

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS  
Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting

*September 8, 2022*  
*Held \_\_\_\_\_*

The regular meeting of the Williamsburg Village Council was held on Thursday, September 8, 2022, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center -107 West Main Street, Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** **MAYOR:** Mary Ann Lefker; **VICE-MAYOR:** Tim Wood; **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Randy Mercer, Gary Collier, Mark Herren, and Steve Maham **POLICE:** Chief Michael Gregory, **ADMINISTRATOR:** Andrew Gephardt **CLERK/TREASURER:** Mike Murray; **PUBLIC WORKS:** Kyle Cribbet.

**AUDIENCE:** Sherri Kissinger, Sharon Wood Don Morrison, Jayne Lawrence, Dan Colonel, Bernie Baker, Terri Brandenburg, Debra Garrett, Judy Steinhaus, Tom Holland, Pam Holland, Sharon Chambers, Carolyn Hall, Charlie Maklem, Barry Lamb, Mark Jordon, Matt Magee, Steve Ogden.

Mayor Lefker called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

AUDIENCE:

Sherri Kissinger and Sharon Woods of the Christmas Walk Committee, request a road closure from Third Street to Front Street from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm December 2, 2022 during the Christmas Walk event, and Reserve Parking for Santa Clause to arrive.

Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve the road closure and no parking from Third Street to Front Street from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm December 2, 2022, during the Christmas Walk event. Councilman Maham second the motion. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.

Don Morrison of the American Legion Post 288 had expressed concerns about the proposed sidewalk and flagpole in front of the American Legion building due to the East Main Street sidewalk project. The Village Administrator invited representatives from the American Legion to a meeting with our engineer to address any concerns they may have.

Don also had concerns about the water bill at the Legion. The Administrator informed Don that there was a software issue and the Legion will be reread. Don also informed Council that the Legion will be holding a Concert in the Park that will take place on October 15, 2022 from 5:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

Councilman Mercer made a motion to approve the Noise Permit for the Concert on October 15, 2022. Councilman Maham second. All Ayes by roll call. Motion carried.

A resident had a complaint about 4:00 am, dumpster pickup behind the sewer plant. Administrator Gephardt will investigate the timing of the trash pickup.

Jayne Lawrence – Happy Lane signage, Bryan Bachtel will add a sign to street at the unpaved turnoff, so delivery drivers know where Happy Lane and Nevel Drive start and stop.

Several audience members voiced concerns regarding the proposed elimination of the income tax credit which was to be read for the first time at tonight's meeting.

Councilman Herren made a motion to table the reading of Ordinance 1203-22. Vice-Mayor Wood second the motion. Roll call Councilman Herren, aye; Vice-Mayor Wood, aye; Councilman Maham, nay; Councilman Mercer, nay; Councilman Collier, nay. Motion did not pass.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Councilman Maham made a motion to approve the August 11, 2022, regular council meeting minutes Councilman Collier second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried. Vice-Mayor Wood Abstain.

Councilman Mercer made a motion to approve the August 25, 2022, special council meeting minutes Councilman Maham second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Lefker provided the Mayors Court Fines and Costs Report for August 2022.

Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve Mayors Court and Costs Report for August 2022. Councilman Maham second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.

Mayor Lefker updated Council on the proposed lodge at the East Fork State Park.

SOLICITOR:

- Chris Moore gave an update on the old Box Factory.

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POLICE REPORT:

Police Chief Michael Gregory presented Council with a copy of the August 2022 Report.

FIRE REPORT:

New Fire Chief Jason McCarthy has started.

PUBLIC WORKS:

- Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Administrator Gephardt gave update on office remodel. Kena Willingham, contractor, will be handling the construction.

- Administrator Gephardt asked council if any railroad crossings in town need updating.

- Councilman Collier said he would check. Gephardt said there is a new Railroad Infrastructure Grant that could be available from the Federal Government.

- Administrator Gephardt presented the gas aggregation agreement the village has with the aggregation company, Energy Alliance. At the time of the agreement, a gas price could not be negotiated as prices were too high. Now Energy Alliance thinks the time is right to negotiate a price if agreeable. Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve the Energy Alliance Resolution. The resolution states 'Williamsburg Council recommends authorizing Andrew Gephardt, Administrator, to enter into a Natural Gas Aggregation Agreement with a natural gas supplier recommended by Energy Alliances, Inc., the communities energy aggregation consultant, provided that the accepted aggregation rate is below the current Duke Energy Ohio Gas Cost Recovery ("GCR") rate at the time of execution for a period not to exceed 24 months from the start of the program. 'Councilman Maham second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.

