

SARDINIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING February 13, 2023

Roll Call:

Bill North-Present Dustin Puckett--Present Angela Lyons--Present
Anna Turner--Present Peggy Vance--Present Ashlie Webster--Present
Tom Mayes, Solicitor Present Amy Mason, Administrator

The minutes from January 9, 2023, were presented to the council for approval. *A motion was made by Mr. North to approve all the minutes, second was made by Mr. Puckett, all present members voted yes.*

Administrator

Mrs. Mason informed council that Mr. David Dyer was hired for \$18.00 to fill the open position in the public works department. Mr. Dyer began employment on February 13, 2023. Mr. Newman presented to council standard drawings for the water department and the sewer department. This information will be available to contractors when bidding on projects so there is a standard for all parties bidding. These standards, once approved, will be added to the website. Mr. Newman also presented the option to council to file for a Public Water System grant for line maintenance equipment reimbursement up to \$10,000.

A motion was made by Ms. Turner to approve requesting a grant from the Public Water System for line maintenance equipment reimbursement up to \$10,000. A second was made by Mr. North. Roll call was taken, all yes votes. Motion passed.

A motion was made by Ms. Webster to accept the standard drawings for water and sewer projects in the Village of Sardinia, Ms. Turner seconded the motion. All in favor on roll call, motion carried.

Mrs. Mason informed the council that Rob Tucker has returned to work with restrictions after his injury on December 5th, 2022. Ms. Mason informed the council that the entire floor at Village Hall will be replaced and all the rooms will be painted. The police department will move from second to ground floor, off council room. The changes will streamline our services and reduce wasted space. The historical society will be moved. A final location has not yet been determined. Ms. Mason requested the office be closed due to construction and the vacation of the clerk from Friday, February 17th through Friday, February 24th. Voicemails will be checked, and the office door will remain unlocked when present for anyone who stops by. The new utility billing system training will be Tuesday-Thursday, February 28th-March 2nd. When the March bills are mailed, they will be generated by the new utility billing system. The intern chief was able to secure new furniture for all the office in the village from a financial institution. The company donated all furniture to the Village of Sardinia with an approximate value of \$40,000.00. An open house will be scheduled for the spring for the public to tour the facilities. The reason for such a quick period for updates to the main floor is because we have an opportunity to work with GRIT to update our second floor for workforce development space.

Ms. Mason presented some financial things needed by Ms. Eldridge, Fiscal Officer. A fund status report was issued to the council and mayor. A list of all checks issued in January was provided for the council. *A motion was made to pay the bills presented by Ms. Vance, A second was made by Mr. Puckett. A roll call vote was taken, all yeas. Motion carried.*

A motion is needed to approve the POs for the allocations of funds. *Mr. North made a motion to approve the POs, a second by Mr. Pucket. A roll call vote was taken, all yeas. Motion carried.* During the November meeting, the mayor led council through our wish list for the Appalachian grant to present to the planners and it was approved by the council. We did not include parks on that list. We would like to add that to our list. The park could include splash pads, playground equipment, etc. *A motion to amend our Appalachian grant submission to include a park and playground equipment was made by Ms. Webster, seconded by Ms. Turner. A roll call was taken, and all yeas were received. Motion amended.*

Mrs. Mason informed the council that we will be receiving bids from electric companies. AEP has our current contract, but IGS is stating their rates will come 50% cheaper than their rates under the new contract. We will try to see what company has the best rates for the Village. A request has been made by a resident to reduce the speed limit to King Drive from 25 mph to 15 mph. This issue has been referred to the Public Safety Committee to make a recommendation to the council. Mr. Pack has requested the closing of Postal Lane between the post office and 32 chapel. Mr. Pack presented this request to the council. This issue has also been referred to the Public Safety Committee to make a recommendation to the council.

Mayor

The mayor requested that the council go into executive session under ORC 121122G.1 to consider the police chief position, police personnel, and the hiring of a zoning officer. The mayor informed the public that action will be taken following the executive session.

