

## SARDINIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING January 9, 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 December 12, 2022, and December 27, 2022, were presented to council for approval. *A motion was made by Mr. Puckett to approve all the minutes, second was made by Ms. Vance, all present members voted yes.*

The mayor requested a motion and a second to enter executive session under Ohio Revised Code Section 12122G1 to discuss appointment of the police department. *A motion was made by Ms. Vance to enter executive session, Mr. Puckett seconded that motion. Motion carried. Roll call was made, all members voted yes.*

Executive Session began at 7:04pm. *A motion was made to exit the executive session at 7:21pm by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Mr. North. Roll call was made, all members voted yes.*

### Police Department

#### Administrator

Ms. Mason informed the council that we were able to purchase a 2001 F-450 dump truck with snowplow from the City of Hillsboro, Ohio. The Village submitted a sealed bid for \$3,100.00. The truck is at the mechanics office getting a thorough evaluation of repairs. This will allow us to have two snowplows and dump trucks in the Village of Sardinia. Matthew Newman is now the official operator of record with the EPA for our Sewer Plant. He began employment on January 1, 2023.

Staffing issues, Rob Tucker is still out on Worker's Compensation. We do not have an anticipated date of return currently. Worker's Compensation medical doctors have reviewed all his information and have denied his claim. The Village has not denied his claim. We informed them that Rob was doing his job at the time of the injury. Rob Tucker is appealing that decision. Since he has been off for more than 30 days currently. The Village will no longer continue its pay directly. He will need to file a C-84 with BWC for continued payments if they approve his claim. Mr. Tucker is aware of this decision.

Randy from IT will be in the village on January 17, 2023, at 10am if you need him to assist council to set up their email. The office is closed, January 16, 2023 for MLK day.

#### Mayor

The mayor sought confirmation of naming Bob Feinen as the interim police chief for the Village of Sardinia at a salary of \$0.00. A roll call confirmation was taken. All members voted yes.

Audience: No comment from audience.

#### 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.

**Fiscal Officer-Jayne Eldridge**

We are working to get everything caught up through December. The budget was submitted to Jill Hall. Ms. Eldridge will work to make the budget simpler. She will develop spreadsheets for the council to review. Ms. Eldridge is working with Ms. Mason, and the clerk, Emily Carmen, to develop a better system moving forward. She will build a spreadsheet for each category (general, police, etc.). Ms. Webster requested that Ms. Eldridge shows the council in charts, etc, where the accounts stand so they have a better understanding of the village finances. Ms. Mason clarified that it was not that the previous system was done poorly, rather that the previous FO left in April and there was no training given. Ms. Miller has been good at returning text/email messages and communicating anytime we have a question. It has taken some time to learn what questions to ask. Ms. Eldridge gave an example of the cemetery fund that was covering a portion of salaries and ran out of money, so we had to adjust allocations. Any changes can be made to appropriations until the finalized budget is submitted to Jill Hall in late February/March. The line items can be modified throughout the year if approved by the council. Ms. Mason clarified that the capital improvement for sewer and water had been allocated and can be spent as needed. Utility deposit fund is built up and Ms. Eldridge asked why. Discussion revealed that deposits are not paid back to citizens at the end of the year upon good payment. The reason the fund is so high is because that money is sitting in that account until they move out of the village. Mr. Mayes felt a full audit of that account would be necessary before any changes could be made.

**Round Table discussion**

Mr. North-nothing  
Mr. Puckett-nothing  
Ms. Vance-reported on the Fire/EMS. They are doing fine. The assistant chief is out on medical leave currently. Questioned the snow removal/Yocum road. Wanted to know what we were responsible for versus what the village is responsible for. No one plowed Yocum road during the last plowing.  
Ms. Lyons-nothing  
Ms. Turner-nothing  
Ms. Webster-Jim and her are working on broadband things. Stay tuned.

*Ms. Vance made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Turner, all approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.*

Passed: 2/13/2023

James Schroeder, Mayor

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'James Schroeder', is written over the printed name. The signature is stylized with several loops and a long, sweeping tail that extends downwards and to the right.