

VILLAGE OF MADISON

Regular Council Meeting

January 22, 2024

**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. Mayor Britton asked that we think of Councilwoman Drown and send her positive thoughts and well wishes. Council Members Mr. Adams, Mr. Donaldson, Mr. Lee 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. *An amendment was made to reflect that due to medical reasons, Ms. Drown was excused from the meeting.*

**PUBLIC HEARING:** None

**MINUTES**

Mayor Britton announced minutes to be approved for the Council Meeting held on January 8, 2024.

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

Questions/Discussions – The minutes will be corrected to reflect that Councilman Dan Donaldson & Councilman Mark Vest were sworn in by Law Director Szeman, prior to the meeting. Motion carried.

A motion for passage as amended was made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Lee.

Questions/Discussion: None

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

**FIRST HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL:** None

**PAY ORDINANCE**

Mayor Britton presented Pay Ordinance No. 2497: \$66,170.20 for payroll and \$98,011.51 for current and upcoming expenses, for a total of \$164,181.71.

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. 42-2023: AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS IN THE VILLAGE OF MADISON, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**  
(3<sup>rd</sup> Reading)

A motion to refer to the Planning & Zoning Commission for recommendation was made by Mr. Lee, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.

Questions/Discussion: None

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

A motion to table was made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.

Questions/Discussion: Law Director Szeman stated that tabling this legislation after recommendation to the Planning & Zoning Commission is the correct action.

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

**NEW LEGISLATION:**

**ORDINANCE NO. 1-2024: AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR ADDITIONAL PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS AND ADJUSTMENTS TO VARIOUS LINE ITEMS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND FOR OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF MADISON, OHIO, FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024 TO AND INCLUDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1<sup>st</sup> Reading) (\$39,366.40 to purchase body cameras and related accessories & training with grant monies received from the State of Ohio)**

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

Questions/Discussion: None

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

Chief McIntosh explained that the department started talking about the use of body cameras last year and looked at several vendors. He stated that Axon had the best rating, they also provided them with a few extended trial cameras and access to their data management system. After some of the Officers used the cameras and further research was done, Axon was the best and lowest quote as well. He went on to describe what will be provided from Axon. He stated that Sergeant Gamiere worked in putting together a grant from the State of Ohio, which the Department was successful in getting. The State of Ohio will reimburse the Department one hundred percent.

Administrator Bailey added that once the body cameras are in use, the record retention scheduled will need to be modified to reflect the storage for the camera's footage.

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

Questions/Discussion: None

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 1-2024: A RESOLUTION REQUESTING THE LAKE COUNTY AUDITOR TO MAKE ADVANCE PAYMENTS OF TAXES PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE 321.34, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. (1<sup>st</sup> 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. Adams, seconded by Mr. Donaldson.

Questions/Discussion: None

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

**PURCHASE ORDERS AND OTHER APPROVAL PERMITTED BY MOTION:**

A purchase order to C.I.R. in the amount of \$3,287.18 for an emergency water break on January 11, 2024 located on Sunset Drive.

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

Questions/Discussion: None

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

A purchase order to Axon Enterprise, Inc. in the amount of \$39,366.40 for body cameras and related accessories and training to be reimbursed by the State of Ohio. (Upon approval of Ordinance No. 1-2024)

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

Questions/Discussion: None

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

A motion from the floor to transfer funds, pending receipt of funds from Sheetz, from Madison Village to O.D.O.T. for the Signalization Project at the I-90/528 Interchange was made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Lee.

Questions/Discussion: None

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

A motion from the floor for a purchase order to Lake County Sewer in the amount not to exceed \$3,400.00 for an emergency clean out of the wet well at the Waste Water Treatment Plant was made by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Adams.

Questions/Discussion: None

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

#### **ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:**

➤ **Engineer's report –**

Mr. Haibach reported that he will be putting the plans and specifications package together for the Parkway Paving Project so that it can be advertised and go out to bid early. The Project is ready to be awarded in July when the OPWC money comes in.