- Administrator Gephardt will be submitting the OPWC Round 37 application to the county 9/13/22.

- Administrator Gephardt will be attending the ICMA conference in Columbus 9/18-21st.

PARKS COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is scheduled TBD.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is scheduled TBD.

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is scheduled TBD.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is TBD.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The next meeting is TBD.

TREE BOARD:

The next meeting is TBD.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT:

- Councilman Herren made a motion to approve Kena Willingham to add a lobby not to exceed \$9,000.00. Councilman Mercer second. All aye by roll call. Motion carried.
- Councilman Herren made a motion to table striping on Main Street and Hauck \$9,500.00 until 2023. Councilman Maham second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.
- Painting Bridge, sidewalk can be handled by Grant Career Center students.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

Clerk/Treasurer presented the August 2022 Financial Statements (agenda item 1).

Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to accept the reports as presented. Councilman Mercer second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.

Clerk/Treasurer presented the August 2022 Utility Funds Snapshot for general information (agenda item 2).



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	<p>Councilman Mercer made a motion to accept the report as presented. Vice-Mayor Wood second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.</p> <p>Clerk/Treasurer presented the Period 8-1<sup>st</sup> Half 2022 Income Tax receipts report (agenda item 3).</p> <p>Vice-Mayor Wood made motion to accept the report as presented. Councilman Maham second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried. (Agenda item 3).</p> <p>Clerk/Treasurer read for the first Resolution 926-22 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Clerk/Treasurer recommends suspending the rules. (Agenda item 4).</p> <p>Councilman Collier made a motion to suspend the rules on Resolution 926-22 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Councilman Maham second the motion. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.</p> <p>Clerk/Treasurer read for the second and third time Resolution 926-22 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. (Agenda item 4).</p> <p>Councilman Mercer made a motion to pass Resolution 926-22 Accepting the Amounts and Rates as determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Councilman Maham second the motion. All ayes by roll call. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Clerk/Treasurer read for the first time Resolution 927-22 Authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and apply to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or LOAL Transportation Improvement Programs. Administrator recommends suspending the rules. (Agenda item 5).</p> <p>Councilman Mercer made a motion to suspend the rules on Resolution 927-22 Authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and apply to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or LOAL Transportation Improvement Programs. Councilman Collier second the motion. By roll call: Councilman Mercer, aye; Councilman Collier, aye; Councilman Herren, aye; Vice-Mayor Wood, nay; Councilman Maham, aye. Motion Carried. Motion carried.</p> <p>Clerk/Treasurer read for the second and third time Resolution 927-22 Authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and apply to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or LOAL Transportation Improvement Programs. (Agenda item 5).</p> <p>Councilman Mercer made a motion to pass Resolution 927-22 Authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and apply to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or LOAL Transportation Improvement Programs. Councilman Maham second the motion. By roll call: Councilman Mercer, aye; Councilman Collier, aye; Councilman Herren, aye; Vice-Mayor Wood, nay; Councilman Maham, aye. Motion Carried.</p> <p>Clerk/Treasurer read for the first time Ordinance 1203-22 to Amend Section 6 of Ordinance 1102-18 of the Village of Williamsburg Regarding Municipal Income Tax. (Agenda item 6).</p> <p>Clerk/Treasurer read for the first time Ordinance 1204-22 Authorizing Increase Rates for the Collection of Garbage. (Agenda item 7).</p> <p><u>APPROVAL OF BILLS:</u></p> <p>Councilman Mercer made motion to approve the bills presented Warrants 29459– 29502 and EFT's 510-2022 thru 574-2022 be paid. Vice-Mayor Wood second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.</p> <p><u>OLD BUSINESS:</u></p> <p><u>NEW BUSINESS:</u></p> <p><u>ADJOURNMENT:</u></p> <p>Vice-Mayor Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Herren second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.</p>	

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*Minutes of*

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

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*Mary Ann Lefker*  
Mary Ann Lefker - Mayor

*Michael Murray*  
Michael Murray - Clerk/Treasurer

*October 13, 2022*  
Date Approved