Present – Members Kristin Johnson, Ken Aselage, Randy Van Horn, Andy Baldonado, Riley Schumpert; Mayor Cindy Naseman, Fiscal Officer Stacy Meyer, Administrator William Kessler, Police Chief Darrin Goudy, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Todd Garrett, Carol Ferguson, Mark Pulfer.

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

Aselage made a motion to waive the reading of the December 12, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Schumpert. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Aselage moved to approve the minutes from the December 12, 2023 meeting, seconded by Johnson. Roll Call – All Yeas.

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

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

Aselage requests executive session, council only, for the Stan Crosley contract under, matters required to be kept confidential. However, the price, as noted is not required to be kept confidential.

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

**Citizen Concerns:**

Naseman notes the council seat appointment was added to the agenda and two potential candidates are in attendance.

**Legislation:**

Ordinance 23-1841 – WATER SERVICE LINES

Kessler notes, there is contradiction in the wording regarding the Village or resident paying for water service line repairs. This will be reviewed and updated to the resident being responsible for repairs.

Schumpert moves and Baldonado seconded to remove the Ordinance from the agenda. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Ordinance 24-1842 – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTION OF AN INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF ANNA, OHIO, AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NORTH CENTRAL OHIO SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT AND CONSENTING TO THE DISTRICT’S AGREEMENT WITH REPUBLIC SERVICES FOR THE PROVISION OF RESIDENTIAL SOLID WASTE AND RECYCLING SERVICES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

Aselage moved and Schumpert seconded to suspend the rules. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Aselage moved and Baldonado seconded to adopt the Ordinance. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Resolution 23-943 – WELLS BROTHERS CONTRACT EPA

Kessler has been in communication with Wells Brothers and the EPA regarding the construction that was done last year, within a known isolation easement for the Village water supply. Wells Brothers will be responsible to contact the EMA, EPA and the Village, and will be responsible for the costs of cleanup, if there would be contamination. The EPA is requiring this contract to be put in place and will follow the deed of the property.

**Reports:**

Mayor – Naseman’s first week in the office has been very good and the staff has been very supportive.

Administrator – Kessler notes, there is an issue with one of the sewer plant pumps from prior to his time here. It is being addressed. Public works employees are looking at hiring another employee, with one being let go during their probationary period. Water classes have started for the two employees.

Fiscal Officer – End of year procedures are underway. Leave balances have been evaluated. Certain payroll withholdings have been adjusted. More reports will follow, with the typical end of year items.

Fire Chief – December 19th the department responded to a structure fire outside of Jackson Center. There were 35-40 MPH winds that made the fire very difficult to deal with.

Police Chief – There are some technological advancements underway at the department. Training will be done on Friday for the new radio system. New body cameras have arrived and that system is being implemented. Goudy encourages people to keep their vehicles locked up with the influx of car thefts in surrounding communities.

Finance and Personnel – Naseman, Baldonado, Van Horn, Schumpert, Kessler, T. Bender, Meyer present. Next meeting is February 13, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Naseman reports for the Chair. Public works personnel was discussed. Currently, there are four employees and exploring the option to hire another and ask our seasonal employee to come back from last year. Major purchases for 2024 were discussed.

Public Works – Next meeting is January 23, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Safety and Refuse – Next meeting is January 23, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Parks and Recreation – Baldonado suggests changing this meeting to the first Tuesday of the month at 6:30 P.M. The timing is difficult for some members.

Planning Commission – There was no January meeting. Next meeting is February 6, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Old Business**

- The S. Pike Street property maintenance is not yet completed and there has been no communication.

- Kessler states, there has been no progress on the pickleball courts however, the parking lot to the rear is ready to be started.

- The fire contract with Franklin Township will be under review over the next couple months. Kessler is working on revising the figures on the 2016 contract.

- The CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) letter is ready and will be mailed out to all Village residents.

- Village is still looking for a solicitor for 2024. There are two firms we are waiting to hear back from but at this point. Other firms are not taking on new municipalities.

- Kessler reviews the details of the Stan Crosley contract. The contract was not to exceed $15,000 to hire a Village Administrator and review various Village policies. Kessler feels the invoice of $14,625 seems high for the services rendered. An Administrator was hired, conversations were had with Village employees and a report of Village information was submitted. There are various items within the contract that have not been addressed and the Village will handle them. Kessler will reach out and discuss this further. Aselage notes, there was great detail that went in to the Administrator search.

- Kessler has the 2024 sidewalk program letter ready to go out to the properties that will be involved in this year’s program. Estimated assessments and the two public meetings are included in the letter. Aselage recommends looking at the second phase of Timber Trail (Camdyn Trail) as well, and some other areas of town.

**New Business**

- Naseman reviews the Rules of Council and highlights various items including, meeting attendance/excusal, reports of committee meetings and minutes taken by the Chair are to be given to the Fiscal Officer for records.

Johnson moved and Baldonado seconded to approve the Rules of Council. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Johnson nominated Aselage for Council President, Van Horn seconded. Roll Call – Aselage, Nay; All remaining, Yeas.

- Naseman reviews current committee meeting appointments and there are a few open. Aselage inquires what if someone wants to be on a different committee and notes Schumpert would like to be on safety committee. Committees will be completed once the new member is appointed. Various meeting dates and times will be adjusted. Council agrees.

- Naseman overviews the process council plans to take on the appointment of Gary Strasser’s, now vacant council seat.

- Kessler explains the opportunity to purchase brine equipment for the roads, through an EPA grant for up to $70,000. Aselage moves and Van Horn seconded to move forward with the grant application. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Schumpert moved and Johnson seconded to go into executive session for personnel, public official appointment. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Return to open session.

Letters of interest were reviewed from two residents, for Gary Strasser’s vacant council seat. There are two years left on the term.

Aselage moved and Schumpert seconded to move forward with the appointment of remaining two-year term for the council seat. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Roll Call; Johnson – Mark Pulfer. Baldonado – Mark Pulfer. Schumpert – Mark Pulfer. Van Horn – Mark Pulfer. Aselage – Mark Pulfer.

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: 8:09 P.M.

Cindy Naseman, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer