

VILLAGE OF MADISON
Regular Council Meeting
April 11, 2022

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Britton called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

Mayor Britton invited all in attendance to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Mayor Britton requested that everyone observe a moment of silence. Council Members Mr. Adams, Mr. Donaldson, Ms. Drown, and Mr. Vest were in attendance. Also in attendance were Administrator Mr. Bailey, Law Director Mr. Szeman, Fiscal Officer Kristie Crockett, Village Engineer Andy Lubonovic and Chief of Police Troy McIntosh. Council Member Mr. Lee arrived late at 7:02pm.

MINUTES

Mayor Britton announced minutes to be approved for the Council Meeting held on March 28, 2022.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 4 yeas. Motion carried.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

FIRST HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None

PAY ORDINANCE

Mayor Britton presented Pay Ordinance No. 2465: \$39,884.98 for payroll and \$89,622.44 for current and upcoming expenses, for a total of \$129,507.42.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 5 yeas. Motion carried.

OLD LEGISLATION: None

NEW LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 8-2022: AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A BOND IN A PRINCIPAL AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED ELEVEN MILLION THREE HUNDRED TWO THOUSAND AND SIXTY-ONE DOLLARS (\$11,302,061.00) FOR SALE TO THE WATER POLLUTION CONTROL LOAN FUND OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO FINANCE THE COSTS OF IMPROVEMENTS TO THE VILLAGE'S WASTEWATER SYSTEM; PLEDGING CERAIN REENUES FROM THE WASTEWATER SYSTEM ON A SUBORDINATED BASIS TO SECURE THE PAYMENT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF AN INTEREST ON THE BOND; AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION AND DELIVERY OF THE BOND AND THE TRUST AGREEMENT AND OTHER DOCUMENTS AND

THE TAKING OF OTHER ACTS RELATED TO THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF THE BOND; AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st Reading).

RESOLUTION NO. 7-2022: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING BAILEY BROTZ IN EARNING THE GIRL SCOUTS OF NORTHEAST OHIO GOLD AWARD.

Motion for passage made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Vest.

Questions/Discussions – Mr. Lee expressed his congratulations for the young lady's hard work and efforts toward this award.

Roll call on approval, 5 years. Motion carried.

PURCHASE ORDERS AND OTHER APPROVAL PERMITTED BY MOTION:

A purchase order request in the amount of \$2,663.00 to All Ways Flasher for new Village street signs.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Lee.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 5 years. Motion carried.

A purchase order request in the amount of \$22,050.00 to TC Construction for sidewalks on N. Lake St.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Ms. Drown.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 5 years. Motion carried

A purchase order request in the amount of \$3,145.00 to A&A Safety for new radar speed sign and data software.

Motion for approval made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 5 years. Motion carried

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- **Engineer's report** - Mr. Lubonovic reported that the OPWC project for Davey Court will begin May 3rd. Mr. Bailey added that the Sanitary Sewer Project that will be going out to bid has a large contingency of approximately 20% built in to the documents, per EPA's request. The bond is for a 45 year term with 0% interest. We are hoping that if the bids come in where we need them to be, the surcharge to pay for the loan will be approximately sixteen dollars per month per account. The construction timeline is estimated to be four months, but with the water table in the area and time needed for de-watering, it may be a total of 12-18 months before the project is completed and ready to turn over to the County.

- **Fiscal Officer's report** – Ms. Crockett reported that she has passed out the first quarter reports for 2022 to all department heads. All managers have stayed well below the 25% target number. Overall, the Village as a whole is at approximately 12% of total expenditures for the first quarter. Also, the annual fiscal training through the State Auditors Office will be held virtually next Wednesday and Thursday. Ms. Crockett also reported that the bi-annual audit for the years 2020 and 2021 will begin next Tuesday, April 19th. The State Auditor has agreed to another Agreed Upon Procedures Audit which we qualify for again this audit cycle.

- **Police Chief's report** – Chief McIntosh reported that we've received the payment from the State for \$2,300.00 that helps offset the cost of required professional officers' training for 2022. Officers Gamiere and Wransky have completed training with the Lake Co. Prosecutors & Common Pleas Court covering case preparation and testifying tips. Chief is working on enrolling several new officers in the Emergency Response Driving Course in Cuyahoga Falls. The Chief will be out of the office on vacation next week and Sergeant Cudnik will be in charge in his absence.

- **Administrator's report** – Mr. Bailey reported our NPDES operating permit for the Waste Water Treatment Plant expires in October, so we will have to pay the renewal fee and file that because the transfer to the county will not be completed by that deadline. We are also working on our annual mercury pollution control report that is due by April 15th. We currently have no issues with mercury pollution at this time. The wetlands project at the Senior Center is at about 30% completion, but there may be a delay due to concerns over the bats and the protection of the trees for them. There may be a delay until November 1st if the bat issue comes into play. Mr. Vest inquired to see if the Police signage for Village Hall was ordered yet. Chief McIntosh stated that he is awaiting a quote from Digital Imaging. Mr. Vest congratulated local resident Laurel Bernard on Ohio State's Women's Ice Hockey Team for their recent National Championship Victory.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

FINAL HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL:

Chris DeHass, 37 Eagle St. – expressed concern for the continued issues and disruption of the rental properties across the street from his home. Some past concerns have been: trash and appliances in the yard, people living in a tent in a residence across the street, tenants going door-to-door asking for cigarettes, & constant chaos and yelling. Mr. DeHass presented a document

signed by several neighbors in the area that expressed their agreement with Mr. DeHass that they are “fed up” with the situation that the rental properties present.

Catherine Nichols, 15 Eagle St. – expressed her concerns over the same issues with the rental properties in her neighborhood. She requested guidance on how to request records from the Police Department to find out why the police are there sometimes 4 times per day. Law Director, Mr. Szeman advised Ms. Nichols to submit a public records request to the Police Department, and any documents within Ohio Law that can be released to the public will be provided. Chief McIntosh advised to also call the police department and they will assist whenever they can when the homeowners see suspicious activity.

Marie DeHass, 37 Eagle St. – Inquired if there was anything the Village can do to hold the Landlord responsible for the tenants that he is renting to. She described the nuisance rental properties to be located at 52, 68, and 128 Eagle St., as well as 82 & 84 Eagle St. Aside from the issues mentioned before, she is concerned with the poor conditions of the properties and whether they should be considered safe and habitable. Ms. DeHass referenced Ohio Revised Code to see if these properties can be deemed habitual nuisances. Mr. Szeman that some of these issues should be not be addressed in a public forum, and that a private conversation with the Police Chief would be better suited for the matter, as a matter of safety for their own benefit. Mr. Bailey advised that the tenant needs to be the one to file complaint against the landlords for the poor condition of the property. Mr. Szeman stated we do not have a housing court in the Village. Mr. Bailey also discussed the possibility of having a housing inspection program, but that it works slowly and would be a lot of work to put into place. Mr. Szeman stated that there could be private civil matters involved here as well, and that these issues cannot be solved tonight.

NEW BUSINESS

Mayor’s Report: - None.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:57pm made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Adams.
Roll call on adjournment, 5 yeas. Meeting adjourned.



Sam Britton Jr., Mayor



Mark V. Vest Council President



DATE

Attested:



Kristie M. Crockett, Fiscal Officer



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