

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of _____ Meeting
BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO Form 6101

Held January 11, 2024

The regular meeting of the Williamsburg Village Council was held on Thursday January 11, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center -107 West Main Street, Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR: Jim Weaver; **VICE-MAYOR:** N/A; **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Tim Wood, Mark Herren, Katie King, Randy Mercer, George Seip and Jacob Simpson **SOLICITOR:** Chris Moore **POLICE:** Chief Timmers **FIRE MARSHALL:** Jason McCarthy **ADMINISTRATOR:** Andrew Gephardt **CLERK/TREASURER:** Mike Murray; **PUBLIC WORKS:** Kyle Cribbet, **STREET SUPERVISOR:** Jeff Bachman

Chris Moore administered the Oath of Office to Katie King.

AUDIENCE: Liz Betemps, Jane E. Lawrence, Joe King, Billy King, Don Morrison, Waylon King, Ava Blair, Ken D. Weaver, Lara Henning, Donna Mercer, Sherri Kissinger,

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

AUDIENCE:
Don Morrison, American Legion Post 288 was present and gave Council and update on the legion activities:
The American Legion distributed food and clothing to 38 families and 63 children in the amount of \$15,417. Their collection on main street bridge totaled \$9465.

Liz Betemps gave an update on the Farmers Market, Harmony Hill and the Garden Club
The first farmers market in 2024 will be held in May. She also stated that there will be a regional flower show at the high school on July 12 &13 and the garden club annual plant auction will be held on May 8th.

Laura Henning asked village council permission to place a memorial plaque in honor of Eric Simmons, on the park bench located at the corner of third and main street. Mark Herren made a motion to allow Laura to place the plaque, seconded by George Seip and all members, yea.

Mark Herren made a motion to nominate Tim Wood for Vice-Mayor for the calendar year 2024, seconded by Katie King. There were no other nominations. George Seip made a motion to elect Tim Wood, motion seconded by Mark Herren, all members, "YEA".

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice Mayor Tim Wood made a motion to approve regular council minutes from December 14, 2023, meeting, Councilman Mark Herren seconded. Tim Wood: Yea, Mark Herren: Yea George Seip: Yea, Randy Mercer: Yea, Katie King: Abstain, Jacob Simpson: Abstain. Motion carried.

George Seip made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 18, 2023, special meeting, Vice Mayor Tim Wood seconded. Tim Wood: Yea, Mark Herren: Yea George Seip: Yea, Randy Mercer: Yea, Katie King: Abstain, Jacob Simpson: Abstain. Motion carried.

Randy Mercer made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 27, 2023, Special Meeting. Mark Herren second. Tim Wood: Yea, Mark Herren: Yea George Seip: Yea, Randy Mercer: Yea, Katie King: Abstain, Jacob Simpson: Abstain. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Mayor Weaver provided the Mayors Court Fines and Costs Report for December 2023.---did anyone approve?

- 1. Council Rules-Mayor Weaver asked the council to review council rules.
- 2. Group Homes –Chris Moore to look at legality.
- 3. Police Department express concerns over combative residents
- 4. Electronic Sign in front of building-will bring to Facilities Committee.
- 5. Mayor Weaver will have a Read only Williamsburg Council Chronicles Facebook page

Councilman Mercer made a motion to keep council meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 5:30 pm. George Seip seconded the motion, all members voted "YEA."

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SOLICITOR:

Chris Moore asked council to approve an additional court date when needed. George Seip made a motion to that effect; Jacob Simpson seconded the motion and all members voted "YEA."

Chris Moore gave the new members of council his opinion concerning text messages and email communication referring the Ohio Sunshine Laws about group communications.

POLICE REPORT:

Police Chief Maggie Timmers presented Council with a copy of the December 2023 report.

Police Chief Timmers made a recommendation to council to accept the resignations of part time officers, Mike Meyers and Mark Sorbella. Randy Mercer made a motion to that effect, Mark Herrin seconded, and all members voted "YEA."

