

## SARDINIA COUNCIL MEETING

September 9, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Prayer Administrator Amy Mason

Pledge Mayor Bill North

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

**Also in Attendance:** Amy Mason, Administrator; Maria Palm, Fiscal Officer, Tom Mayes, Venita Milburn, Clerk

### COUNCIL NOTES

Ms. Mason informed council that there was an error found on the July 8 minutes on page 4 that read, "Action taken in Executive Session" incorrect as no action is taken in executive session so correction needs to be added as an addendum since minutes already approved. Correction should read "Action taken as a result of Executive Session".

*Motion for corrections to page 4 of minutes made by Angela Lyons, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes.*

Council reviewed meeting minutes from August 12, 2024, regular meeting. *Motion to approve made by Peggy Vance, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes.*

Council approval of financials for August 2024. *Motion to approve made by Ashlie Webster, second by Dustin Puckett. Roll call all yes*

*Attachments: Meeting minutes from July 2024 correction and August 12, 2024. Financials for August 2024*

### AUDIENCE COMMENTS

**Shauna Weis** – Update on a successful Farmers Market for August. Hope Church prepared lunch which raised donations of \$300. Music was very nice. Next month Hope and Promise meeting will be October 1. Last Farmers Market will be October 5 with free pumpkins for the kids. Hoping to have games for the kids. Christmas Lighting will be second weekend in December. Pretty certain there will not be a parade because of the fire.

**Brent Moermond** – First mentioned light behind his building on Winchester which has been out for some time Pole #124-30 requesting to get repaired. (Ms. Mason will get information to send to AEP). Also mentioned the lane by the building needs to have a no outlet sign people are driving through his yard. (Mr. Mays will check on access). Asked how long council meeting minutes kept on file (Ms. Mason answered older minutes stored in basement).

**Stan Briede** – Safety issue – lives by cemetery people speeding down the road. His suggestion is to put one of the radar signs to show drivers their speed. (Chief Perry stated there can be data that can be received from the radar signs). Also mentioned that trucks are coming down the road (Ms. Mason informed that there are some exceptions to the truck ordinance).

## ADMINISTRATOR

The Village audit by the State has been completed. This took a little longer than expected but still anticipating results to be forthcoming in October 2024.

The week of the fair on Thursday, September 26 and Friday, September 27 the office will be closed for required training for Venita. Front office will be closed these days. Ms. Mason will check voice mail and will be available by phone if needed.

Lead and Copper testing for the EPA will happen in the month of September. The same addresses are tested every three years. The service guys will be delivering the kits to the homes to be tested with instructions on how to collect the first morning water usage. All the accounts have been verified to have active accounts.

In the packets there is a noise ordinance, two-page form, resulting from the Public Safety committee meeting. Mr. Mays has drawn this up for the first reading for loud and disturbing noises in the Village of Sardinia, Brown County Ohio. Second reading will be in October at that reading any questions or concerns will be addressed, third reading will be in November.

Note that the October meeting will be the third Monday of the month due to the Columbus Day holiday as will the November meeting will be the third Monday due to the Veterans Day holiday. These were set at the beginning of the year.

Personnel Committee has been reviewing the Employee policy manual with suggestions from the State Auditors. Specifically like the policy for employee records for employees to sign off.

Council will be presented a change in the pay period from the current which is Thursday to Wednesday at midnight. The challenge is that some employees may not be in town to get their checks and with the current pay period direct deposit cannot be set up. Looking at changing to a traditional week of Monday through Sunday then employees would get their checks on Friday and could be direct deposited. This will also be able to include the on-call weekends. The hope is to have this presented in the October meeting. Will hope to have this start in January.

Ms. Mason did speak with Ty Pack regarding the waiving of taxes on the property that he was trying to purchase at 137 W. Main Street. Mr. Pack did have to pay what had been sent to the auditor's office that could not be waived by the Village since the auditor already had that amount. There was still \$2,937.37 on the account with no expense to the Village the house just did not have a sewer cap. Council had approved Ms. Mason to speak with Mr. Pack who was agreeable with the waived fees that were current on the account.

Rumpke is due for an extension there are several items in the packets for Rumpke. First is an ordinance, the original addendum from last years rates, the proposal for 2025-2026. Rates for 2023 were \$19.95 with seniors \$18.16; 2024 rates \$21.14 with seniors \$19.25. Also charged \$109/month for dumpster at the sewer plant. Proposed rates would for 2025 are \$21.99 with seniors \$20.02; rates for 2026 would be \$22.87 with seniors \$20.82. Increase has not been done since 2018 and unfortunately seniors would have a bigger increase since their current rate is \$13.51 and they will increase to \$20.00. Dumpster fee will be waived with the new contract.

