

## SARDINIA COUNCIL MEETING

MAY 13, 2024 7:00 P.M.

**Prayer** Mayor Bill North

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**Roll Call:** Ashlie Webster, Dustin Puckett, Anna Turner, Angela Lyons, Peggy Vance, Gary Troutman

**Also in Attendance:** Amy Mason, Administrator; Maria Palm, Fiscal Officer, Tom Mays

Council reviewed meeting minutes from April 8, 2024, regular meeting. *Motion to approve by Ashlie Webster, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes.*

Council approval of financials for April, 2024. *Motion to approve made by Peggy Vance, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes.*

### ADMINISTRATOR

Internet issues the last couple weeks found that the firewall was trying to be accessed. This has been replaced and repaired as of Friday.

The Village is in the process of an audit for years 2022 and 2023. The State is doing a 10 year process. Auditors have been asking for information from the Administrator, Fiscal Officer, Clerk, and Council members. There have been policies or processes that need to be updated that the State has made recommendations for. Full report of audit for council will be available October, 2024.

Village received notification on May 6, 2024, of approval for grant from OPWC request for funding sewer plant blower and pump stations. Meeting with engineer that wrote the grant on Thursday to get more clarity but it appears that we applied for \$349,999 grant money and \$150,000 in zero percent interest loan from Ohio Public Works Commission which totals \$499,999 that will have \$150,000 that will have to be paid back. The project estimate a year ago was \$668,000 of which we will have to come up with \$150,000 which is why it was noted that there is \$141,000 of this set aside currently per the financials. There are some other avenues that can be applied to help with the match.

In the process of requesting this grant money we also sent the information to Representative Wenstrup's office about two weeks ago because there was some capital federal funds. In his office this has hit the second or third phase because they have asked for letters of support which were able to be obtained and sent to his office. With this there may be a chance for federal funding to help with a portion of the \$150,000 match which would eliminate the \$150,000 loan.

The Economic Development meeting had to be cancelled so this will be rescheduled at Ms. Webster's discretion.

Administrator will be on vacation from May 28, 2024 through June 5, 2024. Will be out of cell phone range so the work phone will be covered by Venita and Tim Mock will be covering Public Works.

## **CHIEF OF POLICE**

All council members were given the report by the police department. Points highlighted by Chief.

Chief was approved for acceptance into the Defense Agency Logistics Law Enforcement Support Office through the Village of Sardinia Police Department. Natural defense authorization where Congress authorized transfer of Department of Defense property to Federal, State, and Local law enforcement. This is excessive property that the DoD has that can go out to law enforcement agencies across the United States and their territories. This equipment is not purchased but is signed for by Chief Perry to use for the Police Department which he must keep specific records on everything that is obtained. There is no money coming out of the Village or Police funds. This has been going on since the 1980s with 7.6 billion dollars of equipment acquired by law enforcement agencies. In year 2022 160 million dollars' worth has been sent out. This includes equipment, clothes, weapons, etc. The plan is to make the vehicles being obtained emergency response vehicles and equipment to be used if there is a need and/or disaster where there can be response with tent, generator, and HVAC system if needed. The Humvee that has been obtained will be used for traffic safety enforcement but not out on 32 catching speeders. Equipment is insured by the Village and when usage is expired will be returned to the DoD.

Now have a second full time officer as Sargent Ingle was hired. Also have three part time officers. Working seven days a week. Will split up times the officers are in the Village as people start recognizing when the officers are here.

Reviewed citations and offenses. Did note the ordinance violation where resident is being cited everyday and must appear in court.

Regarding truck ordinance at this time no one has been cited for the violation. Drivers are educated about the ordinance and given a copy of the ordinance.

## **COMMITTEE MEETINGS SCHEDULED**

Safety Committee meeting scheduled for May 17, 2024, at 5:15 p.m.

Economic Development meeting scheduled for June 10, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

## **MAYOR**

Mayor did speak to the audience to keep all comments to 3-5 minutes.

## **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

Tom from the State Emergency management office wanted to give update. Do not usually suggest residents to go to storm shelters for safety reasons. Ms. Mason explained that the fire department had set up the basement. Mr. Mays believes that the basement has not been certified as a storm shelter. OEMA website may offer information that can be useful. There is mitigation funding for shelters and FEMA storm rebate program for funding for properties. Tom suggested to get a list together for mitigation funding. Usually funded before tornado season.

After storm requirement for buildings is to have showers, kitchen, and places to separate people as needed. Does not have to have a certain number of people to hold.

## PUBLIC ADDRESS

Shauna Weis gave updates on Hope and Promise. Farmer's Market is going well with vendors. Fire Department was there giving out fire hats to the kids. Local 4H will help the Legion put flags in the cemetery. May 27<sup>th</sup> will be Memorial Parade with service at 11 a.m. in the cemetery. July 12th will be Farmer's Market and after the August 3<sup>rd</sup> Farmers Market there will be a summer street party.

## AUDIENCE

Judy Albers wanted to discuss dogs on Brookfield Place property which she was informed that this is being addressed it is just a process that must be done to ensure legality for the progression of charges.

Steve Crabb – wanted to discuss truck ordinance with section 2 & 4 verbiage. Mr. Mays clarified that the only emergency part of the ordinance was for the fines to be corrected which are \$600 for the first offense.

## ROUND TABLE

Peggy Vance provided council with the Fire Department/EMS Report

*Motion to adjourn Angela Lyons, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes.*

*End at 8:13 p.m.*

6/10/24

Date Approved

Brian

Mayor

Ashlie Webster

President of Council