

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Village of Williamsburg Regular Council Meeting

Minutes of _____

Meeting _____

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

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, John Pope and Mark Herren. Randy Mercer was absent. **POLICE:** Sgt, Merv Clemons **ADMINISTRATOR:** Andrew Gephardt **CLERK/TREASURER:** Lori Pegg; **PUBLIC WORKS SUPERVISOR:** Kyle Cribbet

AUDIENCE: Lydia Simpson, Charlie Maklem, Matt McGee, Kristin Sampsel, Gayle Burroughs, Joe Miller, Sherri Kissman, Denise DeMoss, Justin Albright.

Gayle Burroughs spoke about the farmers market noting that the sidewalk project has not interfered with the market vendors or visitors. They have been seeing about 120 visitors per week, however with the weather and slow crops this year the final market will be September 18th.

The garden club will be decorating the Village with their scarecrows next week.

Sherry Kissenger gave an update on the Christmas Walk. It will be held December 6th from 6-9pm. There will be fire truck rides, trolley rides and a dog parade on Saturday morning.

Denise Demoss inquired about cutting weeds on Front Street between the road and sidewalk in areas.

Matt McGee expressed concern about the workmanship of a sidewalk section installed by the Village on Zachary. Council will look at it and decide what is needed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to approve regular council minutes from the August 8, 2024, meeting, Mr. Herren 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."

MAYOR'S REPORT:

Court Costs for August 2024 were \$2829, Revenue from fines was \$2236 and there were \$77 in fees. Total to the Village was \$4108 and the total to the State was \$1026.50. Vice-Mayor Wood made motion to accept, Mr. Herren second all voted "AYE."

Mayor Weaver shared information about the Grand Opening of Los Compadres.

He thanked Vice-Mayor Wood for the donation of the speed limit awareness sign.

SOLICITOR:

Mr. Moore noted that Mayor's Court has continued to improve and the practice of holding court twice per month has helped ease the burdens on the Court.

He noted that there may be some movement of grant funding over the next few weeks to clean up the old chair factory.

He has been discussing options with the tenant's attorney regarding the Gerrard Property.

POLICE REPORT:

Sgt. Clemons gave an update on calls for service from the Police Department. There were 393 calls for service in August, there were 11 arrests, 11 offense reports, 64 traffic citations, 72 traffic warnings, 1 traffic accidents and the k9 was deployed five times.

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FIRE REPORT:

Chief McCarthy provided his report for August 202. 42 of their 103 EMS runs and 14 of their 41 fire calls were in the Village.

Chief McCarthy thanked Stonelick Township for the use of their ambulance this year and reported they have finally received their ambulance back that was damaged at Christmas.

The Department participated in grain bin rescue training with Purina who will have many grain bins on site at the new facility.

A box truck will be listed on gov deals in the near future.

PUBLIC WORKS:

Mr. Cribbet reported that all the leftover dirt from the construction of the pickle ball courts has been removed.

The Township loaned us their arm mower to clean up some areas of the Village that we have been unable to reach.

The examination of the Cornerstone development revealed that a storm sewer had been blocked by altafiber lines. They have been contacted and are making repairs.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Gephardt reported that a Pre-Construction meeting was held on the Sixth Street Waterline and Sidewalk project. The water main will likely be finished by the end of the year and sidewalks likely in the spring.

There are left over funds from the donations for the pickleball courts and we are looking into other improvements to be made in the park.

The East Main Street Sidewalk Project should be complete over the next few weeks.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

PLANNING COMMITTEE met regarding zoning violations and permits.

FACILITIES & EQUIPMENT met regarding the sale of old police cruisers and using the proceeds to repair another old cruiser that was not running for use by the Public Works Department. Also discussed was an updated staff car. Mr. Pope made a motion to move forward with these items, seconded by Mr. Simpson and all voted "AYE."

CLERK/TREASURER'S REPORT:

1. Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to accept the August 2024 Financials, Mr. Herren seconded all voted "AYE."
2. Ms. Pegg presented the Utility Fund Snapshot Report.
3. Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to accept the Income Tax Reports for Period 7 seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE."
4. Ms. Pegg read for the second time Ordinance 1229-24 authorizing an increase in court costs and fines for the Village of Williamsburg Mayor's Court.
5. Ms. Pegg read Resolution 978-2024 accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Ms. King made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Mr. Herren and all voted "AYE." Vice-Mayor Wood made a motion to pass Resolution 978-2024 seconded by Mr. Herren and all voted "AYE."
6. Ms. Pegg read Ordinance 1230-24 an ordinance authorizing the creation of a new fund to the Village's Appropriations for monies received from the ODNR for the extension of the Park walking path. Ms. King made a motion to suspend the rules, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wood and all voted "AYE." Ms. King made a motion to pass Ordinance 1230-24, seconded by Vice Mayor Wood and all voted "AYE."

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7. Mr. Herren made a motion to approve the payment of bills and EFT's for August, seconded by Vice-Mayor Wood and all voted "AYE."

OLD BUSINESS:

- Gerrard Property – See Solicitor Report
- Old Chair Factory – See Solicitor Report
- Annexation "Taking a Toll on us" property – discussion of annexation and needs. Administrator Gephardt shared a map noting what properties would need to be annexed to get the Taking a Toll On Us property annexed.
- Smoke Test Results – No update

NEW BUSINESS

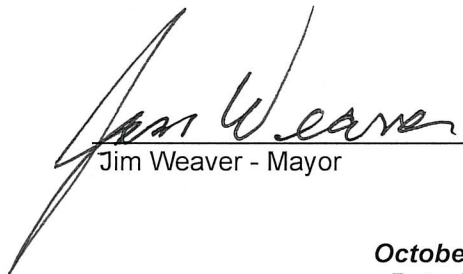
- Ms. King shared the results of an online survey she did regarding a DORA in the Village. 81% for and 29% against with 180 participants.
- Council discussed the DORA times and boundaries and will continue the discussion at the next meeting
- Mr. Simpson shared that he would like to change the meeting broadcast from Zoon to YouTube. The solicitor is looking into file storage issues and fees.

Mr. Herren made a motion to enter into Executive Session pursuant to ORC 121.22(G)(1), (G)(2) & (G)(3) seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE."

Mr. Herren made a motion to come out of Executive Session at 8:20, seconded by Ms. King and all voted "AYE." No action was taken.

ADJOURNMENT:

Vice Mayor Wood made a motion adjourn the meeting at 8:22pm, Ms. King seconded the motion all voted "AYE."



Jim Weaver - Mayor



Lori Pegg – Acting Clerk/Treasurer

October 10, 2024
Date Approved