Present – Members Gary Strasser, Darla Bender, Randy Van Horn, Andy Baldonado, Riley Schumpert; Mayor Mark Pulfer, Fiscal Officer Stacy Meyer, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Police Chief Goudy, Public Works Superintendent Mathew Dawson, Cindy Naseman, Joel Kranenburg, Todd Garrett, Ken Burden. Absent; Ken Aselage, Jess Geuy

Mayor Pulfer called the meeting to order with roll call followed by opening prayer and the pledge of allegiance.

Schumpert made a motion to waive the reading of the December 27 & 31, 2022 meeting minutes, seconded by D. Bender. Roll Call – Baldonado Yea on regular meeting, Abstain on special meeting. Remaining – All Yeas.

Strasser moved to approve the minutes from the December 27 & 31, 2022 meeting, seconded by Schumpert. Roll Call – Baldonado Yea on regular meeting, Abstain on special meeting. Remaining – All Yeas.

Invoices were presented for payment. D. Bender moved and Van Horn seconded to approve payments. Roll call – All Yeas.

Van Horn moved and Baldonado seconded to approve the bank reconciliation and reports. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Amended agenda approved by verbal vote. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**Citizen Concerns:**

- Naseman inquires on why the sidewalk necessity Ordinance is tabled? Meyer notes, before you can pass the necessity, plans and an engineer’s estimate need to be on file. Pulfer states, Geuy will be meeting with Choice One Engineering on Thursday to go over preliminary layout.

**Legislation:**

Tabled Ordinance 22-1820 – 2023 SIDEWALK NECESSITY

**Reports:**

Mayor – There is a Mayor’s meeting January 30th.

Administrator – Pulfer reports for Geuy, two new public works employees were hired. Pot holes by the stoplight have been taken care of. Pratt Industries has been contacted regarding a donation for the park. Still waiting on Timber Trail sidewalk quotes. Street resurfacing packet received in December needs a couple more signatures and will be turned in on Thursday. Still looking for a bucket truck. Geuy is in the process of making an insurance claim on the stoplight battery backup failure from the storm, approximately $5500.

Fiscal Officer – Income tax revenue for 2022 was up 8% from 2021; 2021 was up 8% from 2020. Hopefully the income tax revenue trend will continue. The annual 3% increase on the utility bill will be reflected on the next bill that goes out. So far, 16 residents utilizing ACH payment have returned the required email form for billing purposes. Recycling calendars have not arrived yet from the recycling company. Paper copies have been made available.

Fire Chief – Current estimate of loss of gear from the I-75 multiple vehicle crash is $46,369.48.

Police Chief – There has been an individual going around selling chocolate under false pretenses. He has been selling from Dayton to Lima and has a criminal background. The chocolate was specifically manufactured for a youth group in New York, not a local organization as he states. It is unknown how old the chocolate is?

Public Works Superintendent – Still looking for a bucket truck. Geuy hired two new public works employees. Matthew Hare and Tyler Mckee will start January 16th and 23rd. Two trainings will be attended this week. Christmas decorations will come down soon.

Finance and Personnel – Baldonado, Bender, Schumpert, Strasser, Van Horn present. Next meeting is February 14, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Public Works – Next meeting is January 24, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Safety and Refuse – Next meeting is January 24, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting will be held March 2023.

Planning Commission – Next meeting is February 7, 2023.

**Old Business**

**-** Pulfer notes, Mayor’s Court funds need to be moved and will go through the courts to get them moved.

- Geuy has contacted Pratt Industries regarding a donation for the Village park. Choice One Engineering is submitting an application on behalf of the Village for the Community Foundation grant for playground equipment.

- Retro-approval for a purchase/repair over the administrator’s $5000 spending authority is requested. The stoplight repair was an emergency decision made. Strasser moved and Schumpert seconded to retro-approve the stoplight battery backup repair. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**New Business**

**-** Meyer notes, ‘rules of council’ needs adopted annually and there was discussion at the works regarding any changes. Pulfer asks if members want to keep the public works superintendent’s report on the agenda or remove it? After discussion, Schumpert moved and D. Bender seconded to adopt the rules of council and to remove the public works superintendent’s report. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- There have been several questions regarding the email billing requirement for ACH payment residents. After discussion, Schumpert moves and Strasser seconds on a June 5th deadline to sign up for email billing, otherwise they will be removed from ACH payment. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Choice One Engineering is submitting an application on behalf of the Village for the Community Foundation grant for playground equipment. Strasser notes, there is another grant for a sewer locater being applied for. Naseman recommends applying through the church, Anna Endowment fund and ODNR every year.

- Remote working will be discussed at the next meeting.

- Strasser moved and Schumpert seconded to nominate Aselage for council president. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Meyer notes, the deadline for the Sidney Daily News progress report is January 20th.

There being no further business to come before the group, it was moved and seconded to adjourn.

This meeting is held in compliance with Amended Section 121.22 of the ORC.

Time: 7:29 P.M.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer