

Village of Maineville
Council Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2022
7:00 PM

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

The Invocation was given by Jon Moore.

Those Present were:

Mayor Beebe – Yes
Councilmember - Hughes – Yes
Councilmember – Billups – Yes
Councilmember – Drook – Yes
Councilmember – Humphries - Yes
Councilmember – Williams – Yes
Councilmember – Tomsic – Yes

Motion to approve the June 9, 2022, minutes was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Humphries. Roll call vote to approve the minutes as was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the July 14, 2022, agenda was made by Councilmember Billups, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call vote to approve the agenda was unanimous in favor.

Guests

Sheriff Larry L. Sims provided the Year in Review 2021 for the Warren County Sheriff's Office. Copies of the report were provided to council and the Mayor.

Street

The new LED stop signs have been installed. Also, Warren County allowed us to cover the costs for stop bars at the same intersection. Kurt Weber sent his personal thanks to Council and the Mayor for having this done. Also, we had striping done downtown.

Police

Captain Quillan Short provided the police report. There were 18 traffic stops within the Village limits. There were no significant arrests made. There were 5 calls to a home on Antietam. He added that the Freedom Parade went well. One learning was that the stilt walkers may be moved to a different spot to make things easier on them.

Mayor added thanks regarding the call for an infant not breathing. They were very quick to respond and the baby ended up being fine.

Zoning

Mayor Beebe gave the zoning report from Lindsey Gehring. She has been handling zoning inspections. One home has 17 dogs. The situation with Krimmer's is still not clear. There has been a permit issued. However, he is in possible negotiations to sell. Solicitor Byrne said that the owner has up to 6 months to do the work.

Mayor

Mayor stated that the Freedom Parade went great. Next year, instead of working on expansion, they would like to work on improvements. He said that he felt that it represented the Village well.

One improvement might be to have better sound for the MC or speaker. This coming Sunday is Scoopz 5th anniversary and all are invited. He will be speaking.

Committees

Doug Drook stated that July 28th will be the next Planning Committee.

Scott Williams stated the Finance Committee met and reviewed the 2023 budget that is being approved tonight. They also discussed the pay increase for Drook Service.

Linda spoke on behalf of the Event Committee. She said the beer garden didn't do as well as expected. The games went well. She would like to see more Village residents get involved. She said thank you to Mary Beth for getting involved and recruiting Turtlecreek and US Ambulance again. She said thankyou to Patricia and Doug for their help on everything. Next year, she would love to see Roger Bingham and ACR be a part of the parade.

Council

Doug Drook said that the details for the new council chambers desk should be available at the next council meeting.

Fiscal

Financials were provided by fiscal officer, Mary Beth Campbell. Beginning balance of the General fund was \$570,961.11. June Receipts were \$86,828.02. June payments were \$83,483.72. June's ending balance for the General fund was \$534,988.67. The ending overall balance for June was \$1,451,395.12.

Motion to approve the June fiscal officer report was made by Councilmember Billups and seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call to accept was unanimous in favor.

- Discussion regarding tax penalties/interest for resident – the fiscal officer provided copies of a written request from a resident asking Council to forgive their penalties and interest on their back taxes. They are about to claim bankruptcy. Motion to forgive their penalties and interest was made by Councilmember Billups and seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Byrne noted that R.I.T.A. offers a subpoena program, which they use to go after those who owe back taxes. The last time that we have used that service was in 2019. In 2019, there were 359 delinquent filers that owed back-taxes. That totaled approximately \$102,000. When you do a comparison to taxes receipted in 2020, that would be an approximate 20% increase in tax revenue that was not collected. In 2019, for \$1900, R.I.T.A. issued 238 subpoenas to go after delinquent filers and they actually recovered approximately \$46,000. We currently have 474 delinquent filers on the list, 146 of those are actually outside of the Village. Thirty-one are living out of state. R.I.T.A. is able to access the IRS database to see who should be paying taxes to the Village. There are 297 delinquent accounts in the Village. That is comparable to where we were in 2019. We missed the window this year. However, it is her recommendation that the Village use this subpoena process in 2023. She said R.I.T.A. has also taken individuals to court. In order to be cost effective, she recommended we use the service. She also said this process is a way to go after delinquent filers without being overly aggressive. We used to take part in the program every other year.

Mayor Beebe stated that this is 20% of the residents. He discussed a tax amnesty program with Solicitor Byrne. If so, we could send notices out prior to tax season, possibly the end of the year.

Julie has been working with the township on JEDD information that is needed for R.I.T.A. to provide costing. R.I.T.A. will not provide a quote until they have all the information on what is included within the JEDD. There has to be 3 readings to move forward. However, she has been reluctant until she knows the costs for R.I.T.A. We are not trying to slow the process, we simply need all the information before moving forward.

Public Hearing Re: FY 2023 Tax Budget

A motion was made to go into public hearing regarding the FY 2023 Tax Budget. Motion was made by Councilmember Drook and seconded by Councilmember Tomsic. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor. Public Hearing began at 8:12 p.m.

With no public comments, motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Billups and seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor. Public Hearing regarding the FY 2023 Tax Budget closed at 8:14 p.m.

RESOLUTION 2022-15 Adopting the Tax Budget of the Village of Maineville, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2023 and Submitting Same to the County Auditor and Declaring an Emergency

This is the annual submission of the budget to Matt Nolan's office for approval.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Drook. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

RESOLUTION 2022-16 Authorizing Increased Monthly Payment to Drook Service for Cleaning Services for the Village Administration Building and Declaring an Emergency

Dee Drook, of Drook Service has been making the same amount, \$170 a month, since she began cleaning the building years ago. This would increase that amount to \$250 per month. She cleans once a week throughout each month.

Doug Drook abstained from Council's vote on the resolution. Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Humphries and seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Roll call of the remaining 5 members of council to approve was unanimous in favor.

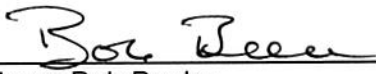
ORDINANCE 2022-04 Approving the 2022 Appropriations for American Rescue Plan Act Fiscal Recovery Funds and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

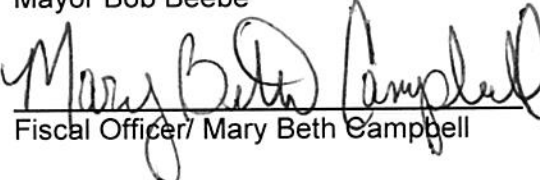
Public

With nothing further to be presented to Council a motion from Councilmember Billups to adjourn was seconded by Councilmember Hughes and all Councilmembers voted to adjourn at 8:25 pm.

Adopted:



Mayor Bob Beebe



Fiscal Officer/ Mary Beth Campbell