

SARDINIA COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

Prayer: Mayor Bill North

Pledge: Mayor Bill North

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

Absent: Dustin Puckett

Also in Attendance: Amy Mason, Administrator, Tom Mayes, Solicitor, Venita Milburn, Clerk

COUNCIL NOTES

The council reviewed meeting minutes from December 9, 2024, regular meeting. *Motion to approve by Peggy Vance, second by Gary Troutman. Roll call all yes except for Ashlie Webster who abstained due to being absent from a prior meeting.*

No financials to approve for December 2024 because the end of year needs to be completed before December's financials can be reported.

Attachments: Meeting minutes from December 2024

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shawna Weis – Next Hope and Promise Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 4th at 7:00 p.m. Last year was a success. Christmas in Sardinia, only made about ½ of what was received from the previous year. A review has been done, notes taken, on what worked and what didn't, we will critique that. There will be a look at what Hope and Promise will do in 2025, what will be the goals for the Village. Shawna was questioned about what was being done with the vacant lot was informed to talk to Amy. Questioned if the Village had talked about plans for 2025.

Ashlie Webster responded that the Economic Development committee is meeting with Tom Mays regarding the top goals for the Village for 2025. She would love to have people come to the committee meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR

Ms. Mason advised at the last council meeting discussion was held for the updated payroll schedule. Requested to have a motion to prorate PTO and sick time for the 56-hour work week that was done to get the new payroll schedule on the correct dates.

Motion to approve prorated PTO and sick pay beginning December 30, 2024, made by Angela Lyons, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes.

Ms. Mason informed the council that Maria Palm, Fiscal Officer, had submitted her resignation with her last date of February 7, 2025. Ms. Palm is willing to be flexible for the next couple of weeks. Ms. Mason read Ms. Palm's resignation

letter. Hours are budgeted at 20 – 25 hours a week. Will ask for an executive session to discuss the transition. Jamie is still under contract so she is still on the accounts so the transition will be a little easier than previously.

Ms. Mason requested a date for a Personnel Committee Meeting. Needing to approve the new policy manual for employees. Several transitions that need to be made due to the change in the payroll schedule.

Second reading of Ordinance Designating A Portion of Mae Street In The Village Of Sardinia As A Two Way Street. This will allow Mae Street to be made a two-way street which only would run north and south from Tri-county to the railroad tracks. The remainder of Mae Street would stay one way. This would accommodate the larger trucks coming from Belchers.

Ms. Mason stated that the large stack of purchase orders for 2025 have been signed by three members of the council but needs a motion to approve. *Motion made to approve signed 2025 purchase orders made by Peggy Vance, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes.*

Ms. Mason brought to council two ordinances that are always approved in January. One is the Roberts Rule of Order for 2025, second one is the approval for the Ohio Basic Code to be adopted for 2025. These will both need emergency motions and to suspend the rules.

Roberts Rule of Order – motion to suspend the rules made by Angela Lyons, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes. Motion to adopt Roberts Rule of Order made by Ashlie Webster, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes.

Motion to suspend the rules for adoption of the Ohio Basic Code 2025 made by Peggy Vance, second by Angela Lyons. Roll call all yes.

Motion to adopt the Ohio Basic Code 2025 made by Peggy Vance, second by Angela Lyons. Roll call all yes.

Ms. Mason wanted to share publicly her appreciation for the road crew during the recent snowstorm. The men worked a lot of extra hours without complaint. They will work to keep the storm drains clear for the coming thaw of the snow. There was a truck that the hydraulics went out on one of the plows which only shoved one direction part has been ordered to replace. They have also had three funerals in the last few days.

Attachments: Ordinance Designating a Portion of Mae Street as Two-Way Street

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Perry informed council that both himself and Sgt. Ingle had a child for Shop with a Cop. There will be a donation from the Auxiliary account for \$1000 for Shop with a Cop program for next year.

Ghost was deployed 5 times where he found meth, cocaine, and Fentanyl, along with needles and pipes. Three of these were from OSP, one from Mt. Orab, and one from the Sheriff's office. Of these stops the drugs were all found within the Village limits not in the county. Fentanyl only takes 2 mg to kill one person the individual that had this had two tablets which is probably about 10 mg.

