

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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

Motion by Hubbard, second by Craig DeLong to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of May 6, 2024. Hubbard, Craig DeLong, Holmes and Wadsworth approved, Burgess abstained.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: James Gonzales Sr. was in attendance to discuss multiple concerns. Mr. Gonzales resides at 408 Clay Street. He discussed the condition of the Clay Street roads due to the excess water that collects on the road. This has caused pot holes and flooding. He asked if the catch basin could be cleaned and if there was a solution to prevent the accumulation of water on the road. Kaltenbaugh discussed that in prior years the Village had attempted to run drainage to the creek, but the property owner did not want the drain lines to run through their property. Without the permission of the property owner, the Village cannot go across the property to the creek to move the water out of the area. It was also discussed that the pot holes could be filled. He also discussed the water break and noted that he estimates over 30 breaks on Clay Street over the last 15 years. Kaltenbaugh noted that the Village was in the process of applying for grant funding that would replace the water lines throughout sections of Malvern, and if the funding was granted, it would include the lines on Clay Street. Gonzales further discussed the property, 616 Church Street that is behind his property. He explained that the home is vacant and the property is unkept. Kaltenbaugh discussed the only option was to reach out to the Carroll County Health Department as it is becoming a public safety concern due to rodents and possibly an unsafe structure. Gonzales highlighted the old Kerns property and the Furey property as cause for concern. He expressed concerns that the Furey property is allowing people to live in a small barn on the property and also in a camper. Mr. Gonzales asked about bringing businesses into town to generate additional revenue for the Village. Kaltenbaugh explained that businesses would want to come to the Village, and that there is nothing being done to prevent businesses from coming. Gonzales asked what was happening with the Colfor building. It was explained that EOG Resources purchased the building and would be using it. It was also discussed that one of the structures was donated to the Fire Department and they would be using it in the future.

Lorrie Pryor was also in attendance and discussed the issue of mud accumulating in the roadway near her property and being a hazard to those who walk. She also noted that she contacted Village Hall regarding potholes near her home and most were fixed, but there were a few others that still needed to be addressed. Pryor also resides on Clay Street.

Motion by Burgess second by Holmes to enter into executive session for the employment of a public employee or official, second by Holmes. All council members approved. All council members, Mayor DeLong, Kaltenbaugh, Murdock, and Neading entered into executive session at 7:32 PM.

The meeting resumed at 7:48 PM. Mayor DeLong reported that the Village received notice from Service Employee Joe Evans that he would be resigning his position. His last day will be May 24th. Burgess made a motion to accept the resignation of Joe Evans, second by Holmes. All council members approved. Burgess made a motion to place an ad for a full time service employee starting at \$15.00 per hour. The ad will run for two (2) weeks and close on June 14th, second by Holmes. All council members approved. Neading will submit the ad.

LEGISLATURE: Motion by Holmes, second by Hubbard to suspend rule 731.17 for Resolution 2024-7 (New Checking Account at Consumers). All council members approved.

Motion by Holmes, second by Hubbard to adopt Resolution 2024-7, A Resolution authoring the Village fiscal officer to transfer Village funds to the Consumers National Bank as the depository for the Village of Malvern, Carroll County, Ohio. All council members approved.

PARK: Hubbard highlighted that the hill by Dairy Queen looks really good and the community members have done a great job taking care of it. She discussed the sign on the hill could use a coat of paint and that it could possibly be a scout project. She also

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discussed the tennis courts are getting a lot of use and need attention. Hubbard asked if handicap access to the far pavilion had been discussed by MCDF this year and noted that it would be nice if the access could happen. She also noted that the sign at the entrance has a lot of larger shrubs and is becoming overgrown. Kaltenbaugh discussed removed the shrubs and putting stone down around the sign to cleanup the area.

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided council with the RITA, Fund Status report, Receipts and Payments as of 5/20/24. Neading completed the Smart Procure request regarding payments from January 2024 through current. Neading also discussed that things are moving forward with the new checking account at Consumers. The account is open and funded, paperwork is signed, checks are ordered through Abco and Consumers is ordering the deposit slips, she is struggling to find a contact for the State of Ohio to move the deposits over to the new account, but is going to continue to work on a contact. It was discussed that deposits could be made at Consumers starting June 1st, this would give a clean month end with US Bank.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Kaltenbaugh reported that the Service Department has been patching roads, mowing, they have removed banners and replaced them with flags, and they had the bug sprayer recertified. The EPA was in at the water plant to complete routine Well testing. Ohio Drilling will be in to check on pump #6. He noted that the clock downtown is fixed. He further discussed that he contacted EOG regarding the annexation agreement for their property (former Colfor building) and explained we need them to address it if they want to continue to receive water. Council agreed they need the agreement back by June 14th or Water Service will be disconnected. Kaltenbaugh also discussed the plant is working well and the new telecommunications system is working well.

Wadsworth asked about the lights on the bridge. Kaltenbaugh explained that the collars for the lights have not been received and does not have an estimated time on when they will be delivered. Wadsworth also noted that the lights downtown were having issues. Holmes asked if the GFIs had been checked on them and explained when Dancing on the Bridge was downtown they would need reset regularly. Kaltenbaugh will have the Service Department check and if that is not the issue he will have Sheets/Eick Electric come in to make necessary repairs.

MAYOR: DeLong was contacted by First Christian Church, they will be having an outdoor concert on June 2nd. He noted that cleanup day went well and thanked everyone for their help. He also received a call asking what the Village was doing for Memorial Day, Holmes said the American Legion would be having the annual Memorial Day Parade. DeLong also discussed Village Hall would be closed the week of June 3rd, Foster will be on vacation.

COUNCIL: Craig DeLong was contacted by the Baseball/Softball group regarding dirt for a field. Council agreed that dirt would not be purchased by the Village at this time, but the Service Department could use the tractor to work and drag the field again to help with the compacted dirt.

Wadsworth noted that parts of the foundation wall on the top of the hill on North Reed was starting to fall. Kaltenbaugh will have the Service Department address the foundation wall.

FINANCE: Motion by Burgess, second by Craig DeLong to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$48,597.99 pre-approved by the Finance Committee 5/20/2024. Also, \$8,940.73 in payroll pre-approved by the Finance Committee and paid 5/23/24. All council members approved.

QUESTIONS:

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

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Next regular council meeting will be Monday, June 3, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.

Mayor

Fiscal Officer