

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

HeldNovember 10, 2022

The regular meeting of the Williamsburg Village Council was held on Thursday, November 10, 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, Steve Maham and George Seip **SOLICITOR:** Christopher Moore **POLICE:** Chief Michael Gregory, **FIRE MARSHALL:** Jason McCarthy **ADMINISTRATOR:** Andrew Gephardt **CLERK/TREASURER:** Mike Murray; **PUBLIC WORKS:** Kyle Cribbet.

**AUDIENCE:** Jane Lawrence, Joe King, Kati King, Steve Austin, Jim Weaver, Brandon Dean, Dawn Water, Adam Utter, Kim Fritz, Paul Richard, James Jamison, Kandace Williams, Les Frazee, Gina Frazee, Sharon Chambers, David Burgess, Susan Burgess, Clyde Arnold, Steve Ogden, Matt Magee, Emily Jones, Bill McTeague, Ralph Hune, Mark Jordan, Judy Steinhouse.

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

AUDIENCE:  
Jane Lawrence thanks the Village Council for the new street signage on Happy Lane.

Income Tax – There was some discussion in the audience regarding the repeal of the forgiving tax. Joe King & Wife are opposed and think timing and optics are bad. Others including Steve Austin, Jim Weaver, Brandon Dean also oppose the forgiving tax repeal. There were also some concerns that spouses were not originally counted in the 300 person estimate of affected residents.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve the October 8, 2022, regular council meeting minutes Councilman Mercer second. Vice-Mayor Wood, aye; Councilman Mercer, aye; Councilman Collier, aye. Councilman Herren Abstain, Councilman Maham, aye; Councilman Seip, aye. Motion Carried.

MAYOR’S REPORT:

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

Councilman Mercer made a motion to approve Mayors Court and Costs Report for September 2022. Councilman Maham second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.

Councilman Mercer made a motion to accept the resignation of Full Time Police Officers Corey Herren, Charles Neumeier, and Part-Time Police Officer, Bradly Jones. Councilman Maham second the motion. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.

Councilman Mercer made a motion to hire Officer Jason Spradlin, to hire Spradlin depend upon Chief Gregory background investigation. Councilman Collier second the motion. All ayes by roll call. Motion Carried.

Mayor Lefker mentioned the Guild Shop on Main Street is now open Wednesday through Sunday from 1-5PM and the car wash is also up and running across the street. However, Wrinkles antiques will be closing soon, but that building will have a couple new tenants upstairs including massage therapy and a driving school.

In addition, the mayor reported the Clermont Sun has moved into their new offices at 348 Main Street.

The Valley View Lodge will be celebrating their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on January 25<sup>th</sup> Look for more information as we get closer.

SOLICITOR:

- Chris Moore reported he has been working with Jean Hughes, Zoning administrator. One recent issue that has come up is inspections of junk properties and how to do so. Mr. Moore assured Ms. Hughes if given permission you can go on a neighbor’s property to inspect another’s as the situation warrants.

POLICE REPORT:

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

FIRE REPORT:

Fire Marshall Jason McCarthy – Gave a verbal report.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

- Nothing to report.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

- Administrator Gephardt reported he is working with Cincinnati Bell on Wi-Fi options in the park as well as on Main Street. Cincinnati Bell will gather information and provide a quote for Wi-Fi in the next few weeks. There was some audience discussion whether this might cause problems in the park.
- Administrator Gephardt updated council on the Natural Gas Aggregation program. Letters have been sent to all residents with an opt out option. He further explained that you are automatically enrolled in the aggregation but can opt out by a certain time and to please reference the letter or call the office with any questions.
- Administrator Gephardt announced the Governor's Office of Appalachia will be awarding over 500 million dollars to the 32 Appalachian counties in Ohio including Clermont for projects involving infrastructure, healthcare, and workforce development. He mentioned he and Mayor Lefker already met with the county to discuss a possible extension of the Williamsburg Batavia hike bike trail east to Mr. Orab. The county is excited by this idea and will investigate leading the grant application process.
- Administrator Gephardt reported the village will be patching streets up at Kelly and Anna Drives.

PARKS COMMITTEE:

- Chairman Maham indicated parking ideas for the front and rear of the park were discussed at the last meeting. Administrator Gephardt will look at costs.
- The next meeting scheduled is TBD

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

- Mayor Lefker gave an update Bryan Bachtel -Street Supervisor-He is currently in ICU at University Hospital. Councilman Herren asked about disability and Mr. Murray indicated he declined AFLAC insurance through the Village. Mr. Murray will check with our insurance provider on options moving forward.
- Finance Clerk position. Mr. Murray said Priscilla Bush will be resigning her Finance Clerk position and will look to fill immediately. Administrator Gephardt will post position on Indeed and village website. Ms. Bush has agreed to stay on to train a new person.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 11/29/22 at 6:30PM

PLANNING COMMITTEE:

- Chairman Herren reported one application was approved for a single-family home on Todd's Run Foster. In addition, zoning and permit reports were reviewed.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 12/7/22 at 7PM.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The next meeting is TBD.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

- Chairman Maham reported the committee approved adjustment requests submitted for October.
- The next meeting is scheduled for 12/22/22 at 6PM.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

The next meeting is TBD.

