

VILLAGE OF MADISON
Regular Council Meeting
December 27, 2021

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Mayor Britton called the meeting to order at 7:02PM.

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 and Mr. Vest were in attendance. Also in attendance were Administrator Mr. Bailey, Law Director Mr. Szeman, Fiscal Officer Kristie Crockett, Village Engineer Eric Haibach and Chief of Police Troy McIntosh. Mr. Frager was not in attendance. Mr. Lee arrived at 7:03 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING: None

MINUTES

Mayor Britton announced minutes to be approved for the Council Meeting held on December 13, 2021.

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

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 3 yeas. Motion carried.

FIRST HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None

Mr. Lee arrived.

PAY ORDINANCE

Mayor Britton presented Pay Ordinance No. 2458: \$43,074.48 for payroll and \$26,006.59 for current and upcoming expenses, for a total of \$69,081.07.

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

Questions/Discussions – None

Roll call on approval, 4 yeas. Motion carried.

OLD LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 32-2021: AN ORDINANCE MAKING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND FOR OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF MADISON, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2022 TO AND INCLUDING MARCH 31, 2022 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (2nd Reading)

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

Questions/Discussion: None

Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

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

Questions/Discussion: None

Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

NEW LEGISLATION:

ORDINANCE NO. 33-2021: AN ORDINANCE APPROVING A LABOR AGREEMENT WITH THE OHIO PATROLMEN'S BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1st Reading)

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

Questions/Discussion: None

Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

Motion to enter into executive session at 7:14 pm made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.

The purpose of the executive session is to discuss CBA.

Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

A motion to come out of executive session at 7:32 pm made by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Vest.

Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

A motion to pass Ordinance No. 33-2021 was made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.

Questions/Discussion: None

Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 19-2021: A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING COUNCILMAN DUANE H. FRAGER.

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

Questions/Discussion: None

Roll call on the motion: 4 yeas. Motion carried.

Mr. Lee left the meeting at 7:41 pm.

PURCHASE ORDERS AND OTHER APPROVAL PERMITTED BY MOTION:

A purchase order to Newbury Technologies Corp. in the amount of \$2,837.00 for a camera system at the Police Station (5 interior and 1 exterior with software and storage).

A motion for approval made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Vest.

Questions/Discussion: None

Roll call on the motion: 3 yeas. Motion carried.

A purchase order to Northeastern Communications in the amount of \$2,900.00 for cellular signal booster project for the Police Station.

A motion for approval made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Vest.

Questions/Discussion: None

Roll call on the motion: 3 yeas. Motion carried.

ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- **Engineer's report** – Mr. Haibach reported that the in regards to the sanitary sewer interconnect project, the Cultural Resources Report is complete and has been forwarded to the EPA.
He is hoping that the project will be going out for bid shortly.
- **Fiscal Officer's report** –
Mrs. Crockett thanked Council for passing the temporary appropriations legislation for the budget. She asked that Council continue to review the budget and email her with any questions. The permanent budget will need to be adopted before March 31, 2022.
In closing, she reported that she is continuing working on year end.
- **Police Chief's report** –
Police Chief McIntosh thanked Council for approving the new 3-year collective bargaining agreement.
He wished all a Happy New Year and is looking forward to 2022.
- **Administrator's report** –
Administrator Bailey wished all a Happy New Year and hopes that 2022 brings less challenges.

COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Councilman Frager was planning on saying a few words this evening as this would be his last meeting as a Councilman. However; since he was unable to attend, he submitted them to Mr. Bailey via email which are included in the minutes.

FINAL HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL: None

NEW BUSINESS

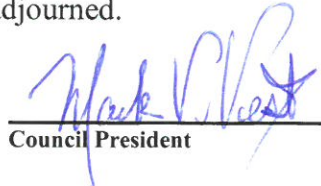
Mayor's Report: -

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn at 7:51pm made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Adams.
Roll call on adjournment, 3 yeas. Meeting adjourned.



Sam Britton Jr., Mayor



Council President




DATE

Attested:



Kristie M. Crockett, Fiscal Officer



DATE

Dear Madison Village,

I would like to attempt to express, for one last time, my gratitude to Mayor Britton, our Law Director Szeman, our Administrator Bailey and the rest of the entire administrative team, as well as Council President Vest, the rest of council and all the others who have come and gone, before and after me, for what I would characterize as an incredible ride over the last 12 years.

