

**Village of Maineville**  
Council Meeting Minutes  
August 11, 2022  
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 - Hughes – Yes  
Councilmember – Billups – Yes  
Councilmember – Drook – Yes  
Councilmember – Humphries - Yes  
Councilmember – Williams – Yes  
Councilmember – Tomsic – Yes

Motion to approve the July 14, 2022, minutes was made by Councilmember Hughes, seconded by Councilmember Drook. Roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the August 11, 2022, agenda, was made by Councilmember Billups, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call vote to approve agenda was unanimous in favor.

Motion to modify the August 11<sup>th</sup> agenda, removing Ordinance 2022-05 and replacing it with a discussion regarding council pay, was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call vote to modify the agenda was unanimous in favor.

**Guests - None**

**Street**

Mayor Beebe has assigned routine duties to Steve Allen. He will start the day by driving through the Village and checking roadways for any debris, obstructions, or dead animals. He has also given him some other regular daily duties and made his work week more structured.

**Police**

Captain Quillan Short provided the police report. There were 375 incidents within the village. Of those, 293 were extra patrol. There were 4 domestic violence calls, of which, there were 2 arrests made. They had a call regarding an underage party.

In October, HTPD will be hosting an event at Hopkins Commons for seniors, Car Fit. Each senior will be fitted properly to their driver's seat and all adjustments made to properly ensure their safety. Captain Short also thanked members of council who attended their National Night Out.

**Zoning**

Mayor Beebe gave the zoning report from Lindsey Gehring. Hildebrandt has been sending in more plats for review.

**Mayor**

Mayor read a letter from the Warren County Sheriff's Office. This was sent after Mayor attended a Leadership Warren County meeting. One of the employees attended the meeting. He thanked Mayor Beebe for attending and for his service.

## **Committees**

Doug Drook stated that July 28<sup>th</sup> there was a Planning Committee. Mark Hildebrandt attended and reviewed 5 or 6 lots that he will be building off Morrow-Cozzadale Road. The entrance will be on the sharp curve. Also, the Planning Committee could not take any action, as there were not enough members present to vote.

Linda Humphries said the Event Committee has no plans, as of yet, to do anything for Halloween.

Patricia Tomsic stated that she would rather do a fall or harvest type event.

## **Council**

Doug Drook shared colors of stain for the new council chambers desk. Council all agreed that they would rather have a darker mahogany/cherry color. He will talk to the contractor about it.

## **Fiscal**

Financials were provided by fiscal officer, Mary Beth Campbell. Beginning balance of the General fund was \$577,373.39. July Receipts were \$127,382.34. July payments were \$39,211.66. July's ending balance for the General fund was \$537,189.97. The ending overall balance for July was \$1,528,055.14.

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

## **SOLICITOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Byrne noted that most of her working time was regarding the JEDD. There was also work done for zoning, with possible amendments. Tonight, we will also be discussing the council pay review tonight.

## **Discussion – Council Pay**

Julie Byrne informed Council that a discovery was made during the audit by the fiscal officer regarding the pay frequency of Council. The fiscal officer immediately called Solicitor Byrne. In the Rules of Council, it is noted that Council is to be paid bi-monthly, which is 24 paychecks. However, in the UAN program, which is where payroll is done, it was previously set up as bi-weekly (26 paychecks). This was done before Mary Beth became fiscal officer. This pay was made at the calculation of 24 pays, which resulted in an overpayment to council of one to two paychecks a year for the past 2 years. Both the solicitor and fiscal officer have responsibilities relating to collecting funds for any amount over the annual salary listed in Rules of Council. Julie provided the amounts to Council. She also noted, when something is done in good faith, and not in malice, Council does have the option of waiving the amounts for anyone no longer on council. Julie investigated this and saw no malice in the mistake. The bi-weekly option was set-up prior to Mary Beth Campbell becoming fiscal officer for Mayor Beebe, Allison Billups, and Scott Williams. She set up the two new members the same way that they were set up, as trained. Mary Beth will do the calculations for 2022 to make sure no one is overpaid for 2022. The amount owed can be made via a check or a deduction from future payroll. Email Mary Beth your method of repayment and copy Julie Byrne.

Motion for Julie Byrne to prepare an ordinance that will waive any overpayment for Julie Hengle and Roger Bingham, was made by Councilmember Tomsic, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Roll call to accept was unanimous in favor.

**RESOLUTION 2022-17 Amending the Rules of Council and Declaring an Emergency**

Julie Byrne explained this is a material change regarding the payroll frequency. Article 3, subsection 7. She proposed changing to bi-monthly at 26 pay periods. This will make the payments a smaller amount.

Motion to adopt resolution was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Humphries. Roll call to adopt was unanimous in favor.

**Executive Session**

Under Ohio Revised Code 121.22(G)(8) To consider confidential information related to negotiations with another political subdivision respecting requests for economic development assistance, relating to forming a joint economic development district pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 715.72 through 715.81.

Motion to enter into executive session was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call to enter into executive session was unanimous in favor. Council entered into executive session at 7:41 p.m.

**Return from Executive Session:**

Motion to return from Executive Session with no action taken, at 9:13 p.m., was made by Councilmember Billups, seconded by Councilmember Tomsic. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

Solicitor Byrne noted that she and Council discussed the JEDD during executive session. She opened the floor to any members of council who wish to discuss any thoughts they have on a JEDD with Hamilton Township may say what they wish at this time. Mayor Beebe asked if any members of Council had anything to say.

Councilmember Williams said that Council would like for our Solicitor to move forward with negotiations on the JEDD with Hamilton Township. Within those negotiations, Council would like for her to negotiate and adjust the length of the proposed contract. Council would like for her to change the termination language of the proposed contract, change the annexation language of the proposed contract, the Board composition of the proposed contract, the debt encumbrance of the proposed contract, and to remove the "fiscal officer" language from the proposed contract. All members of Council noted agreement.

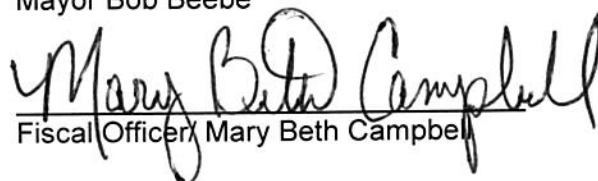
**Public**

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 9:16 pm.

Adopted:



Mayor Bob Beebe



Fiscal Officer, Mary Beth Campbell