

SARDINIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING MAY 8, 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

Audience: Shauna Weis gave an update on Sardinia Hope and Promise and many community events upcoming. May 12, 2023 the flowers will be placed in the community and the intersection of Winchester and Main Street. May 12-13th volunteers will be helping some elderly residents to get things from their yard to the free clean up days. May 15th will be the First Responders Prayer Service at the flagpole. Refreshments will be provided by different businesses in Sardinia. May 19th, The American Legion needs help placing flags at the cemetery at 9:30am. May 26 & 27th the American Legion needs volunteers to help sale poppies. The Memorial Day parade will line up at 9:30am at the American Legion. June 27th is the next Hope and Promise meeting at 5:00pm at Village Hall. Ms. Weis updated the community with every local organization meeting time to promote attendance for all organizations.

The minutes from April 10, 2023, were presented for approval. *A motion was made by Ms. Webster, seconded by Ms. Lyons. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried.*

The financial reports were reviewed by Council. *A motion was made by Bill North to approve the April financial reports as submitted, a second was made by Dusty Puckett. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried.*

Mayor

The mayor discussed closing the block at Winchester and Main for the July 8th Homecoming celebration if needed. *A motion was made to close the road from 8am-4pm on July 8th for the Homecoming by Mr. Pucket, seconded by Ms. Turner. Roll call was made, all members voted yes. Motion carried.*

The mayor informed the Council that the Car Show would like to come back into the center of town in the fall. We will notify the council when the date is in August, and we will pass a motion to close the road for that event. The mayor exited this meeting after his report to go to his child's concert. Mr. North took over, leading the remainder of the meeting.

Administrator

Ms. Mason updated the council on the enforcement of ordinances 1220-16 and 1167-11. We listed in the newspaper the dates to check grass heights as required in Ordinance 1167-11. Ordinance 1220-16 addresses inoperative vehicles, rubbish, and debris in yards. The Police Chief and Ms. Mason went through the whole Village and wrote 59 violations and warnings to residence to ensure that they were aware of the ordinances and gave out fliers for when free clean up days are in Brown County. Most residents have contacted the Administrator to work with her on the time they need to become compliant.

The building renovations for the GRIT grant have begun. All of the electric has been run. All old eclectic wiring has been torn out that is not needed. The plumber should start his work this week.

Ms. Webster assisted me in interviewing candidates for the Utility Clerk position. I would like to hire Venita Milburn for the Utility Clerk at \$18.00 an hour. *Ms. Lyons made a motion to hire Venita Milburn as the Utility Clerk at \$18.00 an hour. Mr. Pucket seconded the motion, roll call was taken and all members voted yes. Motion carried.*

The mayor, Mr. Newman and the Administrator have met with the planner as part of the Appalachian grant in Ohio. They can help us plan and write grants. They are assisting us in getting bids on our sewer lift stations. This repair and rebuilding of the pump stations will take more than \$400,000 to complete. If awarded the grant, we would get a 50% match so we would only be responsible for ½ of the cost. We have \$110,000 in our Sewer Capital Improvement fund that we can allocate for this project. I need the council to approve a motion stating that we can write a commitment letter to match up to \$110,000 in matching money from the Capital Improvement fund. This will not be enough for what we need but it will allow us to file for this grant and in the fall, there is another grant that we can file for that could give us 20-30% of the matching money that we would need to cover the full 50% matching money needed. *A motion was made to allocate up to \$110,000 from our budget for the capital improvement Sewer fund and write a letter for the grant from Ms. Vance, seconded by Ms. Turner. Roll call was made, and all members voted yes, motion carried.*

Ms. Mason informed the council that they did finalize the dates for the Voinovich School of Learning, and it will begin in September. She will attend once a month for 12 months. The cost of the training was covered completely by a grant.

Police Department

Police Chief Pangallo presented the police report and went over all categories with the council. That report will be included with the minutes. He reviewed some potential when adding a K-9 to the department, which is an option for Sardinia with Officer Perry. This will be reviewed in-depth at the next Safety Committee, and the safety committee will make a recommendation. Officer Perry introduced Ghost and explained how they are certified as a team. The next public safety meeting is scheduled for May 18 at 5:00pm.

Safety Director Feinen reviewed the steps taken since the last council meeting when the Mayor's Clerk resigned. We had 2-3 weeks of violations and court was held the third week of April. We hired someone on a temporary basis to cover the court date. Lisa Miller has been hired temporarily for \$750.00. Mr. Feinen is asking to hire her permanently for \$750.00 a month. The department is purchasing a laptop so that more of her work can be done from home. *Ms. Lyons made a motion to hire Lisa Miller as the permanent court clerk at \$750.00 a month. Ms. Vance seconded the motion. Roll call was made, all votes yes. Motion carried.*

Committee update:

A second reading of the ordinance to designate a portion of Cyclone Alley in the Village to one way was made. A second reading of the ordinance designating Postal Lane as a no through traffic in the village was made. A second reading of the ordinance to approve and adopt and enact ORC 505.375 and ORC 505.391 was made.

A first reading of an ordinance setting requirements for restaurants and commercial kitchens regarding grease traps, interceptors and separators was made.
Public Safety is scheduled for May 18th at 5:00pm.

Ms. Webster informed the council that she has her first work student paperwork approved to hire for the summer to work in the Village. Ohio Means Job will pay for this student when approved.

Ms. Webster made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Mr. Pucket, all approved. The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Passed:

June 12, 2023


James Schroeder, Mayor

