

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor DeLong, Burgess, Craig DeLong, Hubbard, Wackerly, Holmes, and Wadsworth were in attendance. Kaltenbaugh and Neading were also in attendance with Murdock attending via Zoom.

Motion by Burgess, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 5, 2024. All council members approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

LEGISLATURE: Motion by Holmes, second by Wackerly to suspend rule 731.17 for Ordinance 2-2024. All council members approved.

Motion by Wackerly, second by Holmes to adopt Ordinance 2-2024, An Ordinance amending Ordinance 20-2015, the Village of Malvern Municipal Tax Code, the Village of Malvern, Carroll County, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. All council members approved.

PARK: Hubbard asked about the status of the lights in the park. Kaltenbaugh explained the lights were working, but he was getting pricing on updating the fixtures to LED. Hubbard also asked about the state of the exercise equipment. Kaltenbaugh reported that the Service Department removed the equipment and the wood was in really bad shape and wouldn't be able to be saved. Burgess said she would further discuss it at the Malvern Community Development meeting on Thursday. It would be discussed if the equipment would be rebuilt.

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided Council with the RITA, Fund Status, Receipts, and Payment reports as of 2/21/2024. She reported that she submitted the annual Tax Certification to the State of Ohio. She also completed the Ohio Municipal League request for an updated listing of public officials.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Kaltenbaugh reported that the Service Department worked on the three sets of bleachers. They replaced damaged boards and they are ready to be repainted. They have been patching roads and working on alleys. He noted winter road salt had been delivered and the shed is full at this time. He also discussed that the trees in the Park had been trimmed. The Service Department will be getting the mowers ready for Spring. Kaltenbaugh discussed that Ryan Lawson chose to step down as Street Superintendent and work as a regular laborer in the Service Department. He explained that Jeff Burgess and Joe Evans would like the opportunity to work together to lead the Service Department. He noted that the EPA grant awards should be released next month. He also believes work on the communication tower should be starting soon. There are concerns regarding getting the pole up to the water tower area. He also discussed that the new mower had been ordered from Braces' and the old mower has been picked up.

Wackerly discussed an area near his property where there are trees down and he is concerned they could be a safety hazard. He asked who was responsible for cleaning them up. Kaltenbaugh will look into ownership and if it is the responsibility of the Village, he will have the Service Department complete the cleanup.

Burgess made a motion to hire Drake DeLong as a full-time Service Department employee effective immediately, second by Wackerly. Burgess, Wackerly, and Hubbard voted yes; Holmes and Wadsworth voted no; Craig DeLong abstained.

MAYOR: DeLong discussed the Water truck and is concerned that it will need replaced in the near future. It was agreed that Kaltenbaugh will start looking for a replacement. He also reported that the two (2) newer trucks were undercoated.

COUNCIL: Holmes asked Kaltenbaugh if he had an opportunity to speak to the truck owner who is parking at Perfect Products. Kaltenbaugh had not, but had received a call from a trucking company that is interested in the building. Wadsworth believes the

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owner is Robert Gross who lives in the apartments on Gween. He also thinks that he is a private driver and does not work for a company.

Wackerly reported there had been ninety-two (92) ambulance calls in the last month. He also noted that the Ambulance Board was working on exterior lighting, including LED fixtures and plan to make some interior updates in the Spring.

Craig DeLong asked Council's thoughts on giving Jeff Burgess and Joe Evans a pay increase for taking on the additional responsibilities in the Service Department. It was determined that a decision on pay rate would be decided at the April 1st Council Meeting.

FINANCE: Motion by Burgess, second by Hubbard to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$20,768.40 pre-approved by the Finance Committee 2/21. Also, \$10,526.35 in payroll pre-approved by the Finance Committee and paid 2/15/24. All council members approved.

QUESTIONS:

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Holmes, second by Craig DeLong to adjourn. All council members approved.

Next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 4, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer