

Village of Maineville

Council Meeting Minutes

October 1, 2020

7:00 PM

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

Mayor started with a moment of silence after the passing of our previous Police Chief, Joe Lane. He then gave the Invocation.

Those Present were

Mayor Beebe – Yes

Councilmember - Hengle – Yes

Councilmember – Billups – Yes

Councilmember – Drook - Yes

Councilmember – Humphries - Yes

Councilmember – Williams – Absent

Councilmember – Tomsic - Yes

Motion to excuse Councilmember Scott Williams was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call vote to excuse Councilmember Williams was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the minutes, from the September 10, 2020 meeting, was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Hengle. Roll call vote to approve the minutes as was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the October 1, 2020 meeting agenda was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call vote to approve the agenda as submitted was unanimous in favor.

Street

Steve Allen gave the street report. Mr. Allen has picked up trash around the Village. He mowed the retention ponds and area around the administrative office. He directed traffic for Hamilton Township while they were mowing, and also for the contractors doing the sidewalk repair and tree removal along SR 48. The sewer lid on Foster-Maineville has been fixed. Trimming was done around all road signs in the Village. The tree on Salt Run was also trimmed back. Mr. Allen also cleaned his garage and called to get a quote on lights for the old police cruiser. A quote was requested for new signs to replace the ones that are faded.

Mayor spoke about the complaint from Carl about a loud noise near his house. When Mr. Allen and the Mayor investigated the matter, they found that there was a manhole that was separating from the pavement. Every time a car goes over it, it makes a loud noise. The contractor that did the paving was contacted and they will be coming back out to fix this. There has been a temporary fix for now.

Linda inquired about the property previously discussed on 48 that was flooding. The Mayor stated that they have been watching it with all of the rain we've had and there has been no flooding.

Police

Chief Hughes stated that there is a new reporting system in place that he will be using to provide charts or reports to the Village with run data. Most of the responses were extra

patrol. The month was mostly quiet. There were some parking complaints on Hennepin and warnings were given out. Hopkins Commins and Salem House had noise complaints.

Councilmember Drook asked if the township does vacation house checks. Chief Hughes said that they will do that. Just call the non-emergency number.

Chief Hughes made the suggestion that the Maineville PD voicemail be updated. Since then, the Maineville PD voicemail has been updated to the township information.

Councilmember Drook asked about the noise ordinance signs that have Village of Maineville PD listed. Solicitor Byrne noted that since Hamilton Township now serves as the policing agency for the Village, it isn't necessary to replace the signs.

Chief Hughes, Zoning Officer, Solicitor, and the Mayor will be meeting to discuss zoning ordinance enforcement, along with the house on Sycamore.

The Township will not be having any events due to COVID-19.

Mayor

Mayor Beebe discussed the sidewalk replacement. It is coming along nicely so far. He is getting a lot of good feedback.

Halloween trick-or-treating was discussed. The final decision was to keep the hours the same as Hamilton Township. Therefore, trick-or-treating in the Village will be 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Council

Councilmember Humphries mentioned the solar energy project in South Lebanon. She said that the Village should keep this in mind for future ideas in the Village.

Councilmember Hengle asked that the CDC guidelines be mentioned in the Halloween post regarding trick-or-treating. The Mayor said he will make note of the link.

Committees

There were no committee reports.

Fiscal

Mary Beth Campbell gave the September, 2020 report for finances. As follows: beginning General Fund balance for 2020 \$296,205.67; received in September respectively \$45,514.76; expenditures September \$48,525.97. Over all fund balances to date \$741,591.70.

Resolution 2020-12 – Authorizing a Decrease of Existing Appropriations and Declaring an Emergency

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

Mrs. Billups – Yes
Mr. Drook – Yes
Mrs. Humphries – Yes
Mr. Williams – Absent
Mrs. Hengle – Yes
Mrs. Tomsic – Yes

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Byrne has been having difficulty getting the remaining Village files from Wood & Lamping. She had to go to the CFO. Wood & Lamping is working on getting them from storage for her to pick up. She was able to get all of the files that were located in Kevin's office.

She has been looking into zoning issue strategies. One of the ways to address the zoning issue is to go to court, which would be a much more expensive approach. The other way that she suggested we take is to use our current zoning ordinance, which makes a violation a minor misdemeanor. This is a much easier way than using the ORC. We need to start the process over, from the beginning. After reaching the stage where they receive a minor misdemeanor, each day after is another minor misdemeanor violation. This makes the fine a maximum of \$150 per day they're in violation, but they do not receive jail time. The case would be sent to Warren County Court.

Mrs. Byrne has been reviewing zoning processes with Jackie, along with TIF funds received with the fiscal officer. She has also been reviewing the different committees and will be advising on any changes needed to how they are set up.

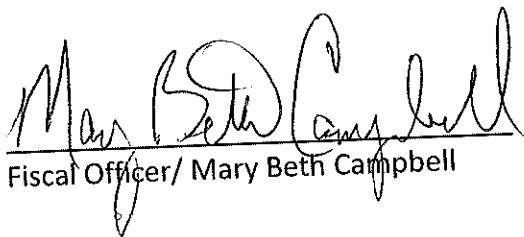
Councilmember Billups asked about fencing that is on County line not being mowed. The Mayor said this is something the County should be mowing and he would call and check into this.


Public

Sofie Billups, Sandhill Drive, asked if 6 to 8 for trick-or-treating was age or time. Mayor Beebe explained that it meant trick-or-treating would be from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

With nothing further to be presented to Council a motion from Councilmember Billups to adjourn was introduced with a second from Councilmember Drook and all Councilmembers voted to adjourn at 7:41. PM.

Adopted:


Fiscal Officer/ Mary Beth Campbell



Mayor Bob Beebe