

Village of Maineville
Council Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2021
7:00 PM

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

The Invocation was given by Pastor Sage.

Those Present were:

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

Motion to approve the minutes, from October 7, 2021 meeting, was made by Councilmember Billups, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call vote to approve the minutes as was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the December 2, 2021 agenda was made by Councilmember Billups, seconded by Councilmember Tomsic. Roll call vote to approve the amended agenda was unanimous in favor.

Guests

Zach MacDaniel – Talbert House - Discussed the “Be One of Us” initiative, which helps to educate the public on what drinking responsibly means. Ohio has ranked 2nd in binge drinking. This is mostly middle-class Ohioans. Zach reviewed the initiative suggestion of 1 standard drink per hour, 2 standard drinks per day, and 3 standard drinks on any single day. What is in the glass also matters, as some have a higher alcohol percentage. The Prevention Group will be putting up billboards throughout Warren County.

Mike Stiltski, EvoFit – Mike reviewed that Evo-Fit is a family focused gym that provides various fitness programs. They do competitions and challenges to help draw in the public. They want to help as many folks as they can to start their fitness journey. Mike also noted that they want to be involved in public events, such as parades or Touch a Plow. They provide special deals to public safety and previous military.

Street

Steve Allen stated that he has been doing winter preparation work. He has been working on the salt spreader for the dump truck, sanding and painting it. He reviewed the two quotes for Cincinnati Safety Outfitters and one from Tri-State Public Safety. Even though the Tri-State quote was more, Steve said that they provide twice the lighting and they were more professional to deal with. The Mayor stated that he would rather go with Tri-State. Julie Byrne stated the conversation should not continue in the street report portion of the meeting. We will continue to the appropriate time. Julie Hengle told Steve she has a street light out that needs reported.

Police

Sergeant Short reviewed the numbers for the Village in the month of November. We had 540 total incidents, of which, 345 were extra patrols, 60 were business checks, took 7 reports (3 of which were domestic violence, 1 menacing, 1 fraud, 1 theft, 1 ongoing investigation), there were several traffic and warning citations issued. They had their first zoning violation hearing at Warren County Court with a successful prosecution, thanks to Mrs. Byrne. There was very good feedback from the judge on how it was all handled. The judge backdated his sentencing to September. The PD will continue to follow up with Julie Byrne on the status of the clean-up. As of today, no clean-up has been done on the property. HTPD just finished a self-defense class with Evo-Fit. They had approximately 20 people in the class. There will be another class after the first of the year. Councilmember Humphries thanked the police department for prompt response to a perpetrator that appeared at her door in the middle of the night.

Zoning

The new zoning clerk will be attending the next meeting in January. They are also going to be hiring a separate economic developer. The Mayor mentioned that they'll be speaking with a developer who bought the, approximately 150 acres, surrounding the old Maineville Elementary School. They will be meeting with the new owner to discuss what his future plans are for development of the property. The owner will be having plans drawn up to share. There are many exciting ideas.

Mayor

Mayor congratulated those council members who were re-elected. He then thanked Julie Hengle for all of her hard work as a council member and told her she will be missed.

Committees

For committees, the Mayor stated that he will be creating an Engineer Selection Committee and has asked Councilmembers Tomsic, Drook, and Williams to be on it. They all agreed. They will be meeting soon.

Councilmember Drook stated that he met with our new zoning clerk at the Hamilton Township Trustee Meeting. He asked if she could attend our next Planning Committee Meeting in January 2022, 4th Thursday, and she agreed to.

Councilmember Humphries discussed the upcoming tree lighting ceremony. There will be all kinds of activities and Santa inside the building. Maineville volunteers are needed for put up and tear down. There will also be fireworks afterwards.

Council

Councilmember Drook said congratulations to all who were elected and also thank you to Julie Hengle.

Councilmember Tomsic also said congratulations and thank you to Julie Hengle as well. She also stated that she thought it would be good to spotlight all the businesses in Maineville. However, Julie Byrne stated that the Village should carefully consider whether or not it wants to promote all businesses regardless of the nature of the business.

Councilmember Billups reiterated the same congratulations and thanks. She also inquired on the status of Krimmers. Mayor spoke to Mr. Krimmer himself. Mr. Krimmer said he doesn't have a tentative date to open. When Mayor told Mr. Krimmer that others were interested in possibly purchasing the place, he said to give them his number.

Councilmember Williams also stated congratulations and told Julie Hengle how she will be deeply missed. He had not only served on council with her, but also on various committees and it was a joy to work with her. He also told everyone Merry Christmas.

Councilmember Hengle thanked everyone for their kind words. She has really enjoyed her time serving as a councilmember. She hoped that she had made some kind of impact while serving. The irony was that she decided not to run because her job was so time consuming. However, now her work situation has changed. She will be working a regular Monday through Friday job. She is free to help on any committees or other areas that she might be needed.

Fiscal

Mary Beth Campbell gave the October 2021 report for finances. The numbers were as follows: beginning General Fund balance for October 2021 \$537,038.12; received in October respectively \$42,008.49; expenditures October \$153,600.51, of which we paid for the quarterly payments to Hamilton Township for the zoning contract and the police contract, along with the purchase of our new pick-up truck for the street department. She then provided the numbers for November as follows: Beginning General Fund balance was \$484,527.15; receipted in November was \$53,277.47, payments in November totaled \$71,604.71 (one payment was for the crosswalk sign and another was to Zoresco for the dump bed), which left the overall balance at the end of November as \$1,230,265.49.

Councilmember Humphries asked if we still had COVID money. Mrs. Campbell stated that we do and we will be getting another payment from that next year in 2022.

Mrs. Campbell reviewed with council that when they vote on any possible expenditures for the street department tonight, she will need to know the timing, so that she can budget for the amount they approve. We are down to the last month of the year and are limited to what is left in the budget for 2021.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Byrne went to trial on the village's behalf over the Sycamore property. We were successful in getting a guilty verdict. The subject was originally cited in September. He could've plead guilty and paid a minimal fine. However, he did not and it went to trial. It was a bench trial. Officer Rigby served as a witness, along with Alex Kraemer, without subpoena. Judge Robert Fischer at WC Court awarded \$100 a day going back to the September date, and adding \$100 per day that it still is not cleaned up. A portion of this will be court costs. As of today, it is still not cleaned up. Julie will also be providing her attorney costs to the court so that will be added on as well. That amount was around \$7,000. That would come back to the village. There is an opportunity to appeal. He didn't bring counsel to trial, so she's not sure what he plans to do. However, she will be working with the police and the court.

Julie also explained that there had been some discussion with the township on a possible JEDD (Joint Economic Development District). They've had some very preliminary discussions on what that might look like between Julie and their legal counsel. A JEDD would allow the village to tax a certain commercial geographic area in the township and in exchange, there is some protection in the township against annexation. This may be a discussion in future meetings, so she wanted to make council aware. Councilmember Drook stated that the village had looked into a JEDD briefly in the past and that it provides taxes to come to the village, which would be a bonus.

Mayor added that he and Councilmember Drook were present for the trial and Julie Byrne did a stellar job. We obviously hate to prosecute, but it needed done.

Work Session to Discuss How to Get Rid of the 1996 Dodge Ram

Mayor discussed the fact that we need to find a legal method for how to get rid of the Dodge. It is not running well and is no longer drivable. Julie Byrne provided the options through Ohio Revised Code. Due to the truck possibly being worth more than \$1,000, an Ordinance is required to move forward. The first option requires a bid posting to be put in the paper for two weeks. We would then go with the best bid. We also could've done a trade with the new pick-up, but that option is passed. The last option is to declare it a junk vehicle. You might get \$450 or so. Another option is to use GovDeals or the equivalent. A suggestion was made by Councilmember Williams to donate it to the fire department, which would still allow us to get the money from the salvaged vehicle. Sergeant Short added that the police and fire departments could both use it for their trainings, then it could be taken to the salvage yard as scrap. Everyone decided that would be the better option. It also provides materials for training to both the fire and police department.

Councilmember Billups made a motion to direct Julie Byrne to create an ordinance to allow the Village of Maineville to loan the 1996 Dodge Ram to Hamilton Township Fire Department and Hamilton Township Police Department, for training purposes, then declare it obsolete and junk it. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the purchase of new salt spreader not to exceed the amount of \$6596

Fiscal Officer Campbell and other members of council inquired on the discrepancy in the amounts listed on the quote from Zoresco. The higher amount listed was \$8,050. If there is not enough funding, a supplemental resolution would need to be done. The Mayor stated that if there were only enough funding for the lightbar or the salt spreader, the lightbar should be purchased first.

Councilmember Drook made a motion to approve the purchase, in the amount up to \$8050, of the salt spreader box for the new pick-up, providing there's enough funds to lawfully purchase it. Councilmember Williams seconded the motion. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the lightbar package for the new pick-up – comparison of quoted prices

The Mayor suggested going with more lights for the safety, which was Tri-State. Councilmember Williams stated it should be the safer option. Councilmember Drook stated that Tri-State also had a better warranty. Councilmember Billups mentioned that the quote says prices could change after the end of 2021.

Motion to purchase the light package from Tri-State, provided there is funding that allows it, was made by Councilmember Tomsic, seconded by Hengle. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

Resolution 2021-38 Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into An Agreement for Professional Services with Solicitor, Julie Byrne, and Declaring and Emergency

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

Ordinance 2021-06 Approving the 2022 Appropriations and Declaring and Emergency


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

Public

No public comments

With nothing further to be presented to Council a motion from Councilmember Williams to adjourn was seconded by Councilmember Hengle and all Councilmembers voted to adjourn at 8:24 pm.

Adopted:



Mayor Bob Beebe



Fiscal Officer/ Mary Beth Campbell