

SARDINIA COUNCIL MEETING

OCTOBER 21, 2024 7:00 P.M.

Prayer Solicitor Tom Mays

Pledge Administrator Amy Mason

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

Absent: Mayor Bill North and Councilman Dustin Puckett

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

COUNCIL NOTES

Council reviewed meeting minutes from September 9, 2024, regular meeting. *Motion to approve made by Peggy Vance, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes.*

Council approval of financials for September 2024. *Motion to approve made by Angela Lyons, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes*

Attachments: Meeting minutes from September 2024. Financials for September 2024

AUDIENCE COMMENTS

Shauna Weis – Thank you for your support of Farmers Market. Next year will be May through August. September Fall Festival will be called Sardinia Street Fair. Christmas in Sardinia will be December 7, Library will be doing a walk, there will be a community choir, will be accepting donations of bake goods for sale. The Fire Department Parade will be at 6:00 p.m. There will be a 7-foot Christmas tree coming and will give update on the date for decorating the tree for anyone to come out and help.

Steven Kramer – Update that US Bank will not be renewing their lease for the ATM at the bank building so this will be removed. Wished to discuss the noise ordinance with concerns of Section 2, paragraph 2, seems there is confusion over the wording of ordinance, suggests changing decibels. Also, Section 3 feels misdemeanor of 4th degree is wrong. *Mr. Mays addressed that council and/or safety committee can reword ordinance since this is only the second reading. Mr. Mays asked if someone has an example, please send it in, but the current ordinance is based on ORC and complaints received.

Ty Pack – Also addressed noise ordinance with the time frames noted on the ordinance. Feels there should be different rules for business and residential so patrons from businesses are not run off. The middle of town is business district which could cause problems with times and consequences. Council member Ashlie Webster stated that the committee will look at the ordinance to update before the next reading regarding commercial vs residential, along with other suggestions.

ADMINISTRATOR

The Village audit by the State has been completed but has not been signed off on. They did send recommendations this evening which there were 23 of these. Auditors will come in to meet with staff and council to review the recommendations and have been given tools to correct things going forward. One recommendation was to add attachments that are shared in council meetings to be added to the meeting minutes which were with the minutes in the books but need to be documented in the minutes.

Second reading of the Ordinance Regulating Loud and Disturbing Noises Within the Village of Sardinia Brown County Ohio, reading of October 21, 2024. There is a copy in the council's packet this month which was received last month in the packets. Open for discussion. Mr. Mays suggested returning the ordinance to the Safety Committee for review.

Request from the Belchers to see if the road to their business can be made into a 2-way road which was requested to the Mayor and Mr. Mays had been notified prior to this meeting of this request. Somewhere in the past this street was a 2 way at one time. Road in question is Mae Street.

Public Safety Committee meeting scheduled for Wednesday, November 6, at 5:00 p.m. – discussion to be held will the noise ordinance, Mae Street, and Chief Perry's agenda.

Second reading for the trash ordinance Providing for the Mandatory Pickup and Disposal of Garbage and Waste Materials in the Village of Sardinia and Establishing Charges for Such Service. Current ordinance is from 2018 has not been increased since that time. If over 62 get a senior discount, current cost is \$13.64, and Rumpke is charging \$20.02 which has gone up every other year which has not been adjusted. Currently for a regular customer is \$21.33 which will be \$21.99. All this ordinance does is to bring the charge to what we are paying from Rumpke. This will make an even pass through on this and this is the best contract we can get. September 2025 the rates will go up to \$20.82 and \$22.87. Third reading will be in November then the rates will be adjusted in January. In September 2025 then the rates will automatically be adjusted.

*Mr. Troutman did suggest that there could do ½ the increase then the other ½ further in the year for the seniors. Ms. Webster agreed with stepping the increase up slowly.

*Ms. Mason will bring two amounts for the third reading to review for council.

Third reading for the amendment of previous ordinance Section 150.007 for the official Ordinance Zoning Map Boundaries for Village of Sardinia Change for the 2.44 acres owned by Jeff Wilson from residential to mix use. *Motion to approve made by Peggy Vance, second by Anna Turner. Roll call – Mr. Troutman abstained, all others yes.*

Ms. Mason asked for a motion to change the current pay week to Monday through Sunday beginning December 30, 2024. Current pay week is Thursday through Wednesday which is difficult when there is a holiday. This will be a savings and will allow for a direct deposit to begin. As a government entity the Village will not be charged for Direct Deposit. The employees will lose a week but will be supplemented with the bonus check they receive on January 1. *Motion to approve the change in the current pay week to Monday through Sunday made by Anna Turner, seconded by Angela Lyons. Roll call all yes.*

The final bill for the take down of the building that caught fire was \$138,800. For public knowledge Mr. Bonaar, the contractor, worked with the EPA who allowed him to take to a special landfill but not the one that was miles away. We will be going into Executive Session will be getting legal counsel from Mr. Mays since all the bills are paid for the building

Would like to remind the community that Halloween will be on October 31st from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Hope and Promise has requested a road closure for Christmas in Sardinia on December 7th. Ms. Mason is going to hold off the motion to close the road closure for a better time frame. Will bring

Attachments Noise Ordinance, Trash Ordinance, Zoning Map Boundary Ordinance

Executive Session

Executive session to discuss 121.22G3 Pending or Imminent legal action

Motion to go into Executive Session made by Peggy Vance, second by Gary Troutman. Roll call all yes

Executive session begins 7:49 p.m.

Motion to come out of Executive Session made by Gary Troutman, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes.

Executive session Ends 8:12 p.m.

No Action was taken as result of Executive Session

POLICE REPORT

There was a Facebook post about the kids on the roofs. Investigation was completed with all the information being turned over to the Brown County courts and nothing was held here in the Village.

Training will be completed by the end of the month by all the officers which is complaint with OPATA.

Chief Perry intended an instructor course for Pepper Ball launchers.

ROUND TABLE

Ms. Vance wanted to discuss sewer caps and costs to property owners. Sewer charges continue even if water is turned off. Ms. Mason explained the ordinance regarding the sewer caps with the costs. We will review the village website to see if this is posted on the page. Ms. Vance recommended informing residents when they come into the village.

Gary Troutman – Economic Development Committee meeting to schedule. The meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, November 5th at 10:00 a.m.

Angela Lyons asked about the grease traps with the restaurants.

Motion to adjourn Gary Troutman, second by Angela Lyons. Roll call all yes.

End at 8:21 p.m.

Date Approved

Mayor

President of Council