FIRE REPORT:

Chief McCarthy presented the report for December 2023. The chief informed council that his department had given CPR classes to the athletic coaches for Williamsburg Local schools, he also stated that a new life squad was on order with a 22–24-month lead time.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Sewer Lining is taking place in various parts of the village currently and should be completed in a few weeks.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

1. 2-hour parking on Main Street has been requested by a business owner. The area requested is between Front Street and Jasmine Alley on the south side of Main Street. George Seip made a motion to order parking signs, Randy Mercer seconded, all members voted "YEA."
2. Administrator Gephardt explained the Pickleball court estimate was initially prepared by Gamechanger Athletics. Gamechanger is the local dealer for Sport Court which is a court surface company that is in the village co-op group, Sourcewell. Gephardt explained we did not need to bid the court construction as they are already in the co-op program. Gephardt recommended to approve the contract with Gamechanger Athletics for the courts. Mark Herren made a motion to approve the contract, Randy Mercer seconded, and all members voted "YEA".
3. Administrator Gephardt indicated the annexation procedure for the Rubenstein property on SR 32 and SR 133 is almost complete. The next step the village needs to take is rezoning the property.
4. Taking a Toll on Us Property-Administrator Gephardt mentioned there is interest in developing the property and what are our options to bring sewer to that location in order to annex. Will investigate costs.

PARKS COMMITTEE:

Parks Committee did not meet. Next meeting is February 1st, 2024, 5:30pm

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Personnel Committee did not meet. Next meeting is TBD.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The Planning Commission did meet. The commission approved some housing permits as well as zoning permit and a lot split for new Dollar General property. The next meeting is scheduled for February 6th, 2024, at 7pm.

SAFETY COMMITTEE:

The Safety Committee did not meet. The next meeting is scheduled for January 29th at 1pm.

UTILITIES COMMITTEE:

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The Utilities Committee did meet. The committee approved some utility adjustment requests. The adjustment request for the Williamsburg schools was not approved. The next meeting is scheduled for February 1, 2024, at 5pm.

FINANCE COMMITTEE:

The Finance Committee did not meet. Next meeting is TBD.

FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT:

The Facilities and Equipment Committee did not meet. Next meeting is scheduled for February 5th, 2024, at 4pm.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT:

Economic Development did not meet. Next meeting is TBD.

TREE BOARD:

Tree Board did not meet. Next meeting is TBD.

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

The clerk read ordinance 964-24 for the first time, George Seip made a motion to suspend the rules, Randy Mercer seconded, and all members voted "YEA."

Clerk Treasure read ordinance 964-24 for the second and third time. Randy Mercer made a motion to pass that ordinance, Katie King seconded, and all member voted "YEA."

Tim Woods made a motion to approve the bills submitted by the Clerk Treasurer, Randy Mercer seconded all members voted "YEA."

Katie King made a motion to reinstate the 1% earnings tax credit, instruct the village solicitor to prepare an ordinance to accomplish this, and to have three special meetings on January 15, 2024, January 16, 2024, and January 17, 2024, at 6:30 pm to read the ordinance. Tim Woods second and roll call: Katie King: YEA Tim Wood: YEA Randy Mercer: NO George Seip: NO Mark Herren: YEA Jacob Simpson: YEA. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:

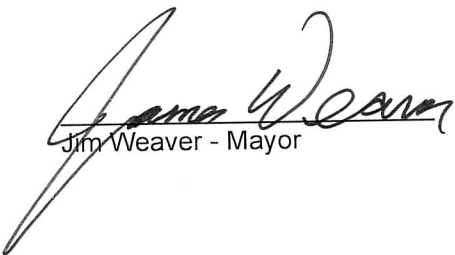
OLD BUSINESS TO BE DISCUSSED AT FUTURE MEETINGS

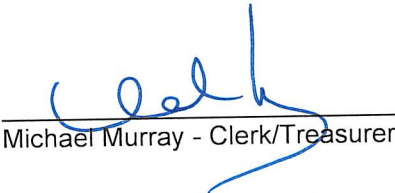
- 1. Group Homes
- 2. Methodist Church Steps

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

ADJOURNMENT:

Tim Wood made a motion adjourn the meeting. Councilman Herren second. All Yea by roll call. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15 pm.


Jim Weaver - Mayor


Michael Murray - Clerk/Treasurer

2/8/2024
Date Approved