

SARDINIA VILLAGE COUNCIL MEETING NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Roll Call:

Bill North-Present Dustin Puckett-Present Angela Lyons-Present
Anna Turner-Present Peggy Vance-Present Ashlie Webster-Present
Tom Mayes, Solicitor Present Amy Mason, Administrator, absent Chief Lewis-present

The mayor announced that Ms. Mason was not present because her father passed away on November 9th and the funeral services were this evening in Cincinnati. Minutes from the previous meetings and bills will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Audience:

Ms. Weis presented to the council. She has meet with Jim Schroeder, Ashlie Webster, and herself as part of a non-profit established to benefit Sardinia. There are things that the Village cannot do that a non-profit can do. Ms. Weis just returned from a trip to Texas and Mississippi visiting HGTV towns (Waco, TX and Laurel, MS). Once a year a town is selected to update. Ms. Weis is going to submit Sardinia in the future when it is time for a town selection. Ms. Weis is formatting a letter to send to businesses and former residence to encourage them to donate to the non-profit to benefit Sardinia. The benefit is called Hope and Promise.

Police Department

The Chief handed out a report to council. He updated council on trick or treat in the village. Everything worked out very well. Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at 6pm will be a meeting about the Christmas parade. We are doing Shop-with-a-cop on Thursday, December 17th. We will take three children from the elementary school. They are hoping the children selected will be able to ride on the float in the parade. They are raising \$600 per child. The money has been raised in the police auxiliary funds. They take the children to breakfast with the other departments and then take the children to Walmart, eat lunch, watch a movie, and return to the Church of Christ in Georgetown. This started in Sardinia in 2011.

Administrator

The administrator put before you at the last meeting an updated personnel manual for your review. No questions were submitted. *A motion was made by Mr. Puckett to approve the changes as submitted, a second was made by Ms. Vance. Roll call, Mr. North abstained because he did not review the document, all other members voted yes, motion carried.*

Committee

Economic Development- Ms. Vance reported a good discussion about where we are.

Finance Committee-Mr. North stated there was no finance meeting. (*A meeting was held on October 17th at 7:00pm)

Public Works Committee: Mr. Puckett discussed money for the officers, a \$300 donation for six officers is recommended for a Christmas bonus. *Mr. Puckett made the motion to approve a \$300 donation for six officers.* Ms. Lyons entered into discussion. Her opinion is that the officers are not doing anything but riding around and sitting on Rt. 32. She stated that they should not be given that kind of money. No second was made, the motion failed.

Public Works Committee: No new information to discuss. They are waiting to see how the changes made to the department will improve the village. H20 has been informed of the cancel

of the contract. H20 declined staying on to train Mr. Newman. The mayor is confident that we can move forward.

Mayor

The mayor presented the Appalachian Community Grant information. The mayor received an email from the economic development director in brown county on November 10th that project overview budgets are due on November 15th. There were no parameters given. The mayor gave council a copy of what he has drafted. This is not anything final but rather a submission so that Sardinia is included in the project in the future. After the first of the year, the State will send engineers and planners to work with the towns and villages to refine our document. Ms. Webster suggested we increase the blithe to one million dollars. Ms. Turner complimented the mayor and his proposal.

The mayor updated the police chief hiring process. We have posted the position and collected resumes. We will schedule a first round of interviews. The interview committee will be Mr. Puckett, Ms. Webster, Ms. Mason, Chief Lewis, Chief Kirker (EMS and fire chief), and Bob Finer. After they do first round of interviews, that group would bring top two to the mayor and council for a closed session interview. The mayor does not want to be present in the first round of interviews because traditionally it becomes a buddy of the mayor that is hired. He wants to be the last involved in the hiring process.

Round table discussions: Mr. North has some things that he will discuss with Ms. Mason in the future. Mr. Puckett does not know how to use his village email. Several council members are still struggling. Ms. Vance discussed a resident on College Ave who was made to move a utility trailer. He moved it outside the village and wants to know if it was due to a zoning issue or when he can move it back. There is currently a trailer on the street with yard debris. Ms. Vance will let the resident know that it was not an employee of the Village that asked for the trailer to be removed. Mr. Mayes reminded council that there are ordinances that trailers cannot be parked indefinitely on village streets. Ms. Vance attended the Spaghetti dinner fundraiser for the fire department. Discussion about installing a sign for an area with a blind child to help encourage reduction of speed in the area. The masonic lodge is cutting down a large tree and will donate the top portion of the tree for the town square. Discussion was had to decorate the tree on December 3rd. Ms. Webster reminded the Salon is having Christmas event on December 3rd from 9am-2pm.

*Mr. Puckett made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Ms. Webster, all approved.
Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.*

Passed: 12/12/22


James Schroeder, Mayor