

**APPROVED MINUTES OF THE VILLAGE OF UNIONVILLE COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2023**

President John Katnik called the October 16, 2023, regular council meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Council Present: John Katnik, Jon Townsend, Vickie Balzer, Chad Gaeth, Brandt Gaeth, Greg Miracle, and Tod Sting.

Council Absent: None.

Others Present: Clerk Alexis Ortner, Police Chief Bill Owens, and DPW Supervisor David Yoder.

Guests Present: Zachary Becker.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Public comment was requested by President Katnik. Zachary Becker was present to observe the council meeting and blight discussion for a class project.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion by Townsend, seconded by B. Gaeth, to approve the September 18, 2023, unapproved minutes as corrected. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. Motion carried.

AUTHORIZE PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion by Townsend, seconded by Balzer, to pay the October 2023 accounts payables of \$14517.87. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENT: Motion by Townsend, seconded by Miracle, to approve the following budget adjustments as presented by the Clerk. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. Motion carried.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS OCTOBER 2023	BJA	130		
ACCOUNTS	FROM	TO	DIFF	REASON
EQUIPMENT				
661-441-726-00 SUPPLIES-MISC	\$788	\$801	\$13	GREASE FITTINGS
661-441-930-00 REPAIR & MAINTENANCE	\$10,068	\$10,393	\$325	93' REPAIRS AND 09' OIL CHANGE
			\$338	
*ALL ADJUSTMENTS FROM FUND BALANCE UNLESS NOTED				

CLERK'S REPORT: Clerk, Alexis Ortner, gave a brief report on an upcoming software issue for the water meter reading system. The software and program will no longer be supported or updated after June 2024. The Clerk received rough estimates for upgrading to the new software proposed by their provider, and the council suggested getting a more serious quote, seeing if the Village can get a discount if prepaid, and to move forward before the current software goes out of date. Upgrading the Village's software will be tabled until there is more information.

DPW REPORT: DPW Supervisor, David Yoder, gave a brief update on the expected sidewalk repairs at Kemp Park. They will hopefully be starting soon, weather permitting. The DPW was able to trim low hanging branches on some of the local and major streets around the Village.

TREASURER'S REPORT: In preparation for her absence, Treasurer Leila Rish passed down the Village's account balances to be presented to the council. The water vendor received \$660.50 in September. The Village has received the delinquent summer tax in the amount of \$8,476.98 from the County, which included the delinquent water, sewer, trash payments submitted earlier in the year. No outstanding taxes to be collected.

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UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Blight- The council asked Police Chief Owens which buildings have been cited for blight, and where they stand with the court system. The council discussed where things were headed since signing the contract with SafeBuilt, and if adopting a property maintenance code into the Village's ordinance would aid in the fight against blight. **Motion** by Townsend, seconded by Miracle to have Jessica Risky work on the addition of the property maintenance code to the Village's ordinances. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. Motion carried.

POLICE REPORT: Police Chief Bill Owens gave his monthly report to the Council.

PUBLIC COMMENT: President John Katnik asked Zachary if he had any questions, that they could answer that were not answered during the meeting. Zachary then asked the council a few simple questions related to how blight must be managed and why the process takes as long as it does.

ADJOURN: **Motion** by Balzer, second by B. Gaeth, to adjourn the October 16, 2023, regular meeting at 8:30 pm. 7 Yeas. 0 Nays. 0 Absent. Motion carried.

Next Regular Meeting: November 20, 2023, at 7:00 pm at the Village Hall.

Alexis J. Ortner
Village Clerk