A motion was made by Mr. North, seconded by Mr. Pucket to enter executive session at 7:25pm. Roll call was taken, and all members voted yes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Vance to exit the executive session at 7:50pm. A second was made by Mr. Pucket. Roll call was made and all council members voted yes. Executive session ended.

The mayor appoints Mr. Robert Feinen as the public safety director for the Village of Sardinia at \$0.00 annually as of March 2nd. A vote was taken to affirm his appointment. All members voted yes.

The mayor appoints Mr. Pangallo as the Chief of Police for the Village of Sardinia, effective March 2nd, 2023, at a salary of \$50,000 a year. A vote was taken to affirm his appointment. All members voted yes.

A motion was made to increase the pay of Mr. Tony Peters to \$18.00 an hour effective immediately was made by Ms. Vance, seconded by Ms. Lyons. Roll call was made and yes was voted by all members. Motion carried.

A motion was made to hire Mr. Brian Perry as a part-time police officer for the Village of Sardinia at a rate of \$18.00 by Mr. North, seconded by Ms. Webster, roll call was taken. All members voted yes; motion carried.

Ms. Webster nominated Mr. North for Pro Tempore appointment for 2023. The second was made by Mr. Pucket. A motion was made by Ms. Vance to close nominations, seconded by Ms. Lyons. All members voted yes. Mr. North was appointed.

Mr. Puckett made a motion to approve Robert's Rules to be followed by the council in 2023. A second motion was made by Ms. Webster. Roll call was taken. All yes votes given; motion carried.

A memorandum of understanding with GRRIT was presented to the council. Ms. Webster will abstain from any votes as she is employed by GRRIT. A motion was made by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Vance, all yes votes. The memorandum of understanding was signed by the mayor.

The mayor updated the council about the tearing down of the creamery. It will be taken down by June 1, 2023, at the latest. He updated the council about the huge eye sore on Winchester Street. A warning has been given to the owner to clean up the property after following the required time the law required. Public Works will clean up if they do not and bill it to their tax bill. The bank building sale is pending and should go through soon. The old deli and the lot were purchased by the Methodist Church in Sardinia. They will have the building inspected to see if it is salvageable. If not, it will be taken down. The church wants to contribute to Sardinia's come back and the property will be available to the community.

Police Department

Interim Police Chief presented his report. He reminded the audience that all the furniture was donated, and that the Village did not pay anything. Office Peters and Pangallo volunteered their time to move the furniture. Chief Feinen commended the administrator for her work painting and preparing for the updates at the Village Hall. Community Service is listed for the future when it is needed. The Chief will be updating the computers in the cars. The PD will be completely electronic. We have been paying for the service for years and we have not been using it. This will improve the Officers safety by being connected to the data necessary regarding suspects. Mrs. Mason reminded the council there is a fund for computers provided through the mayor's court. The Chief has filed a grant for new vests. This is a reimbursement grant from the State of Ohio of 75% of the cost of the vests. A report will be included with the minutes for review.

Audience: Ty Pack presented to the council regarding the closure of Postal Avenue. Shauna Weis updated the council on the non-profit, Sardinia hope and promise community foundation. They now have an email and Facebook page. The next meeting is scheduled for February 28th at 5pm and is open to the public.

Committee update:

The mayor has appointed the following committees:

Public Safety Committee: Chair, Peggy Vance. Dusty Puckett, vice chair.

Financial/Personnel: Chair, Anna Turner, Angie Lyons, vice chair.

Public Works: Chair, Bill North, Dusty Puckett, vice chair.

Economic Development: Chair, Ashlie Webster, Mayor Schroeder, vice chair.

Ms. Mason, administrator, and Mayor Schroeder will be involved on the economic development committee. The mayor would like to have each committee bring in people in the village and outside the village to sit on these committees.

*See attached goals and committee attachment.

Committee times of meetings will be determined and published to the Village.

*Mr. Pucket made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Webster, all approved.
Meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.*

Passed: 4-10-23


James Schroeder, Mayor