OPATA training – needs completed by end of 2025 already have completed 24 hours.

Sgt. Ingle has completed training in Evidence Room Management so our evidence room needs a evidence room tech so this training will meet that requirement.

Chief Perry mentioned that there was a post on Facebook where someone had drove by his home took pictures of the new vehicle which is a 2022 Chevy Silverado 1500 police package. It is currently being fitted with the equipment needed.

Also picked up a 2011 Crown Vic which was up for whoever needed it from the Law Enforcement Agency through the Federal Government. This is for police department use so this will also be outfitted with needed equipment. This car did not cost any money. You will see both these vehicles on the streets shortly.

Ohio Basic Code 2025 there have been some updates that will be implemented.

Ms. Mason indicated that she worked together with the Chief and Bob Feinen looking at new versus used. The last finance committee discussed also when it was decided we didn't really want to have another payment. We were able to get the Silverado without financing. This brings the fleet to 2022, 2019, and 2018. The price to outfit the vehicles can be \$20,000 or more. Chief Perry mentioned the Silverado was equipped with everything except the radar, radio, and Hot Pop. The light bar, siren, and lights donated for the Crown Vic. Ms. Mason mentioned that in late November, December the transmission went out on the white Tahoe which GM paid for most of this since it was only 2 months out of warranty. Also, the grey Tahoe went out so there were a couple days of not having a vehicle, so this is the difference between 2 vehicles and 3 vehicles.

MAYOR

Mayor North mentioned we had to choose a new president of council. Nominations were open, Peggy Vance nominated Ashlie Webster for president of council for 2025. No other nominations were made. *Motion was made to appoint Ms. Webster as new president of council by Peggy Vance, second by Angela Lyons. Roll call yes except Ashlie Webster who abstained so she would not vote for herself.*

Mayor North stated we had to have committee appointment to stay the same or make changes made. Ms. Mason did state in 2025 she would like to see the chair person take more control of the meetings with the committee taking on an active role.

Committee meeting assignments for 2025

Economic Development – Ashlie Webster, chair; Peggy Vance, Anna Turner
Public Safety – Peggy Vance, chair; Dustin Puckett
Personnel Committee – Anna Turner, chair; Ashlie Webster, Angela Lyons
Finance Committee – Gary Troutman, chair; Anna Turner
Public Works Committee – Dustin Puckett, chair; Angela Lyons, Gary Troutman

Motion made to approve the above committee changes made by Ashlie Webster, second by Peggy Vance. Roll call all yes.

Executive Session

Motion made to go into executive session for Personnel 121.22(G)(1) by Gary Troutman, second by Ashlie Webster. Roll call all yes.

Executive session begins at 7:35 p.m.

Motion to come out of executive session made by Angela Lyons, second by Anna Turner. Roll call all yes

Executive session ends at 8:06 p.m.

Discussed the Fiscal Officer position with Ms. Palms resignation.
No other actions were taken from the Executive session.

Committee Meetings scheduled:

Economic Development with Tom Mayes – January 27, 2025 @ 4:00 p.m.

Public Safety – February 10, 2025 @ 6:00 p.m.

Personnel Committee – January 23, 2025 @ 10:00 a.m.

Finance Committee - January 23, 2025 @ 11:00 a.m.

Public Works - February 4, 2025 @ 5:15 p.m.

ROUND TABLE

Peggy Vance – Requested to look into new Village Christmas decorations. Ms. Mason stated that this could be between \$20,000 and \$30,000. Ms. Webster asked about beautification grants? Ms. Vance mentioned the possibility of looking at new street signs.

Anna Turner – questioned Ms. Webster about the Public Relations person that was to come to the Village. Ms. Webster mentioned that this person came from the Ohio Means Jobs grant which is currently out of funding. Ms. Turner mentioned there is a need for public relations. She also mentioned that elections will be coming up this year will be everyone on council except for Dustin Puckett, Gary Troutman, and Mayor Bill North. There will be four seats available for election.

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

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:45 P.M.

NEXT MEETING February 10, 2025 AT 7:00 P.M.

2-10-25

Date Approved



Mayor



President of Council