TREE BOARD:

The next meeting is TBD.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT:

- Grant Career students will be handling painting of the yellow curbs in the village as part of their vocation days. This event will take place 10/24/22  
The next meeting is TBD

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

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

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



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

Clerk/Treasurer presented the Period 11-1<sup>st</sup> Half 2022 Income Tax receipts report (agenda item 3).

Councilman Mercer made motion to accept the report as presented. Councilman Herren second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried. (Agenda item 3).

Clerk/Treasurer read for the third time Ordinance 1203-22 to Amend Section 6 of Ordinance 1102-18 of the Village of Williamsburg Regarding Municipal Income Tax. (Agenda item 4).

Councilman Seip made motion to accept the report as presented. Councilman Maham second. By roll call: Councilman Seip, aye; Councilman Mercer, aye, Councilman Collier, aye; Councilman Herren, nay; Vice-Mayor Wood, nay; Councilman Maham, aye. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer read for the third time Ordinance 1204-22 Authorizing Increase Rates for the Collection of Garbage. (Agenda item 5).

Councilman Mercer made motion to accept the report as presented. Councilman Maham second. By roll call: Councilman Mercer, aye, Councilman Collier, aye; Councilman Herren, nay; Vice-Mayor Wood, nay; Councilman Maham, aye; Councilman Seip, aye. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer read for the second time Ordinance 1205-22 Adopting 2023 Temporary Appropriations. (Agenda item 6).

Clerk/Treasurer read for the first time Ordinance 1209-22 Decrease and Increase 2022 Permanent Appropriations for Year End. (Agenda item 7).

Councilman Collier made a motion to the suspend the rules for 1209-22. Councilman Maham second the motion. By roll Councilman Collier, aye; Councilman Maham, ayes; Vice-Mayor Wood, nay; Councilman Herren, nay; Councilman Mercer, aye; Councilman Seip, aye.

Motion failed to meet the ¾ majority, therefore motion failed.

Special meeting was be called for November 29, 2022, at 6:00 pm for the second reading of Ordinance1209-22 and second reading of Ordinance 931-22.

Clerk/Treasurer read for the first time Resolution 930-22 Authorize to Transfer of Funds within the Current 2022 Budget. (Agenda item 8).

Councilman Collier made motion to suspend rules on Resolution 930-22 Authorize to Transfer of Funds within the Current 2022 Budget. Councilman Mercer second. All ayes by roll call. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer read for the second and third Time Resolution 930-22 Authorize to Transfer of Funds within the Current 2022 Budget. (Agenda item 8).

Vice-Mayor Wood made motion to accept Resolution 930-22 Authorize to Transfer of Funds within the Current 2022 Budget. Councilman Herren second. All ayes by roll call. Motion Carried.

Clerk/Treasurer read for the first time Resolution 931-22 Authorize the Agreement for 2023 Resurfacing of Village Roads. (Agenda item 9).

Councilman Mercer made a motion to suspend the rules for Resolution 931-22. Councilman Maham second the motion. By roll call: Councilman Mercer, aye; Councilman Maham, aye; Councilman Seip, aye; Councilman Collier, aye; Councilman Herren, nay; Vice-Mayor Wood, nay.

Motion failed to meet the ¾ majority, therefore motion failed.

APPROVAL OF BILLS:

Vice-Mayor Wood made motion to approve the bills presented Warrants 29585– 29632 and

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EFT's 677-2022 thru 748-2022 be paid. Councilman Herren second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:  
Councilman Herren made a motion to go into Executive Session for the purpose of personal matters ORC section 121.22A1. Vice-Mayor Wood second the motion. All ayes by roll call. Motion Carried.


Council came out of Executive Session at 8:45 pm.

Councilman Herren made a motion to pay for the Street Supervisor Bryan Bachtel's medical and dental insurance for 2 months. Contingent upon our Health Care Provider approves. Councilman Mercer second the motion. All ayes by roll call. Motion Carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

ADJOURNMENT:  
Vice-Mayor Wood moved to adjourn the meeting. Councilman Collier second. All ayes by roll call. Motion carried.

  
Mary Ann Lefker - Mayor

  
Michael Murray - Clerk/Treasurer

December 8, 2022  
Date Approved