Councilman Vest asked how would the Village go about looking for monies ex. State, Federal or grants for the potential of an overpass/underpass in the Village. He asked about studies on the project. He asked what would be the first step the Village would have to take. Mr. Haibach stated that NOACCA would be the first step, asking to be put on a transportation improvement list. Mr. Vest stated the Village needs to be prudent in looking towards the future. Administrator Bailey stated he would look into grants available for a feasibility study for an overpass/underpass.

In closing, a brief discussion took place regarding the sidewalk on Middle Ridge Road.

➤ **Fiscal Officer's report –**

Mrs. Crockett reported that she has closed out 2023. She reported that she will be emailing reports to council with the final numbers of 2023 (revenues and expenditures).

She reported that she has been working with the Ohio State Auditor's, they have awarded the contract for the next two audit cycles, to Charles Harris &

Associates. She is working on gathering the reports they have requested so they can give their final costs on the audit. She thinks that due to the American Rescue Plan funds and the sewer loan, we have a more in-depth audit this year which she anticipates happening in May or June.

➤ **Police Chief's report –**

Chief McIntosh thanked Council for approving the purchase order for the body cameras. He thanked Sergeant Gamiere for putting the grant submission together.

He reported that the new cruiser has finally arrived. The graphics and striping have been put on it and is currently at Northeast Communications getting the radio antenna tuned. It should be back within a day or two and will be out on the road.

He reported that he is currently working on obtaining quotes for this year's cruiser. He anticipates bringing a purchase order to Council sometime in February 2024.

He reported that in a week, he will be completing his term as the President of the Lake County Association of Chiefs of Police.

Chief McIntosh prepared stats regarding the police activity at the I-90/528 Interchange. It was determined that they would be discussed at the February 26, 2024 C.O.W. meeting.

In closing, it was discussed that a committee would be put together for a potential Police Levy.

➤ **Administrator's report –**

Administrator Bailey reported that he is preparing for the 2024 projects including the Signalization Project at I-90/528, which will be out for bid on February 8, 2024 through O.D.O.T., the Middle Ridge Road Reconstruction Project starting in April or May. The Middle Ridge Road sidewalks and bridges will be starting later in the year. We will have some renovations in front of Village Hall. We also received this year's NOPEC Energizing Communities grant.

He reported that he is looking forward to spring, bands are already calling regarding Concerts in the Park.

He reported that the M.C.I.C. is in talks with Standing Rock Farms to host an event there on February 22, 2024. Once the details are ironed out, he will report back.

Discussions took place regarding sidewalk plowing on Middle Ridge Road and the bridge.

**COMMISSION AND COMMITTEE REPORTS:** None

**FINAL HEARING OF PERSONS BEFORE COUNCIL:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Mayor's Report: -**

Mayor Britton requested that the remainder of the open Committee seats be filled.

Mayor Britton appointed Mr. Lee to fill in on the Health Department Committee until Ms. Drown's return.

A motion was made by Mr. Donaldson, seconded by Mr. Vest to appoint Greg Myers to the Planning & Zoning Commission.

Questions/Discussion: None

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

A motion was made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Lee to appoint Kate Marley to the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Questions/Discussion: None

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

A motion was made by Mr. Vest, seconded by Mr. Lee to appoint Deb Richardson to the Senior Center Board.

Questions/Discussion: None

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

In regards to the Madison Rec. District Board, per Law Director Szeman, it needs to be determined if Madison Township approved the revisions to the Madison Rec. District's By-Laws or not.

Mayor Britton appointed Ms. Drown to the Records Commission Committee and will appoint a Village Resident (resident to be determined).

Mayor Britton appointed Ms. Drown and Mr. Vest to the Finance Committee.

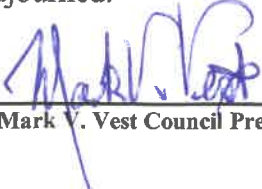
In regards to the Tax Incentive Review Council, clarification is needed in regards to the appointments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn at 7::45 pm made by Mr. Adams, seconded by Mr. Vest.

Roll call on adjournment, 4 yeas. Meeting adjourned.

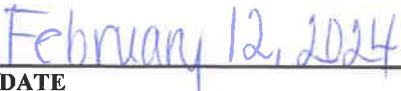
  
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Sam Britton Jr., Mayor

  
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Mark V. Vest Council President

  
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Kristie M. Crockett, Fiscal Officer

  
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