

## SARDINIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MARCH 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 February 13, 2023, were presented to the council for review. Minutes will be approved in the April meeting.

### Administrator

Ms. Mason presented an ordinance approving, adopting, and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2023 Edition, as the code of ordinances for the Village of Sardinia, Ohio, and declaring an emergency. The number assigned to the ordinance will be 1301-23. *A motion was made by Ms. Turner, seconded by Ms. Webster. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried.*

Ms. Mason presented a resolution for consideration to enter a contract with DS2 architects, engineers and surveyors. This would allow the village to assess properties that might not be structurally sound. *A motion was made by Mr. North, seconded by Ms. Webster. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried.* Resolution number 1467-23 was assigned.

Ms. Mason presented an ordinance determining the rate of pay for designated employees of the village. There are no changes included but the Fiscal Officer stated this needed to be passed annually. *A motion was made to suspend the rules making this ordinance and emergency by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Vance. Roll call was taken. All members voted yes. Motion carried. A motion to adopt the ordinance was made by Ms. Lyons, seconded by Ms. Vance. Roll call was taken. All members voted yes. Motion carried.* Ordinance number 1300-23 was assigned to this ordinance.

Ms. Mason presented an ordinance adopting procurement, purchasing policy, and declaring it an emergency. This ordinance is needed to enter into an agreement with GRIT for the workforce development project. Per Mr. Mayes, this is a combination of State and Federal rules into one policy stating that we will obey the rules of the State and government. *A motion was made to suspend the rules making this ordinance and an emergency was made by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Ms. Turner. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried. A motion was made to adopt the ordinance for procurement and purchasing policy by Mr. Puckett, seconded by Ms. Turner. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried.* Ordinance number 1302-23 was assigned.

Ms. Mason presented the financial documents for January and February 2023. An explanation was given for what information is presented in the spreadsheet. This documentation will help to show where we are in our budget for each month. *Ms. Vance made a motion to approve the bills for January and February 2023, seconded by Ms. Webster. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried.*

Ms. Mason presented the 2023 permanent appropriations for the Village of Sardinia for the 2023 calendar year. This has been reviewed by the council several times, but this is the official

ordinance that will be submitted to Jill Hall. It was previously passed as a motion but needs to be passed as an ordinance. *Mr. North made a motion to approve the 2023 appropriations, seconded by Mr. Puckett. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried.* Ordinance number 1303-23 was assigned.

Ms. Mason requested that the council approve her attendance at the Voinovich school of Leadership for public service. It is called the Leadership Academy. This is for government officials and non-profits in leadership. Attendance is once a month for 12 months in Dublin, Ohio. I would be gone on the first Friday of the month. The cost is \$3200.00. Scholarships are available if I am accepted to the class. *Ms. Webster made a motion to approve the attendance of Ms. Mason for 12 months to the Leadership Academy, seconded by Ms. Turner. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried.*

### Mayor

The mayor presented an ordinance to regulate camping on village owned real estate and declaring it an emergency. *A motion was made by Ms. Webster to suspend the rules, seconded by Ms. Vance. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried. A motion was made by Ms. Webster to approve the ordinance, seconded by Ms. Vance. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried.*