I was first appointed to office when my daughter was just getting ready to attend Homer Nash Elementary. Now she's getting ready to graduate Madison High School. I have taken time over the last few months to really reflect on what these last 12 years have looked like and what they have meant for me and for the village.

I've learned a lot over this time, probably most importantly that I don't know everything, and I don't have all the answers. I've learned that the residents are hard working, good, honest, and fair, as long as they feel their leadership are echoing that same approach. I have learned that the formula for success is surrounding yourself with professionals that have a similar approach, and likeminded goals. Finally, I've learned and am still learning that if we can communicate and articulate our side as well as attempting to understand the other side, we cannot help but to move closer to a positive resolution.

We absolutely have that culture here in Madison Village.

I can remember my first few months on council. The hall was packed most of the time with residents and non-residents wanting answers, satisfaction and in some cases blood! I had really never heard such terms as "Stormwater management", the JED and the differences between Statutory vs. Charter committees, groups, boards, and panels.

I had magnificent mentors that helped me to understand the political landscape and helped me to understand how my personal beliefs and my approach would best "mesh" in the political world. I am forever grateful to names that include Bartlett, Verdi, Takacs and Hamercheck. As my political career continued, my relationship grew stronger with Councilmen Vest and Britton. This would prove extremely resourceful when I become Vice President and then President of council, in working closely with Mayor Britton and now working with Council President Vest.

While working with 2 Mayors, 3 Administrators, 2 Police Chiefs, 2 Fire Chiefs and 9 different Council members, over 12 years, I believe that we have been able to put the Madison Village community in a much better, "go forward" position than where it was back in 2010 and that, ultimately was my only goal

I have never believed that any political office should be a forever career and knowing that I do not have all the answers, it has come to that time for me to move on and allow others to take a turn at it. I know I was and am not perfect, but I also believe that the accomplishments have outweighed the mistakes. This community was supportive throughout and I'm forever grateful for that.

Finally, I must thank 2 groups of people for their impact to this political career.

- 1) Mrs. Azbill and Mrs. Collins who encouraged me from the very beginning. I would not have even attempted to throw my name in the ring if not for them.
- 2) My family. My wife Alex and our children; Zoe, Zachary, and Daniel have allowed and supported me 100% in my sacrificing and dedicating the last twelve years to this community. They have been "cheerleaders" on many of the accomplishments, a "rock" for me when I made mistakes and a "grounding" for me when they thought my head might have been getting too big. It has been a blessed political career. I hope you would agree, and I thank you once again for your support.

My friend and fellow councilman, Bob Verdi always said that "Together, we can make a difference". This became and is still the slogan for the MJRD. Let me use his words once more and proclaim that "Together, we made a difference!"

Citizenship in a Republic is the title of a speech given by Theodore Roosevelt, former President of the United States, at the Sorbonne in Paris, France, on April 23, 1910.

The "Man in the Arena" passage was quoted by another US president, Richard Nixon, both in his victory speech on November 6, 1968, and in his resignation address to the nation on August 8, 1974:[4]

"Sometimes I have succeeded and sometimes I have failed, but always I have taken heart from what Theodore Roosevelt once said about the man in the arena, "whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood [...]"

Nelson Mandela gave a copy of this speech to François Pienaar, captain of the South African rugby team, before the start of the 1995 Rugby World Cup,[5] in which the South African side eventually defeated the heavily favored All Blacks of New Zealand.

The Man In The Arena: Citizenship In A Republic

“... It is not the critic who counts not the man who points out how the strong man stumbles or where the doer of deeds could have done better. The credit belongs to the man who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood, who strives valiantly, who errs and comes up short again and again, because there is no effort without error or shortcoming, but who knows the great enthusiasms, the great devotions, who spends himself for a worthy cause; who, at the best, knows, in the end, the triumph of high achievement, and who, at the worst, if he fails, at least he fails while daring greatly, so that his place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who knew neither victory nor defeat.”

— Theodore Roosevelt¹

