

MALVERN VILLAGE REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

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Meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Motion by Wadsworth, second by Burgess to excuse the absence of Holmes and Hubbard. All council members approved.

Motion by Wackerly, second by Wadsworth to approve the minutes from the regular meeting of July 1, 2024 with a correction to Roll Call, Kaltenbaugh was absent from the meeting and his name needs to be removed. All council members approved.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Tyler Rainsburg was in attendance to discuss the alley near Wilson and Porter. He had spoke with the Service Department throughout the last year, asking for grindings or stone to be put in the alley. The issue is, water is washing the alley way out, and then saturates the area, resulting in water in his basement. It was discussed that a lot of water is coming off of Porter Street and collecting in the alley. Kaltenbaugh discussed the possibility of putting in a small curb to prevent the water from flowing into the alley, or even putting in a new catch basin and trying to control the flow of water to prevent it from moving into the alley. Rainsburg also asked if the "No Parking in Alley" sign could be moved away from his driveway as it has been hit several times as cars back out. He further discussed that the alley behind the habitat house had a lot of weeds growing up through the alley and asked that they be sprayed.

Jeremy Maher, the Malvern Cross Country Coach, was in attendance to discuss an issue with dogs in the park. The Cross-Country team has been practicing in the park and they have had an issue with the same person repeatedly having their dog in the park without a leash. The dog owner admitted the dog has a history of biting and Maher is concerned about the safety of the kids. The dog owner refuses to keep the dog on a leash or away from their practice area. Kaltenbaugh provided Maher with a business card with his contact information and asked that Maher contact him if he encounters the owner and dog again and he will come talk to the dog owner. Kaltenbaugh also said if possible to try to get a name for the dog owner.

Joel Bender from Whitaker Myers Insurance was in attendance to discuss the insurance renewal. He highlighted the changes in property values, including moving the Water Treatment Plant to \$4.5 million, the addition of the wells, and changes to Village Hall to accommodate rebuilding the structure in the event of a claim. Overall, the coverage increased by almost \$4 million and resulted in an increase of approximately \$4,500 in premiums. Wackerly made a motion to accept the blanket insurance proposal as presented for a cost of \$15,702, second by Burgess. All council members approved.

LEGISLATURE: Burgess made a motion to enter into executive session for a conference with the public body's attorney, second by Craig DeLong. All council members approved. At 7:22 all Council Members, Mayor DeLong, Murdock, Kaltenbaugh, and Neading entered into executive session. The meeting resumed at 7:39, no action was taken.

PARK:

FISCAL OFFICER/TAX DEPARTMENT: Neading provided council with the RITA report, the Fund Status, Receipts and Payments as of 7/15/2024. She discussed that the OWDA annual financial report was submitted. She discussed that the State has released the update for Fraud Training. All Council Members, the Mayor, and all Employees will be required to complete the training. There is a seven (7) minute video that has to be watched. Neading provided the link to everyone via email. She offered to print certificates if they were emailed to her. She also noted that the Fraud Training will need to be completed every four (4) years by all employees and elected officials. It is also required for any new hire or newly elected public official. Neading reported that payroll updates have been made for the current payroll. She also updated Council that she determined the account update for the State had been rejected, she was able to resubmit and it has now been accepted to update the bank information for deposits. She has moved all but \$5,000 to the Consumers account. She also noted that the website and minutes book are up to date.

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DeLong asked Neading if the Service Department was also required to watch the Fraud Training for the State. Neading explained that they did have to watch the video and Foster had offered to set up the training video for them to watch together and Neading will provide a sign-in sheet for them.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Kaltenbaugh reported that the Service Department is working to spray weeds on the curbs and plan to start painting the curbs soon. Kaltenbaugh explained that he told the Service Department that they could complete the painting in the evenings when there is less traffic and less heat. He also discussed that the scag mower used for mowing the canals has a piece that is bent, the machine is currently at Braces' for repairs. Wilson attempted to mow the canal with the smaller mower, but was unable to complete the canals. The mower rolled in the canal, there was no damage to the mower or to Wilson, but they will be waiting for the larger mower to be back in service. Kaltenbaugh discussed that there was a tree down near Kishman's and a second tree down on Grant that the Service Department cleared off. He discussed that the Village did not receive grant funding from the EPA for Phase 2, but \$1 million was received from the Army Corps of Engineers. He further explained that if the EPA funding did not come through in 2025, the Village could use the \$1 million to proceed with a portion of the Phase 2 work. Kaltenbaugh discussed the quote for the emergency siren. The siren will cost \$29,900. It can be placed on the existing pole or a new utility pole could be installed further back, near the Service Garage. The existing pole would need to be sanded and repainted and a plate would need to be installed for the siren to be mounted to. The new pole could be installed by Sheets and the siren comes with a bracket to mount onto the utility pole. Also, the new pole could tie into the electric at the Service Garage and the current Fire Siren electric hookup could be disconnected. Motion by Burgess, second by Craig DeLong to proceed with the purchase of the new Fire/Tornado Siren to be installed on a new utility pole installed near the Service Garage not to exceed a total cost of \$35,000. All council members approved. Kaltenbaugh talked with Jake Wilson and Drake DeLong, Service Department employees. He explained to them that there will be evaluations at the end of the year. He explained to both of them that they need to step up, make good decisions and show up to work. Kaltenbaugh reported to Council that he found a truck to replace the Water Truck. It is a new 2023 Ford F-350, outfitted with the tool box bed. The truck is located outside of Columbus. The current government pricing is approximately \$67,000. Wackerly made a motion to proceed with the purchase of the 2023 Ford F-350 with the tool box bed not to exceed a total cost of \$68,000, second by Burgess. All council members approved. Kaltenbaugh also noted that the EPA will be at Perfect Products to collect samples and complete testing. An application was received from James Little from Carrollton, it was agreed that Kaltenbaugh would schedule an interview.

MAYOR: DeLong asked Neading if she had contacted Ace regarding the removal of the extra portable restroom. Neading did contact them, but will reach out again.

COUNCIL: Wackerly reported that there were 106 ambulance calls last month. He also discussed that they are still working on plans for some updates to the interior of the building. He thanked the Service Department for their work on patching and complimented the work they have completed.

FINANCE: Motion by Burgess, second by Craig DeLong to pay the village bills from the appropriate funds for \$12,315.54 pre-approved by the Finance Committee 7/15/24. Also, \$9,314.61 in payroll pre-approved by the Finance Committee and paid 7/18/24. All council members approved.

QUESTIONS:

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

Next regular council meeting will be Monday, August 5, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Malvern Village Hall.

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