second Laughton approving AN ORDINANCE DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF FRAZEYSBURG TO PUT ON THE NOVEMBER 4, 2025 BALLOT THE OPPORTUNITY FOR (GAS) AGGREGATION FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

NEW AND EMERGENCY:

• RESOLUTION <u>10-25</u>

Motion Reisinger, Second Laughton suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PROPERTY AND LIABILITY

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INSURANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, Second Smith adopting A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO ADVERTISE REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL FOR THE PROPERTY AND LIABILITY INSURANCE; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

• **ORDINANCE** <u>08-25</u>

Motion Laughton, Second Smith suspending the rules on AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE <u>04-25</u> PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025; AND DECLARING IT AN EMERGENCY **FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

Motion Laughton, Second Smith approving AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE <u>04-25</u> PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2025; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

• **ORDINANCE** <u>09-25</u>

Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger suspending the rules on AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE <u>17-24</u> ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY **FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS**

Motion Laughton, Second Smith approving AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE <u>17-24</u> ESTABLISHING MUNICIPAL EMPLOYMENT POSITIONS, DEFINING DUTIES AND PROVIDING FOR THE COMPENSATION THEREOF; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

• RESOLUTION <u>13-25</u>

Motion Smith, Second Laughton suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH SCHOOLER FAMILY FOUNDATION TO MEET EXPENSES OF A NEW POOL LINER; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger approving A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR AND FISCAL OFFICER TO APPLY FOR GRANT FUNDING THROUGH SCHOOLER FAMILY FOUNDATION; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

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*Councilmember Smith asked why there was a fee listed for the shelter house as they had decided not to charge for it other than a \$50 deposit. Fiscal Officer Grable explained that it needed a form of revenue to provide for the electric bill. It was asked if it was on the pool bill to which Grable explained that no it was on its own meter. Council discussed disconnecting the service there and either connecting it to the pools service or just not having electricity there. They decided to have a vote at the next meeting about discontinuing the services there.

• **RESOLUTION** <u>14-25</u>

Motion Laughton, Second Smith suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION AMENDING POOL PRICES FOR THE 2025 POOL SEASON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, Second Smith approving A RESOLUTION AMENDING POOL PRICES FOR THE 2025 POOL SEASON; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- Councilmember Smith wished to abstain from voting on Resolution 16-25 as she had received an adjustment in that quarter, this caused the vote not to have a quorum so was tabled to next month
- **TABLED RESOLUTION** <u>16-25</u> A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE FIRST QUARTER QUARTERLY WATER AND SEWER ADJUSTMENTS PROCESSED BY THE VILLAGE WATER CLERK; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY
- RESOLUTION <u>18-25</u>

Motion Laughton, Second Reisinger suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL PERSON PAM GAYHEART; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, Second Ross approving A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE RESIGNATION OF COUNCIL PERSON PAM GAYHEART; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

• RESOLUTION <u>19-25</u>

Motion Smith, Second Ross suspending the rules on A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID ON VALVES FOR THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM WITH FERGUSON WITHOLDINGS, INC; AND DECALRING AN EMERGENCY FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

Motion Laughton, Second Ross approving A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID ON VALVES FOR THE VILLAGE WATER SYSTEM WITH FERGUSON

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WITHOLDINGS, INC; AND DECALRING AN EMERGENCY FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

- DISCUSSION/COMMENTS and MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:
- The Village was informed that there was not enough damage from the Tornado to receive any FEMA funding
- Community Metrics was included in the packets (an EPA report)
- Mayor Wolford had solicited and received 4 quotes on chemical costs for both the Village pool and chemicals used at the water plant. Mayor Wolford explained that he had shown the comparisons to Parks and Recs committee because of the cost for the swimming pool; and they chose to go with the quotes from Hawkins Inc. for both the pool and the water plant based on service and suggestions that the sales person made on amounts with barrels and other items that could save the Village.
- Community Yard Sale Dates June 13, 14, 15, 16
- Waste Management Clean Up Day the Wednesday after yard Sales 6-18-25
- Jason at the Health Department called and wanted to know if we could just register the concession stand license as village of Frazeysburg.
- With the resignation of Pam Gayheart, it was asked if we would like to call the ones that applied last time or if we wanted to announce it on Facebook
- Wolford and Council person Laughton reminded all that they had to fill out the petitions for their terms that were expiring, offered assistance, and noted it was wise to get more signatures than necessary in case there was a signature that was not deemed valid by the Board of Elections.
- Mayor Wolford noted that the Auditors are almost done with the 2021-2022 audit!
- Fiscal Officer Grable included in the Council packets a schedule of payments due to the vendor supplying the new pool liner in the fall, Renosys.
- Fund status included in packets for the Council's information.
- Quarterly report from Sedgewick on Workers Compensation status of the Village.
- Information on google ads seen presented by Evans, the Office Assistant.
- VISITOR COMMENT:
- Zoning Inspector mentioned that she liked the idea of charging for the shelter house because it would help keep people from making a mess out of it. Council stated that is what the deposit was for.
- She also mentioned that she would like the stop sign to be put back up on 4th Street by Fallsburg Pizza, Mayor Wolford stated that would be back up tomorrow 4-15-25

Motion Reisinger, Second Ross to adjourn at 7:11 p.m., until May 12th, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Township Hall, located at the corner of Second Street and State Street in Frazeysburg, Ohio. FOUR (4) YEAS, ZERO (0) NAYS

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Ms. Emily McIntire

Mrs. KC Smith

Ms. Carol Ross

Mr. Kurt Laughton

Mr. Emmett Reisinger

Mrs. Pam Gayheart

Mayor Fred R. Wolford, Jr.

Fiscal Officer Natalie Stillion Grable

All formal actions of the Village of Frazeysburg 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