

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

March 6, 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 Holmes, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of February 22, 2023 with a correction to the legislation approval that listed Hubbard as motioning and seconding. Holmes, Hubbard, Craig DeLong, and Thompson voted yes. Wackerly and Burgess abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

LEGISLATURE: Motion by Burgess, second by Hubbard to suspend rule 731.17. All council members approved. Motion by Burgess, second by Holmes to adopt Resolution 2023-2, A Resolution authorizing the Mayor to apply to the Division of Environmental & Financial Assistance (DEFA) of the Ohio EPA for a grant to aid the waterline project for the Village of Malvern, Carroll County, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. All council members approved.

PARK: Hubbard asked Craig DeLong is he had made contact with anyone regarding the upcoming baseball season and the use of the fields. Craig spoke with Matt, who was part of the league last year, but is not involved this year. He had no additional information. Craig DeLong believes that they will be under the Carrollton group again for the upcoming season, but does not have a contact.

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided council with the appropriations status, revenue status, fund status, receipts, and payments reports as of 3/6/2023.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Kaltenbaugh discussed the waterline project. Tucson has bored under the state route from the plant to Carrollton Street and will start working their way down Carrollton Street. Wackerly asked if everything would be fixed that has to be torn up, such as the sidewalk. Kaltenbaugh explained that everything would be repaired and finished. Thompson asked if all of the blue markings would be areas that are going to be dug. Kaltenbaugh discussed that each of the blue markings were for the waterlines, and most areas would be a service location. Kaltenbaugh also reported that the service department is starting work on the alleys and will be working through them in the coming weeks. He also checked in on the Simmons project and spoke with the contractor. Everything with the project is going well so far. Kaltenbaugh further discussed the Fire Station. He asked Council if they would like to continue forward to take possession back of the space. Council agreed that the Village wants to take possession and utilize the building. Kaltenbaugh reiterated that the Fire District had not paid the lease to use the space for 12 years, so technically they are in breach of the agreement. He also noted the original lease was written for 25 years. Kaltenbaugh discussed that it has been disappointing that in recent years they have not allowed for community use of the building for events such as movie night, or even during the Christmas events in town, they would not let kids inside the building, and only allowed for use of the parking lot area. Hubbard asked if anyone knew if they had access or possession of the new building officially. It was unclear if they did have full possession at this time. Craig DeLong noted that Castellucci will be attending a seminar in Indianapolis in May on how to efficiently construct a new fire station and has no plans on doing anything until after the seminar. Kaltenbaugh discussed the purchase of two (2) new mowers for the Service Department. He obtained a quote from Braces' Power Equipment and each would cost approximately \$7,000. Burgess made a motion to purchase two (2) new mowers from Braces' Power Equipment not to exceed \$16,000.00, second by Holmes. All council members approved.

MAYOR: DeLong discussed the Simmons project. Currently the company digging the debris and footer is hauling to Dalton, Simmons asked if it was possible to leave a truck load of topsoil within the Village to backfill the footer. DeLong explained a location in the park where the dirt could be left until needed. Wackerly made a motion to allow the topsoil from the Simmons project to be dumped in the park until needed to backfill, and the company would need to remove the dirt, second by Burgess. All council members approved.

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COUNCIL: Thompson asked what could be done with the basketball hoops that are on the curbs. She discussed that during wind storms, some of the hoops are blowing down into the roads and some are so close that it causes issues when trucks come down certain roads. Kaltenbaugh will address it, and agrees the hoops cannot be left where they are. Thompson also discussed that some of the parking in the alleys has improved. She also discussed people parking facing the wrong direction on the street. She further noted that there are some problem properties again and asked what can be done. Kaltenbaugh explained that letters are sent, and we could start cleaning up the properties and assessing a fee to the property owners.

Wackerly noted that the Ambulance calls for December were 66 and for January 81. There is an Ambulance Board meeting next Wednesday.

Craig DeLong reported that there were 12 Fire calls last month.

FINANCE: Motion by Burgess, second by Craig DeLong to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$10,788.71 pre-approved by the Finance Committee 2/28/2023 and \$4,749.83 on 3/6/2023. Also, \$8,876.10 in payroll pre-approved by the Finance Committee and paid 3/2/2023.

QUESTIONS: Thomas asked if the primary reason that the Fire District is in violation of the lease is due to the \$1.00 payment. Kaltenbaugh confirmed that was the reason.

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

Next regular council meeting will be Monday, March 20, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer