

# Village of Maineville

## Council Meeting Minutes

June 18, 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 – No

Councilmember – Billups – Yes

Councilmember – Drook - Yes

Councilmember – Humphries - Yes

Councilmember – Williams – Yes

Motion to excuse Roger Bingham was made by Allison Billups, seconded by Linda Humphries. Roll call vote to excuse Roger Bingham was approved unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the minutes, from the June 4, 2020 meeting, was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call vote to approve the minutes as was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the June 18, 2020 meeting agenda was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Hengle. Roll call vote to approve the agenda as submitted was unanimous in favor.

### **Mayor**

Mayor Beebe thanked Pastor Sage for allowing the Village to use the church for meetings. He also thanked the residents for attending the meeting. Their appearance shows how much they care about their community. The Mayor stated that after living in Maineville for 10 years, and becoming Mayor, his love for the Village has only grown stronger. Over the next few meetings, he urged residents to attend, as he plans on releasing his vision statement for the Village. He wants to see the Village thrive and be a wonderful place to raise our families. He also wants to see it thrive economically. Part of his vision statement includes creating an Economic Development Team to help attract small businesses to our downtown area. He would love to see streetlamps and park benches, decorative flower pots, and possibly a digital sign for the Village administrative offices as well. There is so much he would like to see.

The next meeting on July 2<sup>nd</sup>, will be a very important meeting and all are urged to attend. We've invited Hamilton Township officials and Sheriff Sims to speak. They will be here to answer your questions. The Mayor urged all residents to attend and to tell their neighbors to attend. The knowledge that will be shared at that meeting could bring everyone together as a team, rather than be divided.

The Mayor also added, R.I.T.A. is our tax collector. The one percent income tax residents pay goes to them and pays for services provided through the Village. If we move to a township police contract, we will pay through the agreed contract. We will not move to a levy based system.

## **Council**

None at this time

## **Committees**

Next Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a Planning Committee Meeting.

Events – The Village of Maineville will not be holding a 4<sup>th</sup> of July event this year. With the large rise in COVID cases for Warren County, this could be considered careless to do so at this time. We plan on trying to focus on having a larger event on Labor Day in September.

## **Solicitor:**

Kevin McDonough had a mylar document for Wellington Estates that needed signed by councilmembers. This was to correct dimensions of a setback listed on the previous map. This was reviewed by Wood & Lamping's real estate division, along with the engineer, as well as the engineer for the developer.

## **Public:**

Mike Kembel – Mr. Kembel stated that the Village of Maineville is on the wrong path by disbanding the police department. He was disappointed that at the beginning of the year, the residents were told that the police department would not be disbanded. However, it appears to be happening now. He also stated that he wished everyone could read the resignation letter of Chief Beth Mason. He also shared concerns about moving to a levy-based system through the township.

Anthony Maraucci – Shared his support for the Maineville Police Department. He commended them for always having a presence. It is nice seeing them patrol the neighborhoods of the Village. He understands that there are financial needs as well, but he hoped that the police department could remain in the Village.

Pastor Mark Sage – Shared that he never understood why there was a need to have two separate police departments located so closely to each other. He always thought that was overkill and that the two should be able to be combined and work together as one. If there is a way to save money and have better police coverage, he stated that would be wiser. His understanding was that the police budget made up about one third of the Village budget. If the service could be contracted out to save half of that amount, he totally supports that. He's always been happy to have a police department very close to the church. He has nothing against the Maineville PD and said he commended them on their hard work, as they've responded to the church. Ultimately, it is up to council and he hoped they make the best decision for the residents, as the COVID-19 set backs will cause major revenue problems.

Ryan Gaerke – Stated that he's very happy to see streets improving and new businesses, like the Italianette, moving into our Village. He thanked Council and the Mayor for doing things to help better the Village. He also thanked Officer Brown for responding in his neighborhood. However, he agreed with Pastor Sage on being fiscally responsible on future financial decisions. Mr. Gaerke also mentioned that maybe it would be a good idea to look into absorbing our officer so that he can keep his job.

Leane Lauffer – She's lived in the village for 14 years. She would like for us to be fiscally responsible. One percent of our income is a huge amount. If it doesn't make sense for us to have our own police department, fiscally, then we need to look into other ideas. It would be great if others would want to come visit our town without worrying about being pulled over. It would also be good to see development and small businesses come in to the Village to make it more appealing. There is much more that we could do.

Carl Uebellacker – He contacted Chief Reese about having fire apparatus drive through the Village neighborhoods on 4<sup>th</sup> of July.

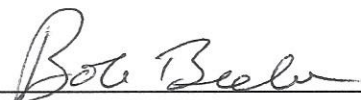
**Executive Session – To consider the employment of a public employee pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1).** Motion was made by Councilmember Drook and seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call vote to approve the agenda as submitted was unanimous in favor. Council adjourned into executive session at 7:31 p.m.

Council reconvened the regular meeting at 9:03 p.m. No further action was taken.

With nothing further to be presented to Council a motion from Councilmember Billups to adjourn was introduced with a second from Councilmember Humphries and all Councilmembers voted to adjourn at 9:03. PM.

Adopted:

  
Fiscal Officer/ Mary Beth Campbell

  
Mayor Bob Beebe