

Village of Maineville

Council Meeting Minutes

August 20, 2020

7:00 PM

Mayor Beebe called the meeting to order by everyone reciting the Pledge to the Flag.

The Invocation was given by Pastor Mark Sage.

Those Present were

Mayor Beebe – Yes

Councilmember - Hengle – Yes

Councilmember - Bingham – Yes

Councilmember – Billups – Yes

Councilmember – Drook - Yes

Councilmember – Humphries - Yes

Councilmember – Williams – Yes

Motion to approve the minutes, from the July 16, 2020 meeting, was made by Councilmember Humphries, seconded by Councilmember Drook. Roll call vote to approve the minutes as was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the August 20, 2020 meeting agenda was made by Councilmember Billups, seconded by Councilmember Hengle. Roll call vote to approve the agenda as submitted was unanimous in favor.

Street

Steve Allen gave the street report. He asked Council to approve getting quotes on the sidewalks in the Village damaged by trees that were planted some time ago. There have been injuries caused by the portions that are heavily damaged. The suggestion is that the repairs be done in smaller portions at a time. Council suggested getting quotes from a few different contractors so that we have reasonable pricing and are being fiscally responsible. This will be tabled until next meeting.

Mr. Allen also noted that Frazier house had been demolished. He made sure to cut a piece of a beam before demo was done. He would like to have it shellacked and mounted so that it can be given to the remaining family member in the Village.

Police

Chief Hughes shared the "Proudly Serving Village of Maineville" decals that will be going on all of their cruisers.

Speeding issues on Ravenwood and Deersadow were addressed by extra patrol in the area and warnings given out. Bicycle officers have been out in various neighborhoods as well. Community outreach events have been delayed due to COVID-19.

Councilmember Humphries asked Chief Hughes to track any trends that may arise within the Village. Councilmember Bingham asked that officers watch for speeders near his home. Chief Hughes asked if there was a specific location and stated that he will make sure that an officer will focus on that location. Councilmember Humphries mentioned child safety since school is starting up. Chief Hughes stated that the Township will be posting school bus safety on Facebook.

Stats were shared for incidents since the last day patrol was offered by Maineville PD. They were noted as follows:

45 Calls for service within the Village
7 Residents asking for PD to call them back
25 Documented business checks
18 Traffic Stops
30 Fire / EMS runs (half were either Salem House or Hopkins Commons)
141 extra patrol within the Village
266 incidents total

Mayor

Mayor Beebe discussed the lack of lighting in the Village. He would like to check into adding lamp posts and more lighting in the future for the downtown Village area.

Council

Councilmember Humphries asked what was behind the idea of Steve Allen taking the police SUV. Mayor stated that it was worth more to the Village, since it is paid off, than it would be if we sold it on govdeals.org. Councilmember Humphries also asked how a washer and dryer would be used that was taken from the Frazier house. Mayor and Councilmember Drook stated that it may be used in the barn, not the garage. Councilmember Humphries inquired about costs/revenue for tickets and court costs. Mayor explained that the township sends any cases through Warren County Court and that is no cost to us.

Councilmember Bingham discussed the property at 8255 S. St. Rt. 48 again. He inquired on what progress has been made. The Mayor asked that Councilmember Bingham, Councilmember Drook, Steve Allen, and himself go look at the property to decide next course of action.

Committees

The Employment Committee did meet to discuss the Street Commissioner position. No decisions were made. There will be a future meeting after more job data is gathered.

Fiscal

Mary Beth Campbell gave the July, 2020 report for finances. As follows: beginning General Fund balance for 2020 \$291,173.18; received in July respectively \$59,938.63; expenditures July \$53,646.75. Over all fund balances to date \$761,466.90.

Council was presented with tax info packets from two different couples living in the Village. These residents were asking Council and the Mayor to waive the penalties and interest from past tax years. The Mayor noted how, some years, the penalties and interest out-weighed the taxes. He also shared how paying R.I.T.A. taxes can be confusing. We might want to start sending welcome packets to new Village residents.

Motion to waive the penalties and interest was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Humphries. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous in favor.

Public

Former Mayor Dale Marconet addressed the properties with high grass and garbage. He asked that the previous ordinance used to address these issues, be enforced to get the areas cleaned up. He also thanked the Village for getting the bell back from the township.

Executive Session – To consider the employment of a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1). Motion was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Hengle. Roll call vote to approve was unanimous in favor. Council adjourned into executive session at 8:09 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Resolution 2020-09 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter Into Employment Contract With Solicitor Julie Byrne, and Declaring an Emergency.

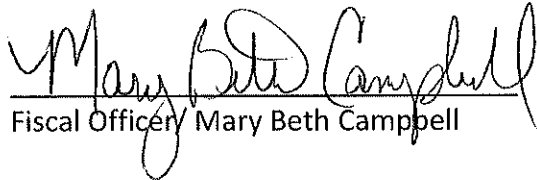
Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call vote to adopt as follows:

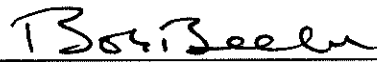
Mrs. Billups – Yes
Mr. Drook – Yes
Mrs. Humphries – Yes
Mr. Williams – Yes
Mrs. Hengle – Yes
Mr. Bingham – No

Solicitor Julie Byrne was then sworn in by Mayor Beebe.

With nothing further to be presented to Council a motion from Councilmember Williams to adjourn was introduced with a second from Councilmember Hengle and all Councilmembers voted to adjourn at 8:47. PM.

Adopted:


Fiscal Officer/ Mary Beth Campbell



Mayor Bob Beebe