

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 20, 2023

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Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Wackerly, second by Craig DeLong to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 6, 2023. All council members approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Jeremy Mayer, President of the Booster Club, was in attendance to discuss plans for a batting cage project in the park. The cages would benefit both baseball and softball teams. He presented council with the plans to construct a cage on a concrete pad, with turf, fencing, and appropriate gates. The cage would be constructed behind the softball field with easy access for both teams to utilize. The cage would be locked and any use, other than regular use by the school teams, would need prior approval. Craig DeLong made a motion to approve the plans and location of the batting cage project as presented by Jeremy Mayer, second by Burgess. All council members approved.

Burgess made a motion to enter into executive session for the employment of a public employee or official, second by Holmes. All council members approved. All council members, Mayor DeLong, Kaltenbaugh, Neading, and Murdock entered into executive session at 7:05. The meeting resumed at 7:15. Mayor DeLong reported that Jamie Shoemaker submitted his letter of resignation and his last day will be April 7th. Burgess made a motion to accept the resignation of Jamie Shoemaker, second by Wackerly. All council members approved. Wackerly made a motion to promote service employee Ryan Lawson to the Supervisor position at a rate of \$17.50 per hour effective April 9th, second by Burgess. Wackerly, Burgess, Craig DeLong, and Hubbard voted yes, Thompson and Holmes voted no. Wackerly made a motion to advertise for a full-time employee at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, with the ad to run for two weeks and to close on April 14th, second by Craig DeLong. All council members approved.

LEGISLATURE: Motion by Burgess, second by Wackerly to suspend rule 731.17. All council members approved. Motion by Wackerly, second by Burgess to adopt Resolution 2023-3, A Resolution authorizing the Village Administrator to purchase two (2) lawnmowers for the Village of Malvern, Carroll County, Ohio. All council members approved.

PARK:

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided council with the RITA, Fund Status, Receipts, and Payments reports as of 3/22/2023. Neading reported that the Village received a request from the American Legion for a donation of \$100 for flags. Holmes made a motion to donate \$100 to the American Legion to purchase flags, second by Wackerly. All council members approved. Neading discussed the Local Governments Conference and provided council with the details. She will be unable to attend the conference this year, but if anyone would like to, it can be done virtually for \$200.00. Neading is hopeful that the conference will be posted online at a later date and that she will be able to watch the sessions at that time. Neading has been working with Pam Ewing on grants for the Phase 2 waterline project and with Josh from Engineering Associates on the payments and reimbursements for the Phase 1 project.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Kaltenbaugh reported that the service department has been working on line locates and markings for Tucson. He also noted the project is progressing. He tried to get additional information on the Hornets Nest tear down project from the Commissioners, but has not heard back. He also noted that the two mowers have been ordered. He also discussed the pricing on the walk-behind mower that would be used to mow the canals. The government pricing for the mower is approximately \$7,200. Wackerly made a motion to proceed with the purchase of a walk-behind mower from Braces' Power Equipment not to exceed \$8,000, second by Hubbard. All council members approved.

Wackerly asked if the planter boxes and light post that was hit was able to be claimed on the insurance. It can be looked into, if it is determined who hit them, their insurance would be responsible.

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MAYOR: DeLong signed the resolution to declare May as motorcycle awareness month. He has received several complaints regarding traffic due to the waterline project, but there is not much that can be done to improve the situation. He also noted that the bulbs in the traffic light were replaced, and we purchased spare bulbs for future use.

COUNCIL: Thompson discussed that someone is living in a camper within the Village, they have it parked near the business. Kaltenbaugh will look into it.

Holmes discussed a street light out near the Head Start building. Mayor DeLong discussed the Village has reported almost 25 lights being out, and we are waiting for AEP to come out and replace them.

Wackerly discussed the Fire Station situation. He expressed that the frustrations are with Castellucci, not necessary the Fire Department. He highlighted that the Fire Department serves Malvern. Burgess discussed that the frustration is that Castellucci doesn't want to help with things in town, such as the tornado siren. It was also discussed that the building has not been utilized by the Fire Department and the Village does have equipment that needs to be stored.

FINANCE: Motion by Burgess, second by Thompson to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$347,467.77 pre-approved by the Finance Committee 3/20/2023. Also, \$8,855.48 in payroll pre-approved by the Finance Committee and paid 3/16/2023.

QUESTIONS:

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

Next regular council meeting will be Monday, April 3, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer