

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 2023

Page 1 of 3

Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Holmes, second by Hubbard to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of June 5, 2023. All council members approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: The representative from EOG, the Oil and Gas company out of Texas was in attendance to discuss the lease options with council. They are currently purchasing the lease holds that Chesapeake originally started several years ago. He discussed that Malvern sits in the center of the project they are looking into. They anticipate placing 5 wells within the total project area with an expected life of 15-20 years. It is anticipated the project will start in October. The Village currently owns approximately 128 acres within the project scope. He previously met with Kaltenbaugh, Mayor DeLong and Burgess to discuss the lease options. The lease agreement was presented to council. Burgess made a motion to accept the lease agreement with EOG for the mineral rights possessed by the Village, second by Wackerly. All council members approved.

LEGISLATURE:

Ordinance 3-2023 was presented to council. It is an Ordinance setting forth the conditions a property owner(s) outside the Village must meet to obtain water service from the Village, including but not limited to annexation into the Village of Malvern, Carroll County, Ohio. Council was asked to review the legislation and it would be on the agenda for approval at the next meeting.

Motion by Burgess, second by Holmes for the first reading of Ordinance 4-2023, An Ordinance regulating and conditionally prohibiting certain signs within the Village of Malvern, Carroll County, Ohio. All council members approved.

PARK: Hubbard discussed the exercise equipment and posts in the park that were still in need of painting. Mayor DeLong spoke with the Boy Scouts and there is a scout looking for an Eagle Scout project. He will follow up.

Thompson asked if there had been any more thoughts about the food truck day. Hubbard thought that with the popularity of the food trucks, it might be a better idea to plan something for next spring.

Neading asked if portable restrooms near the baseball fields were ready to be removed starting in July. Craig DeLong will follow up with Neading when they can be pulled.

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided council with the Fund Status, Revenue, and Payment reports as of 6/20/2023. Neading met with the State to discuss the audit. The State identified two (2) issues. The first issue was, we need formal council approval for the Sunshine Law Training to be taken on behalf of the Mayor and Council. Neading explained that it was done wrong in 2021 and 2022 but was correct for 2023. The second issue was with the accounting of the loan refinance, however it was a \$0 impact to the financials, as it was reported properly within the loan schedules, but needed to be recorded within UAN software. She reported the CCR was updated with information provided by Kaltenbaugh, she updated the website with the new CCR information and placed the ad with the newspaper, and Foster will be including the link on the next round of billing. She reminded council of the budget hearing prior to the next regular Council Meeting on July 3rd. She further reported she will be out of the office from June 24-28 on vacation.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

MAYOR: DeLong reported on behalf of Kaltenbaugh and the Service Department. He highlighted that the Service Department is continuing to mow, they intend to complete patch work in the next week as weather permits, they received in a load of sand, and have ordered two (2) hydrants. The hydrant on the corner of Easton and Wood Streets needs to be replaced and they need to keep a spare available. The lead time on the hydrants is 15 weeks currently. DeLong reported that Tucson has started the side street tie-ins and all

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 2023

Page 2 of 3

of the taps are completed in the current section. The work area in the center has been concreted and paved. DeLong noted the Eagle Scout project for Craig Bracken has been completed. He built wooden benches to be placed in the park near the basketball courts. DeLong said the benches were well constructed and look very nice. He also noted they have been secured by the Service Department. DeLong was contacted by the Malvern Cross Country Coach regarding holding a cross county meet in the park on September 12th. He would need to rope off sections of the park to set the course. He would start the process around 2:30 to prepare for the meet. Motion by Wackerly, second by Craig DeLong to allow the Malvern Cross Country team access to the park, and allowing them to rope off certain sections to create a course, for a meet on September 12th. All council members approved. DeLong reported that there is currently a connectivity issue with the Water Treatment Plant and the tower, the Service Department has been manually running the pumps and checking levels throughout the day. Status Control will be coming to address the issues. DeLong discussed that he received another report about an issue with dogs in the park. This incident was with three (3) large unleashed dogs in the park. Holmes said if unleashed dogs are encountered, the Dog Warden should be contacted. If it is after hours it should automatically go to the Sheriff's office. DeLong discussed the meetings in July. Both Bob and Craig will be on vacation the July 17th meeting. He asked if council would like to hold only one (1) meeting in July. Burgess made a motion to only hold one (1) meeting in July, on July 3rd, second by Holmes. All council members approved.

