

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of _____

Meeting _____

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

August 8
Held September 12, 2024

The regular meeting of the Williamsburg Village Council was held on Thursday September 12, 2024, at 5:30 p.m. at the Community Center -107 West Main Street, Williamsburg, Clermont County, Ohio.

Mayor Weaver called the regular meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance.

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAYOR: Jim Weaver; **VICE-MAYOR:** Tim Wood; **COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Jacob Simpson, Katie King, Randy Mercer, John Pope and Mark Herren. **POLICE:** Sgt, Merv Clemons **ADMINISTRATOR:** Andrew Gephardt **CLERK/TREASURER:** Lori Pegg; **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:** Kyle Cribbet

AUDIENCE: Sharon Chambers, Charlie Maklem, Clarence Klopstein, Lisa Kirk Levine and Joe Miller.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Mr. Simpson made a motion to approve regular council minutes from the August 8, 2024, meeting, Ms. King seconded. All voted "AYE." Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve the July 25, 2024, special meeting minutes, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "AYE."

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MAYOR'S REPORT:

ADD INFORMATION for court costs

Randy motion to accept, Herren second all voted "AYE."

Mayor Weaver shared information regarding the smoke study completed in 2016 on the sewer pipes throughout the Village connecting homes to the Village sewer and the need for these issues to be addressed. With these breaks and holes there is a large amount of stormwater being directed through the sewer plant for treatment when there is a heavy rain event. Council discussed an ordinance and a process going forward.

He also noted that we have not had a sewer rate increase since 2016 and we are having to treat this stormwater as well, which is a problem that is not going to fix itself. Council discussed potential solutions and actions. Mr. Moore noted that Council could consider a fund that could assist with the financing of the repairs. He will look at potential solutions based on some of the information that Mayor Weaver has gathered.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Moore noted he recommends Mayor's Court remain at twice monthly and be reevaluated after the first of the year. He read Ordinance 1229-24 for the second time.

He noted the owner of the old chair factory property also owns another property in the county that has a case against it and will be organizing a meeting with the owner regarding both properties.

He noted the legalization of marijuana doesn't allow people to drive under the influence. Employers also can mandate that you cannot have it in your system or show up to work with it.

Recommends that we review businesses that are coming into the Village and communicate with Clermont County Permit Central, which can be done by the CIC.

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Herren gave an update on calls for service from the Police Department. There were 393 calls for service in July 2847 for the year. There were 11 arrests 11 incident reports, 64 traffic citations, 62 traffic warnings, 5 traffic accidents and the k9 was deployed five times.

He noted that they are already dealing with the legalization of marijuana and the transportation of it. The legal amount is 2.5 oz and you cannot smoke it in public.

FIRE REPORT:

Chief McCarthy provided his report for June 2024 but was not in attendance. 46 of their 102 EMS runs and 15 of their 44 fire calls were in the Village. The station trained the Williamsburg football coaches on CPR and hosted several community groups at the station.

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PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Cribbet noted the parking lot had been completed at the park and the basketball court had been resealed.

The EPA is mandating an inspection of meter pits for copper and lead by the end of fall. He notes that we do not have any copper or lead in the village. Mr. Cribbet noted that residential meters have a 10-year warranty on the batteries, and they are about 10 years old, so we will have to replace meters in the future as the batteries die. He will be testing some of the larger meters before they go dead, and meters slow down over time.

He also noted that just took water samples and we are in compliance. The County has been flushing meters and we are allowed to flush a half million gallons per month to keep the water moving.

The contractors noted that they expect the sidewalks and repairs made at the park completed within the next 6 weeks.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administration Gephardt noted Ford Development Company bid \$425,000 which was about 8-9% higher than expected and recommends that we go with Ford Development on the 6th Street Water Main/Sidewalk Project. Mr. Mercer made a motion to approve the contract with Ford Development for the 6th Street Water Main/Sidewalk Project, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE."

Administrator Gephardt had his biannual meeting with the Army Corp of Engineers who own the land along the river at the park. The park passed their inspection.