Mr. Puckett asked if any other companies had been contacted for a bid. Ms. Mason stated she had not found a company big enough to take on this size. Mr. Puckett also asking about the rates lower in Georgetown which Mr. Mays addressed as Georgetown gets a credit because of the dump is in Georgetown. Mr. Puckett stated that he would research other companies. Ms. Mason is requesting a motion for ability to sign the extension that will start September 1. *Motion made by Anna Turner, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes.*



Ordinance providing for the mandatory pickup and disposal of garbage and waste material in the Village of Sardinia. This will serve as the first reading of this Ordinance. Any additional information or questions will be discussed at the October meeting.

Ordinance Amending Ordinance No \_\_\_\_\_ Section 150.007 for the Official Zoning Map Boundaries for Village of Sardinia. This was first read July 8, 2024, Mr. Mays stated that we can move forward with the second reading today on September 9. This is the property across St. Rt. 32 owned by Jeff Wilson changing from residential to mixed use. Third reading will be done in the October meeting with any questions or concerns answered at that time.

Update on the cemetery restoration. The 37 graves being restored with Phase I in the back of the cemetery has been going on for the last couple of weeks. Several of the headstones that were laying down are now standing up straight. Ms. Mason mentioned that she is using this project for her class in Public Management she will be presenting to State Leaders on Friday. Certification should be coming sometime in October.

Winchester Street Fire update: Road is still closed. The owner of the property still owns the property Ms. Mason has not spoken to him but did receive an email with information about a grant process through Sherrod Browns office Which looks like a matching grant. This would be a process that has to happen so it would not help right now. Cost is now probably about \$185,000 but could get it down to around \$125,000. Some funds He has made several inquiries as to resources to help take that down. Mr. Bonar has paid for the EPA testing, spending his own money to help the Village out. EPA has finally given him the okay to personally go in and remove all the wood by hand in the basement with the asbestos inspector present. Then they will be able to test the basement for asbestos which will be a three day turn around. If this happens, we may be able to get one lane open. Clermont County is recommending that the Village take the building down and sue the owner. We have about \$69,000 that was allocated as Covid money for the sewer which we could reallocate to help this project.

*Attachments: Ordinance Establishing and Regulating Truck Traffic 131-24; Rumpke addendum 2023-2024, Rumpke addendum 2025-2026; Ordinance Providing for the Mandatory Pickup and Disposal of Garbage and Waste; Ordinance Amending Ordinance Section 150.007 for Official Zoning; Ordinance Regulating Loud and Disturbing Noises*

### **Executive Session**

*Executive session to discuss 121.22G3 Pending or Imminent legal action*

*Motion to go into Executive Session made by Dustin Puckett, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes*

**Executive session begins 7:41 p.m.**

*Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Ashlie Webster, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes.*

**Executive session Ends 8:29 p.m.**

### **Action taken as result of Executive Session**

*Motion made by Peggy Vance to speak to Mr. Bonar as an emergency status about the remains of the Winchester building and as emergency status to ask Mr. Mays to take legal action to bring the building down with the maximum amount not to exceed \$200,000. Second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes.*

Motion made by Ashlie Webster to rescind the truck ordinance 131-24. Second by Dustin Puckett.  
Roll call all yes except for Peggy Vance – no.

**MAYOR**

Suggested date for Halloween, Thursday, October 31, 2024, from 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

Motion made by Peggy Vance to have trick or treat on October 31 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. Second by Ashlie Webster.  
Roll call all yes except for Angela Lyons - no.

**POLICE REPORT**

Chief Perry informed council that himself and K9 Ghost are now certified in Deployment and Arrest. Drug detect as well as apprehension.

**ROUND TABLE**

Ms. Vance reported all is well with the fire department but looking to purchase one to two new trucks. Equipment is breaking down so new trucks are needed.

Motion to adjourn Peggy Vance, second by Dustin Puckett. Roll call all yes.

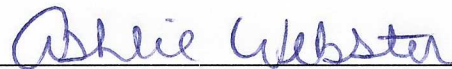
End at 8:35 p.m.

10-21-24

Date Approved



Mayor



President of Council