

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Mayor DeLong, Burgess, Hubbard, Wackerly, Holmes and Wadsworth were in attendance. Craig DeLong was absent. Kaltenbaugh and Neading were also in attendance with Murdock attending via Zoom.

Motion by Burgess, second by Holmes to excuse Craig DeLong's absence from the meeting. All council members approved.

Motion by Burgess, second by Wackerly to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of March 18, 2024. Burgess, Wackerly, and Wadsworth voted yes. Holmes and Hubbard abstained.

Mayor DeLong reported that he received a letter of resignation from Service Department employee Ryan Lawson. Motion by Burgess, second by Holmes to accept the resignation of Ryan Lawson effective April 9th.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

LEGISLATURE: Motion by Wackerly, second by Hubbard to suspend rule 731.17 for Resolution 2024-3. Wackerly, Hubbard, Holmes and Wadsworth voted yes. Burgess abstained.

Motion by Wackerly, second by Hubbard to adopt Resolution 2024-3, a Resolution declaring a pay increase for certain employees in the Service Department of the Village of Malvern, Carroll County, Ohio. Wackerly, Hubbard, Holmes and Wadsworth voted yes. Burgess abstained.

PARK: Hubbard noted that the basketball court looks nice with the benches out. Mayor DeLong discussed that Malvern Community Development has asked for a wish-list for projects or ideas for the Park area. Burgess discussed cleanup day on May 11th, she spoke with Burwell and the date worked for him. Burgess will organize food and beverages for the event. She reminded that no tires, paint, propane tanks, batteries, or chemicals would be accepted. She also noted that if anything with freon was being disposed of, such as a refrigerator, it must be drained of the freon.

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided Council with the Appropriations, Revenue, Fund Status, Receipts, and Payment reports as of 3/31/24. Neading highlighted that for the end of the first quarter categories on the revenue status should be 25% or greater and for the appropriations status they should be 25% or less. She also highlighted that property tax collection for the first half were steady, municipal income tax collections remain strong, and the water collections are on budget. She also reported that she completed and submitted the Ohio Open Books Records Request for 2023 annual compensation information. Neading reported that she submitted a request for funds from the Ohio Development Grant for \$10,000 to offset the recent Engineering Associates bill for the design portion of Phase 2. She explained that there had been \$11,000 of funds that had not been disbursed from the grant, and explained that the Village had to reach 90% completion for the project before the remaining \$11,000 could be accessed. Neading will submit for the final \$1,000 from the next invoice.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Kaltenbaugh reported the service department has the tennis and basketball courts ready. The lighting at the front of the park has been upgraded with the LED fixtures and the pole that was bad has been replaced. The service department has painted the picnic tables in the park, worked on alleys, made repairs to the Hach System at the Water Plant, repaired the lettering on Village Hall, they are currently working on flushing hydrants, and have started mowing in the park. The new mower is working out well. Kaltenbaugh reported that he reached out to EOG after they contacted Village Hall to transfer the Water into their name as the purchase of the Colfor building was completed. He discussed annexing into the Village and has setup a meeting. He has not heard any updates on the grants. He provided the Commissioners Office with a letter of support on behalf of the Village for the application for the grant funding for the safety sirens for the park. He met with the EPA and they are working on a solution for the disposal of the barrels located in the Perfect Products building. They estimate cleanup to cost between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

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Kaltenbaugh explained they are working on options to help with the costs of the cleanup. At this time the building has been boarded up and secured.

MAYOR: DeLong reported that there will be a Water Department tour for Council at 6:00 prior to the next Council Meeting. He also discussed the Bridge Street property with the piles of bricks and dirt. Kaltenbaugh will post signs on the property and send the letter to the property owner. DeLong also discussed the new mower and the fuel situation for the Service Department. He asked for thoughts on a fuel tank at the garage. Kaltenbaugh explained that logs would need to be maintained for all fuel use and that there is a significant amount of maintenance the goes with having the tank. Council agreed that we should continue to utilize Rockys for fuel. DeLong asked about looking for a new vehicle to replace the existing Water truck. Kaltenbaugh will start looking.

COUNCIL: Burgess discussed that the Park was busy over the weekend and that it is the Village's biggest asset. It was discussed that MCDF projects make a big impact in the park.

Hubbard asked if the semi had still been parking at the Perfect Products building. Holmes saw it parked in the lot on Friday. Kaltenbaugh asked anyone who sees it to put a note on the truck asking them to contact Village Hall.

Wackerly discussed that the school has received a grant for a wellness center. He noted the project is estimated to cost approximately \$2.7 million. He believes this will change the scope of the project at the stadium, but understands that they still intend to proceed with the locker rooms and restrooms.

FINANCE: Motion by Burgess, second by Hubbard to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$1,264.35 pre-approved by the Finance Committee 3/31/24. Also, \$10,585.20 in payroll pre-approved by the Finance Committee and paid 3/28/24. All council members approved.

QUESTIONS: Clapper asked to clarify who purchased the Colfor building. Kaltenbaugh explained that it was Reserve Energy Corporation, and the primary contact was from EOG. He explained that EOG is part of Reserve Energy.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Holmes, second by Hubbard to adjourn. All council members approved.

Next regular council meeting will be Monday, April 15, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer