

**Village of Higginsport  
Village Council Meeting  
August 14, 2023**

The Council of the Village of Higginsport met in regular session at the Village Municipal Building on Monday, August 14, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. with all members present except Patrick Elliott, Scot Null and Fiscal Officer, Sheila Dufau.

Also, present were: Fire Chief, Rob Starrett, Wanda Crawford, Sandy Beair, Tina Schumaker, Greg Wilson, Wayne Johnson, Linda Fester, Mark Fester, Sue McKinley, Tricia Wood, Jane Kretzer and Ronnie Schneider.

Mayor Crawford called the meeting to order and led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Adams agreed to record the meeting minutes.

**Public Participation**

Mr. Greg Wilson addressed Council and presented information and costs for an analysis of the village's sewer system. The cost for the first step would be \$1,800.00 for forty (40) hours. After a brief discussion, it was general consensus to review the rates and determine the affordability based on current sewer funds.

Mrs. Linda Fester reported that a park fundraiser is scheduled for August 19, 2023 at 12:30 p.m. The event was briefly discussed.

Mrs. Fester also reported the grant application had been submitted to Brown County. If awarded the grant monies would be utilized for a water tap at the park, crosswalk painting, a village sign and flower pots.

Ms. Sue McKinley addressed Council presenting information for the upcoming event being planned for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Brown County. She invited village to participate in the planning and the proposed event.

Mr. Ronnie Schneider and Mr. Wayne Johnson addressed Council regarding a proposed plan to establish a fire/EMS district which could possibly include the village. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding how a district would work and what would be regarding by all departments involved.

Chief Starrett announced that Anthony Moon had passed his EMT-B class.

Mr. Starrett also addressed Council regarding a current sewer assessment for a property he and his wife had recently acquired at 606 Columbia Street. He requested Council consider reducing the amount that the county auditor's office currently shows due. A discussion ensued regarding the sewer assessment and his request for a reduction.

**Resolution 23-29**

**Motion by: Mr. Moon**

**Seconded by: Ms. Wills**

To approve and direct the village fiscal officer to prepare and submit a letter to the Brown County Auditor's office requesting the auditor's office to reduce the total amount due to \$2,000.00 for sewer assessments, penalties and interest for 606 Columbia Street.

**Vote: Mrs. Adams, Yes; Mr. Beair, Yes; Mr. Elliott, Absent; Mr. Moon, Yes;  
Mr. Null, Absent; Ms. Wills, Yes**

### Old Business

Mr. Beair requested Council approve renting an excavator for a weekend for upcoming street clean up. The estimated rental cost to be \$345.00. **Motion by: Mr. Moon, seconded by: Mrs. Adams, to approve a weekend rental of an excavator. Motion passed unanimously.**

### New Business

Mayor Crawford presented a proposed contract with Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) for snow removal and road line painting on U.S. 52 through the village. **Motion by: Ms. Wills, seconded by: Mrs. Adams, to approve the proposed ODOT contract. Motion passed unanimously.**

**Motion by: Ms. Wills, seconded by: Mr. Moon, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed unanimously.**

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Eddie Crawford Jr., Mayor

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Sheila G. Dufau, Fiscal Officer

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Kathy Adams, Council Member

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Patrick Elliott, Council Member

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Linda Wills, Council Member

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Scott Null, Council Member

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Lester Beair, Council Member

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Anthony Moon, Council Member