

SARDINIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING DATE: AUGUST 29, 2022

Roll Call:

Bill North-Present Dustin Puckett-Present Angela Lyons-Present
Anna Turner-Present Peggy Vance-Present
Tom Mayes, Solicitor, Amy Mason, Administrator, Angel Hamlin, Fiscal Off.-present
The council reviewed the minutes from July 11, 2022. *Motion to accept the minutes with the addendum of notation by Tom Mayes to include (Ohio Revised Code 121.22 GI in the minutes for executive session on July 11, 2022 and the exit time of executive session 7:36 pm) was made by Bill North, Second by Dustin Puckett, all yea votes from council.*
The council reviewed the minutes from August 1, 2022. *Motion to accept the minutes for the August 1, 2022 meeting was made by Angela Lyons, second by Anna Turner, all yea votes from council.*

The council reviewed the bills to be paid for August 2022. *A motion to pay the bills was made by Bill North, seconded by Angela Lyons, all yea votes from council.*

Audience:

Mr. Stokes has signed up to discuss the water bill issues that he had. Mr. Mayes has reviewed the two ordinances, one was 115-08 which was passed May 12, 2008, and then the amendment to the ordinance, 127-20. Mr. Mayes reviewed and defined when two meters are required to be installed at a property. According to Mr. Stokes, there is currently only one residence at the property. According to Mr. Mayes, Mr. Stokes should only be reviewing one utility bill and not two. If another resident moves in, a second meter would have to be installed according to the above-mentioned ordinance. The residence previously had a second meter installed but it was removed prior to the sale of the property. The residence could be updated and rented to a second household, but it is not currently. Mr. Stokes stated he has been double billed for four months now. According to the Mayor and Mr. Mayes, Council will need to vote to reimburse any double payments made because of the incorrect billing at 125 North Main Street, Sardinia, Ohio 45171. The customer stated that he had been using trash and so he is asking to be reimbursed for water and sewer but not for trash since he has been using the double trash service. The overpayment will be researched and the exact amount will be approved in the next meeting. *The motion is made to research the last six months of bills at 125 North Main Street, if there has been a double bill for water and/or sewer, it will be refunded to the customer. Motion made by Peggy Vance, 2nd by Dustin Puckett, all yea votes from council.*

Police Department

- Completed a report of tickets issued in July and August. The car show in August had officers present. July was Chief Lewis' 40th anniversary of service between Georgetown Ohio and Sardinia Ohio as a police officer. Chief Lewis has been contemplating retirement. As of December 31, 2022, Chief Lewis will retire from service. The mayor has requested he sit in during interviews for his replacement and he has agreed to that. The mayor thanked the Chief for his service to Sardinia. The mayor would like to have the next Police Chief in place by November or December.

Zoning

- Mr. Townes updated the council that another meeting of the Zoning appeals board was scheduled for August 30, 2022, at 7:00pm.

Administrator

- The administrator has been reviewing many documents since beginning her role. One of the first that came up was the Rumpke Trash contract that is due to expire on August 31, 2022. When reviewing the budget for 2021 and 2022, there has been a significant loss in trash. In 2021, over 13,000 was lost in the trash budget and the current projections for the 2022 budget show a loss of \$27,000. Upon reviewing the information with Rumpke, there seems to be a significant difference in the number of homes we are billed for from Rumpke versus the customers in the Village using trash services. An initial audit shows 292 resident units of trash and 112 senior citizen units of trash. Rumpke is currently billing the village for 82 units of senior citizen trash and 397 units of residential trash for an overcharge of \$1,421.70 per month, \$17,060.40 per year. Rumpke gets their numbers from an audit that we provided at least 3 years ago. The village is supposed to send a audit per year. This is a pass-through charge so we should not be losing money in trash, we should be making a small amount of money. The current rates for trash in the village is \$13.51 for senior citizens and \$21.13 for residents. The current contract that expires this month is \$18.30 per resident unit and \$16.66 per senior citizen. The new contract extension that is being offered by Rumpke is from September 1, 2022-August 31, 2023: \$18.16 per senior citizen and \$19.95 per resident unit of trash. For September 1, 2023-August 31, 2024. \$19.25 per senior citizen and \$21.14 per resident unit of trash. The projection for next year's expenses will be \$96,190 and a projected revenue of \$92,000 so we are still in a deficit for next year if we do not adjust the rates at all. I am asking the council to increase the senior citizen rate to \$17.00 per month. If we did that, it would give us a surplus of \$690.00 for 2023. The mayor recommends that we audit the trash customers quarterly in the future. *A motion was made to approve the contract extension by Rumpke for 24 months effective September 1, 2022, through August 31, 2024, by Peggy Vance. Seconded by Anna Turner. Vote of yes by Bill North, Peggy Vance, Anna Turner and Angela Lyons. A no vote by Dustin Puckett. Motion carried.* A first reading of the ordinance to adjust rates and charges for trash and waste collection was made by Mayor Schroeder.
- The administrator requested that committee meetings begin prior to the next scheduled timeframe of October, specifically the finance committee to address issues in the budget.
- The administrator is working on developing a strategic plan for the village. She is meeting with each council member to address what concerns or ideas they have for the furtherance of the village. A meeting still needs to be held with Dustin Puckett. The hope is to present a full strategic plan by the October meeting. The administrator is open to meeting with any citizens who have ideas for village improvements. The study that was developed last year was the starting point for this strategic planning. The economic development committee needs to meet regarding this report.
- A water meter update was given. We have 418 meters in our system, we have installed 253 of those meters, leaving 165 meters to install. We are working with the State of Ohio for reimbursement of this grant. We can request 90% of the grant and can request the last 10% upon completion of the installation.

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Motion was made to exit executive session at 8:53pm by Peggy Vance, seconded by Angela Lyons, yea vote by all members.

The mayor asked if the council wishes to take action coming out of executive session regarding the ordinance directing for the pay of a temporary fiscal officer for the Village of Sardinia Ohio declaring an emergency requiring a 2/3 vote for suspension of the rules.

A motion was made to suspend the rules by Angela Lyons, seconded by Anna Turner, yea vote by all members.

A motion was made to approve the ordinance to separate the utilities clerk from the fiscal officer position and hire Jayme Eldridge on a temporary basis to give us our budget and act as fiscal officer at the rate of \$40 per hour as a part-time employee for 12 hours per week to begin with the next pay period. The motion was made by Anna Turner, seconded by Bill North, yea vote by all members, motion carried.

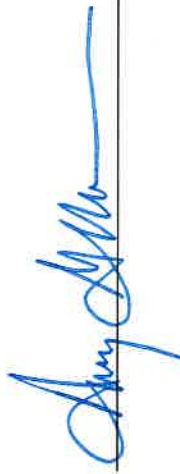
The mayor requested nominations be made to appoint a Council President Pro Tempore for the remainder of 2022.

Angela Lyons nominated Bill North, second by Anna Turner. Roll call was made, yea votes by Angela Lyons, Anna Turner, Dustin Puckett, and Peggy Vance. Abstain by Bill North. Motion Carried.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Dustin Puckett, seconded by Angela Lyons, yea vote by all members. Meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

Passed: 9-12-22

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