

## MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 18, 2024

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Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Wackerly, second by Craig DeLong to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 4, 2024. All council members approved.

**CITIZEN COMMENTS:**

**LEGISLATURE:**

**PARK:**

**FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT:** Neading provided Council with the RITA, Fund Status, Receipts, and Payment reports as of 3/18/2024.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** Kaltenbaugh reported that the Service Department continues to work on patching. They replaced the damaged hydrant on Bonnie Drive. They had two (2) waterline repairs. He also discussed that there was a communication issue with the tower due to the storms. Status Control was able to come in and make the necessary repairs. The Service Department also trimmed trees in the park and prepared the basketball and tennis courts. Kaltenbaugh discussed that Reserve Energy Exploration purchased the Colfor building. He also noted that Sheets/Eick Electric will be working in the park to replace the pole and the light fixtures that need upgraded. He met with the EPA regarding the barrels at the Perfect Products building. There were over 300 barrels and the EPA was going to provide information on programs to help with the removal. He also reached out to the County regarding the Emergency Siren in the park and discussed options for replacement. They have already applied for a grant to replace several non-working sirens in the County. Kaltenbaugh met with Engineering Associates regarding the Phase 2 Waterline Project. He is hoping to hear back regarding grant funding in the near future.

Wackerly asked if the Sheriff drove through the area with sirens to notify the public of a tornado. He discussed that years ago the Fire Department would have trucks out watching the sky when weather was bad. Kaltenbaugh explained that they do not, but discussed that anyone signed up for the Carroll County Alert System would receive notification through their system

**MAYOR:** DeLong reported that the new mower will be in this week. He also congratulated the Malvern Boys Basketball team on a great season.

**COUNCIL:** Wackerly reported that he attended the most recent Ambulance Board Meeting. He explained that there have been exterior updates and the building is looking good. They will be moving to update the interior once the exterior is complete.

Craig DeLong discussed raises for Jeff Burgess and Joe Evans as they have done a great job leading the Service Department and have made a lot of progress in the last six (6) weeks. Wackerly made a motion to give Jeff Burgess and Joe Evans a \$1.00 per hour raise starting 3/24/2024, second by Craig DeLong. Wackerly, Craig DeLong and Wadsworth voted yes; Burgess abstained.

Wadsworth discussed the lights downtown. He had concerns that some of the lights were not working again. Kaltenbaugh explained that during the Waterline project some of the wires that had been buried underground had been damaged. Sheets/Eick Electric are going to be making repairs and replace the wires. Burgess asked if they could provide a map or specific location of the wires so they are not damaged in the future.

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**FINANCE:** Motion by Burgess, second by Craig DeLong to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$53,017.45 pre-approved by the Finance Committee 3/18. Also, \$10,541.93 in payroll pre-approved by the Finance Committee and paid 3/14/24. All council members approved.

**QUESTIONS:**

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

**Next regular council meeting will be Monday, April 1, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.**

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Mayor

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Fiscal Officer