The mayor notified the council that the ministers in Sardinia are gathering at the Perk on March 24, 2023, at 8:30am to plan a First Responders prayer service on May 15, 2023, at 7:00pm at the flagpole in town. The mayor and police chief will be having coffee at the Perk on March 24, 2023, at 9:00am. This will be open for any citizens to meet with the mayor and chief to discuss any concerns. The mayor discussed his “honey do” list for the village. We are looking for a grant to purchase the available lot next to the village lot. This would allow the building of another park. He is looking at an art grant for the summer for \$5,000-\$6,000. It would improve opportunities to improve community. We are continuing to look at water/sewer debt reduction ideas. Matt Newman, Public Works Director is building a five-year plan of what we need to do to improve and review maintenance of our utilities. Matt Newman is building a five-year paving plan. We have current bids and are developing that now. The previous council applied for a sidewalk paving project that we are still pursuing to improve walking ability for our citizens. We are working with the township for a “street sign grant” that the State is currently offering. We are looking at redoing the community welcome signs at the edge of town. The demo on the creamery continues. The police and public works have been working to secure that area before the creamery comes down. If we make it harder to do the wrong thing and easier to do the right thing, our town will grow. We now have an engineer to help with code enforcement to improve safety in the village. We continue to talk to developers to build on 32 and Tri-County highway and the addition of natural gas lines coming to the area. Improvement to broadband internet for Sardinia. With Spectrum, we are seeing improvement in this area. We are building the work force development center at the Village Hall which will improve the economy. We need to add a childcare center in Sardinia. We are working to add a village newsletter and will include them with the water/sewer bills. We are trying to build a website calendar that will have all community events. We are still looking to hire a zoning officer. Currently the mayor is covering this role. We will have our first Ohio Means Jobs employee in the next 1-2 months to help in the village. We will use these employees to digitize cemetery records and digitize our ordinances. These positions are paid for by the youth work force grant and not the village. The Appalachian

grant will be giving us a planner to work with soon. We have transitioned the water meters which has saved the village a significant amount of man hours that can be spent beautifying the village. We are mowing the cemetery now with some of these man hours that we have saved because the previous administration began this with available COVID grant money. The transition of the new billing system will save man hours so that the clerk has more time to work on other projects that we need. We are gaining momentum in the village to continue to improve the village for all citizens.

### **Police Department**

The Director of Public Safety, Bob Feinen, presented it on behalf of the Police Department. Danny Pangallo has begun as the Chief. Mr. Feinen asked council members if they were comfortable with drug activity in Sardinia. The department will be taking a different approach to law enforcement than in the past and this might cause some concern from citizens. Our officers will treat everyone fairly and with respect, but they will be following procedures to look for and eradicate drugs in the Village. We will be exploring adding a K-9 officer in the future. Mr. Feinen reviewed the computer purchases required to transition the department to a digital department. We will be using electronic citations. Mr. Feinen will be doing an audit in the evidence room since no one has accessed it since the transition of leadership. Five body armor vests were ordered. The State will reimburse 75% of the expense.

**Audience:** Ty Pack was present regarding the closure of Postal Avenue. This will be discussed in the committee updates. 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 March 28<sup>th</sup> at 5pm and is open to the public. The meeting will be at the town hall council meeting. April 1<sup>st</sup>, the library and Hope and Promise will be having an Easter Egg Hunt from 1pm-3pm. The breakfast walk will begin again on April 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:15am. The Perk opens at 8:00am if people would like to meet for breakfast first. The walk will leave from The Perk.

### **Committee update:**

**Public Safety Committee:** Chair, Peggy Vance. Dusty Puckett, vice chair. The public safety committee held a meeting on March 4<sup>th</sup> with the public works director, Matt Newman, Public Safety director, Bob Feinen, Council members, Ms. Vance and Mr. Puckett and Mr. Pack joined them to discuss the closing of Postal Lane. Mr. Pack has requested the closure of this alley. The committee recommended to the council that the council make this a one-way street and add a barrier that can be removed to limit through traffic. Tom Mayes will draft options for council to review next month to include changing Cyclone to one way to Graham Street, making the Postal alley a non-throughway and adding a barrier to limit traffic and making a left turn only option for trucks exiting Cyclone. The committee addressed the concerns of citizens to reduce the speed limit on King Avenue in Sardinia. The Director of Public Safety and Police Chief feel that the problem is confined to one or two residents that live off King Avenue and they will address compliance with the current rate before considering a reduction in the speed limit.

Ms. Vance notified the council that the Fire Chief is requesting the Village to adopt the fire code for the State of Ohio. This will be addressed in the April council meeting.

*Ms. Vance made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Webster, all approved.  
Meeting adjourned at 8:32pm.*

Passed: 4-10-23

  
James Schneider, Mayor

  
Amy Mason