Gephardt noted that the natural gas aggregation is up in October and Energy Alliances has come in with a bid that will lower the cost from around 80 cents to 58 cents per ccf. Mr. Mercer made a motion that we extend the contract with Energy Alliances for the natural gas rate, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE." If residents are already opted in they will not receive a letter, if you are not, you will receive a letter.

He had a meeting with the county economic development director regarding the Taking a Toll on us property. The county bought 132 acres of land between 32 and 276 and they are expecting to develop it into industrial property not residential and would rather the tollgate property not be developed as residential.

Mayor Weaver asked if there would be any issues from the Corp of Engineers if we decided to hold events such as music at the park. Mr. Gephardt noted he has a good relationship with them and would let them know but they shouldn't have any issues.

PARKS COMMITTEE – DID MEET

The sidewalk project was discussed and the impact on the disc golf course, which will be repaired.

PLANNING COMMISSION – Did not Meet

UTILITIES COMMITTEE – DID Meet

They discussed several sewer credits as a result of pool fills this summer.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE – DID Meet

Andrew recommended that Jeff Bachman be taken off probation and be given a \$1 per hour raise. Mr. Herren made a motion to approve that recommendation, seconded by Mr. Pope and all voted "AYE."

Mayor Weaver made a recommendation to hire Brandon Hammonds as a full-time police officer at a rate of \$22 per hour. Mr. Herren made a motion to approve the recommendation seconded by Vice-Mayor Wood and all voted "AYE."

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SAFETY COMMITTEE – DID NOT MEET

Next meeting is TBD

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT – DID NOT MEET

Next meeting TBD

MARKETING MEETING – DID NOT MEET

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Mr. Herren made a motion to accept the July 2024 Financials, Mr. Mercer seconded all voted "AYE."
2. Mr. Murray presented the Utility Fund Snapshot Report.
3. Mr. Mercer made a motion to accept the Income Tax Reports for Period 6 seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE."
4. Mr. Murray read for the third time Resolution 975-24 a resolution approving the creation of a DORA in the Village of Williamsburg. Ms. King made a motion to approve Resolution 975-24, seconded by Mr. Mercer all voted "AYE" except for Mr. Simpson and Mr. Pope who voted "NO."
5. Mr. Murray read for the second time Ordinance 1229-24 authorizing an increase in court costs and fines for the Village of Williamsburg Mayor's Court.
6. Mr. Murray provided information on the Rumpke contract increase in July. He is proposing an ordinance raising the rates to \$15.75 from \$15.35. This is the final year in the Rumpke contract. Mr. Murray read Ordinance 1230-24 for the first time. No action was taken.
7. Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve payment of the bills. Seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE."

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gerrard Property – There was more discussion regarding the operation of a business out of this property. Solicitor Moore noted that you are not allowed to use a residential property to store commercial items and operate a business out of a residential property. If it was on a hard surface and the property is zoned business, then there would not be a problem. If they would have come to the Village first, they would have known they cannot operate a business out of that residential area. We will give them an opportunity to correct the issues.
- Old Chair Factory - no update
- Annexation "Taking a Toll on us" property – Andrew has been in communication with owners and will keep updated, they are interested in annexation if our long-term intent is to run sewer. The County has expressed that they prefer that property be used for industrial purposes. Currently, the cost of a project like that would be 2-3 million dollars. The CIC could be used for annexation purposes.
- Smoke Test Results – draft ordinance
- Zachary Speed bumps installed
- Speed sign is in process

NEW BUSINESS

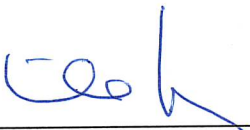
- Employee luncheon August 14th at noon
- Public works truck needs a new engine at a cost of \$20,000. We have the money in several funds.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Wood made a motion adjourn the meeting at 7:52 Ms. King seconded the motion all voted "AYE."



 Jim Weaver - Mayor



 Michael Murray - Clerk/Treasurer

August 8, 2024
Date Approved