

SARDINIA COUNCIL MEETING

NOVEMBER 13, 2023

Pledge and Prayer: Mayor Bill North

ROLL CALL: Ashlie Webster, Dustin Puckett, Anna Turner, Angela Lyons, Peggy Vance, Gary Troutman

Also in attendance: Amy Mason, Administrator; Bill North, Mayor; Brian Perry, Chief of Police, Thomas Mayes, Solicitor

Absent: Jayme Eldridge, Fiscal Officer; Bob Feinen, Public Safety Director

Council reviewed meeting minutes from October 16, 2023, regular meeting. *Motion to accept minutes as read by Ashlie Webster, Second Angela Lyons. Roll call all yes. Motion passed.*

Financials report ending October 31, 2023, was reviewed, mentioned that there has been receipt of about 2/3rds of the grant money, reviewed bank reconciliation, outstanding checks, current Village accounts. *Motion to adapt the report as given by Dustin Puckett, second my Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes. Motion passed.*

ADMINISTRATOR

Reading of budget that was approved in July. This is second reading. Third reading will be in December then goes into effect January 1, 2023.

Cemetery project proposal to restore the back portion of the cemetery, restoring the stones. Estimate of first 30 stones is \$250.00 to \$400.00 for repair. Would like to work with Historical Society. Work would not start until Fall, 2024.

First reading of large truck ordinance that was proposed by the Safety Committee. Next reading would be December, 2023, then third reading will be January, 2024.

Village updates – Workforce Center Grand Opening went well. Badge readers for doors received and working, Oil tanks downstairs have been removed, request to Auditors office to destroy old records submitted.

Christmas gifts for Village employees – *motion made to give each employee \$150.00 gift card made by Ashlie Webster, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes. Motion passed.*

Ms. Turner reviewed items discussed in Finance Committee meeting on October 31, 2023. These included hiring of Maria Palm, retaining Jayme Eldridge as consultant, and hiring Venita Milburn as Court clerk.

Motion made to hire Maria Palm as Fiscal Officer made by Ashlie Webster, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes. Motion passed

Motion made by Angela Lyons to remove James Schroeder from checking account and add Maria Palm as Fiscal Officer. Second made by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes. Motion passed.

Motion made by Ashlie Webster to bring Venita Milburn as Court Clerk on full time January 1, 2024. Second made by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes. Motion passed.

Committee meetings to schedule – Public Safety Committee meeting date to be determined but prior to December 11, 2023, meeting.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Perry reviewed his report showing training, traffic stops, citations. This included pending drug case that was taken to the Grand Jury. Informed council that he has put himself on a 90-day assessment from August – November. Will do this every 90 days.

Chief Perry will have 3-day training next week, Officer Lee will be recertified for the Village of Sardina even if he was certified at prior Village.

Discussed laws with new approval of Recreational Marijuana. Also discussed concealed carry law.

Discussed Mayors Court statistics and reasoning to have better customer service.

Discussed tax offset that will go to Attorney Generals office if fines not paid.

MAYOR

Swearing in of new officer, Mr. James Lee. Welcomed by all council members.

PUBLIC

Shawna Weis of Hope and Promise Committee, updated the information for Christmas Tree Lighting for December 2nd, and the Christmas Parade also on December 2nd.

Next Hope and Promise Meeting will be November 28, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. at the Village Building.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Ms. Mason requested an executive session to discuss personnel issues pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 121.22G1. *Motion to go into executive session made by Dustin Puckett, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes. Motion passed.*

8:07 p.m. Executive session began.

8:25 p.m. *Motion to exit executive session made by Ms. Lyons, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call done all yes. Motioned carried.*

No action taken in executive session.

ROUND TABLE

Ms. Webster informed council that herself and Ms. Mason met with the Mayor of Leesburg to discuss collaborating with other villages. Also in the discussion was things to incorporate that may help Village of Sardina such as grants, one call for Village residents, reports from committees, newsletters, and once a year dumpsters. Will be trying to meet with other villages quarterly.

Mr. Troutman stated that the end of Yankee Road looked much better thanking the Village workers.

Mayor North thanked everyone for their votes in the election.

Motion to adjourn made by Angela Lyons and second by Ashlie Webster. All agreed to adjourn.

Date Approved 11-21-2023

Mayor 

President of Council 