Wackerly discussed a water issue for a property owner on Cherry Street and was unsure if it was a Village issue or property owner issue. He will provide DeLong with the address and the Service Department will address. He also asked about the light and wanted to know if the timing had been updated. DeLong reported that it had been, but still needs to be longer.

COUNCIL: Thompson asked if mosquito spraying was going to happen this year. Mayor DeLong said they were waiting until the current portion of Porter Street was complete, but it will be done soon. She also asked if the "No Parking in Alley" signs have been delivered. Mayor DeLong was unsure, Neading reported the Village had not been invoiced for them yet. She discussed a property on Morges had put up a fence without a permit. She asked for a status update on the lights downtown. Neading reported that she was waiting on a quote from the electrician to turn into the insurance adjuster. She also discussed the "No Parking" signs on Wilson Street had been removed. DeLong had not heard they were removed and was unsure why they would have been. Thompson also asked why the Village employees are directing traffic through town. Burgess explained that semis are continuing to try to come through town even though there is a detour setup. Thompson discussed the need to have flaggers instead to allow our Service employees time to complete their tasks. Burgess said it would be ODOT's responsibility to bring in the traffic control.

Burgess discussed the waterline project complaints. She is concerned by the number of complaints regarding the waterline project. She expressed that the complaints are based upon the inconvenience caused by the construction, which the project was launched due to other complaints about the waterlines needing to be replaced. She agreed that the updates to the system were necessary. She further expressed her understanding that a lot of the frustration is coming from the fact that the construction lined up with the closing of the bridge, but the Village had no control over the bridge project. The Ohio Department of Transportation is responsible for the closing of the bridge. The Village Administrator asked for the bridge closure to be pushed back and was told by the State that it was not possible. She also noted that many of the complaints are through Facebook, which does not give the Village Council the opportunity to explain the situation, and allows people to spread misinformation as they are often uneducated on what is happening within the Village. She noted that through the hard work of the Village Administrator, Council and the Mayor, Malvern was able to secure a grant which gave the Village an opportunity to proceed with the much needed renovations. Burgess gave special thanks to Village Administrator, Derik Kaltenbaugh, and Fiscal Officer, Ashley Neading for their contributions to securing the grant funding. She also highlighted that the Village does not have a choice in contractors, as it has to follow the bid process for government projects. She further noted that despite the complaints, Tucson is completing the work in an efficient manner and going above and beyond in order to get things done quickly and make repairs that were not necessarily their responsibility. She, along with other Village Officials are satisfied with the work Tucson has done. She understands the frustrations that are coming with the project, but she is asking the community to be more understanding as we all work together to change our Village for the better.

Holmes discussed moving the road closed signage further down, by the Bell Stores and possibly adding a "No Semis" sign by Coral Road.

Wackerly discussed the Fire Station and asked why it had to be an all or nothing issue. He asked if the Village and Fire Department could share the space to house equipment to ensure that both groups have the opportunity to have equipment secured in the building. He intends on attending the next Fire Board Meeting as a citizen to further discuss this as a solution.

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

June 20, 2023

Page 3 of 3

FINANCE: Motion by Burgess, second by Thompson to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$24,722.17 pre-approved by the Finance Committee 6/20/2023. Also, \$8,856.17 in payroll pre-approved by the Finance Committee and paid 6/22/2023. All council members approved.

QUESTIONS:

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

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

Mayor

Fiscal Officer