

Village of Maineville

Council Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2020 (REMOTE MEETING)

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 May 14, 2020 meeting, 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 June 4, 2020 meeting agenda was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call vote to approve the agenda as submitted was unanimous in favor.

Road

Steve Allen, Road Maintenance Supervisor, was unable to attend. There was nothing to report.

Police

Mayor provided the police report. Officer Charles Brown continues to provide full-time support for the Maineville Police Department. Hamilton Township has volunteered to offer their guidance to Officer Brown as needed.

Mayor

Mayor Beebe stated that we will be having a second meeting in June on June 18, 2020. Fiscally, we were told by R.I.T.A. that we should prepare for an approximate cut of 30% in revenue, due to COVID-19 increasing the unemployment rate. We will continue to be fiscally responsible on our spending.

Council

Councilmember Drook confirmed that the June 18th meeting will be in person. Mayor stated that we will be working with one of the local churches so that we can ensure social distancing.

Councilmember Hengle asked why Captain Aronoff is not supervising Officer Brown. Solicitor McDonough stated that Captain Aronoff is still on COVID furlough. Solicitor McDonough and the Mayor are working on future planning regarding the police department. Councilmember Hengle asked if we were paying the Township and was informed that we are not.

Committees

There were no committee reports.

Fiscal Officer

Mary Beth Campbell gave the May, 2020 report for finances. As follows: beginning General Fund balance for May 2020 \$250,537.12; received in May \$91,749.22, respectively; expenditures May \$39,986.77. Over all fund balances to date \$762,663.54.

Resolution 2020-03 Authorizing the Mayor to enter into the amended and restated Warren County Drug Task Force Council of Governments Contract.

Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-03, was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Humphries. Roll call vote to adopt was unanimous in favor.

Ordinance 2020-03 Authorizing the Mayor to execute a donation agreement for the property known as Warren County, Ohio Auditor Parcel No. 16-03-226-031-2, located on Fosters-Maineville Road, and declaring an emergency.

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

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

Solicitor:

Kevin had nothing, but may have information to share at the next meeting on June 18, 2020.

Public:

Mike Kembel asked if the Village is getting additional funds from the State. Fiscal Officer Campbell stated that, last month, OJFS did send us a little over \$4,000 to help. Mike also asked why Officer Brown wasn't being supervised by Beth Mason as Chief of Police. Solicitor McDonough stated that Chief Mason handed in her resignation.

Mike Viox said thank you for the creek issue being resolved by Mayor Beebe and Officer Brown. He also said thank you for the retention pond being mowed. Mr. Viox shared concern over the possibility of Hamilton Township taking over the policing for the Village. Solicitor McDonough responded that Council will vote on future decisions on the police department. He also responded to Mr. Viox that property taxes will stay the same. There will not be an additional municipal tax owed to Hamilton Township, as townships do not have a municipal tax. Mayor stated that the R.I.T.A. taxes, paid by residents, provide the funding. Chelsea Viox added her concern as well.

Mike Kembel stated that Solicitor McDonough had publicly stated that the police department could not be disbanded without a vote from the residents. Solicitor McDonough responded that he would never have stated that. The police department can only be disbanded with a vote from Council, not the Village residents.

Leslie Morris stated that she hopes the Village retains the Maineville Police Department, due to the personal feel, along with slow response times with the Township.


Carl Uebellacker stated that he did not want the Maineville Police Department to be disbanded. Carl also stated that having a 4th of July parade in the Village of Maineville is very important. Councilmember Hengle stated that we are not prepared enough to do so at this time. She was not opposed to the possibility of a small festival.

Pastor Sage said thank you to the zoning board and Jackie Terwilleger for personally delivering the papers to them for the pavilion. He also offered the use of their church for any future meetings. It would allow safe, social distancing.

With nothing further to be presented to Council a motion from Councilmember Humphries to adjourn was introduced with a second from Councilmember Billups and all Councilmembers voted to adjourn at 7:43. PM.

Adopted:


Fiscal Officer, Mary Beth Campbell


Mayor Bob Beebe