Present – Members Ken Aselage, Andy Baldonado, Riley Schumpert, Darla Bender, Gary Strasser, Randy Van Horn; Mayor Mark Pulfer, Administrator William Kessler, Fiscal Officer Stacy Meyer, Police Chief Darrin Goudy, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Madison Brinkman, Cindy Naseman, Kristen Johnson, Charlotte Hall, Randy Wentz, Carol Wentz.

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

Strasser made a motion to waive the reading of the November 14, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by D. Bender. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Aselage moved to approve the minutes from the November 14, 2023 meeting, seconded by Schumpert. Roll call – All Yeas.

Schumpert moved and Strasser seconded to approve the payment of bills. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Agenda approved by verbal vote. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**Citizen Concerns:**

Charlotte Hall has concerns with all the feral cats in the Village. She has reach out to animal control and they do have a trap/neuter/release program in Sidney. A closer look at our legislation is recommended as well, to see if laws can be strengthened. Kessler notes, he ran a TNR program at Arcanum however, Shelby County does not have a trap/neuter/release program and most residents in the County do not see the feral cats as a big enough problem. So, animal control cannot assist us. The Village could put on a program on our own, look at strengthening our laws, and/or put out a flyer to residents. Naseman notes, the police department has three traps for residents to use. The police department will then take the feral cat to a farm outside of town.

**Legislation:**

Ordinance 23-1841 – WATER SERVICE LINES

Kessler states, the Village needs to update the rules as, there are conflicting sections dealing with the responsibility of lines.

Resolution 23-942 – A RESOLUTION DECLARING THE NECESSITY OF CONSTRUCTING AND REPAIRING CERTAIN SIDEWALKS, CURBS, AND APPROACHES IN ON EAST NORTH ST., LACEY AVE. AND LINKENSMITH DR. VILLAGE OF ANNA, OHIO, ALSO KNOWN AS THE SIDEWALK PROJECT AND REQUIRING THAT ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS CONSTRUCT OR REPAIR THE SAME AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

Received a first reading. The Resolution has some changes to be made.

Resolution 23-943 – WELLS BROTHERS CONTRACT EPA

Resolution 23-944 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STOLLY INSURANCE GROUP AND THE OHIO PLAN FOR INSURANCE COVERAGE DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 28, 2023 THROUGH NOVEMBER 28, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Schumpert moved and Strasser seconded to adopt the Resolution. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Resolution 23-945 – A RESOLUTION SETTING TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

FOR THE VILLAGE OF ANNA, OHIO FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

D. Bender inquires if the park fund could receive more money than what they currently receive. Meyer notes, current legislation passed by council stipulates the amount transferred to the park fund. You would need to pass new legislation, updating the amount to be transferred from the general fund to the park fund.

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

D. Bender moved and Aselage seconded to adopt the Resolution. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**Reports:**

Mayor – Pulfer congratulates Cindy Naseman on becoming the next Mayor for the Village.

Administrator – Kessler would like to make mention of Ronnie Raible of Access Engineering who passed away. She was a grant writer for Access Engineering.

Fiscal Officer – Included in council packets is a newly released certification program from the Attorney General’s office, the Mount Vernon Project. There are six core topic areas that will benefit all public employees and Meyer has received the certification. However, it does not fulfill the required training of council members or the mayor.

Fire Chief – Last Monday evening there was report of a possible house fire on Lochard. Rd. After evaluation, a glove sitting by the fireplace ignited and caught the wood rack on fire inside the home. There were no injuries and everything went fine.

Police Chief – This Sunday if the lighting up of Anna with the luminaries down W. Main St. and the walking path at the park. Various businesses will be open.

Finance and Personnel – Next meeting is December 12, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Public Works – Baldonado, D. Bender, Aselage, Pulfer, Kessler, Van Horn, Schumpert, Strasser, Meyer, Naseman present. Next meeting is January 23, 2023 at 6:30 P.M. Met tonight, no report given.

Safety and Refuse – Baldonado, D. Bender, Aselage, Pulfer, Kessler, Van Horn, Schumpert, Strasser, Goudy, T. Bender, Meyer, Naseman. Next meeting is January 23, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. Met tonight, no report given.

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting is December 12, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Strasser notes, the board will meet, with the ongoing pickleball court project.

**Old Business**

- Kessler notes, the property at 302 S. Pike St. not only has garage issues but the whole property has maintenance issues. The owner has no intention to do proceed with any of the repairs. The Village can start picking and choosing the work to be done and assess it to the property taxes. Aselage does not want to do the work and then not get paid when the house is condemned. The charges can be removed from the taxes. The Village attorney has advised not to put too much money into the property because we will not see it once it goes in to bankruptcy. Kessler notes, the property is not in foreclosure but is in bankruptcy. Aselage would like to wait till the property is taken down, to waive the violations. An extensive violation has been done. Further discussion will be had.

- The solid waste district is meeting December 5th at 10:00 AM to discuss the refuse contract.

- Kessler notes, the pickleball group thinks they can raise approximately $70,000 towards the project. The total cost is approximately $84,000 to include new lighting, removal of existing courts, leveling, and concrete work. The Village can provide $15,000 towards the project. Lights have already been ordered and received from B&D Lighting. The only thing that is not included is the coating and the lines. Randy Wentz states, there is a committee and an account has been established at the Community Foundation and US Bank for donations to be deposited. There are verbal commitments of $35,000.

- A County meeting will be held November 29th regarding the Solar Eclipse of 2024. Various businesses will be asked to attend the Park Advisory board meeting in December to finalize plans. A final description will be given to the Chamber of Commerce.

- There has been discussion with Franklin Township regarding the fire contract with the Village. T. Bender notes, there has been no further action and they will meet next Tuesday.

- CDBG database has been completed. Letters will go in the mail the first of December or January.

- Kessler reached out to a solicitor in Wapakoneta and is currently the solicitor for Jackson Center. A return phone call has not been received yet.

**New Business**

- Pulfer comments on potential probationary firefighter, Bryce Swank of Botkins. Aselage moves and Strasser seconds to appoint Swank. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Aselage moves and D. Bender seconds to sell the red bucket truck on GovDeals for $500. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**Any Other Business**

Randy and Carol Wentz highlight the Anna District Historical Society’s various events and programs the month of December.

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: 7:56 P.M.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer