Present – Members Kristin Johnson, Ken Aselage, Andy Baldonado, Riley Schumpert, Mark Pulfer; Mayor Cindy Naseman, Fiscal Officer Stacy Meyer, Administrator William Kessler, Police Chief Darrin Goudy, Todd Garrett, Tony Swiger, Krystal Swiger. Absent; Randy Van Horn

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

Pulfer made a motion to waive the reading of the January 23, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Aselage. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Johnson moved to approve the minutes from the January 23, 2024 meeting, seconded by Baldonado. Roll Call – All Yeas.

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

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

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

**Citizen Concerns:**

Tony and Krystal Swiger have various questions regarding the sidewalk program and drainage. Kessler notes, the Village contractor will be paid prevailing wages for those properties that are completed with the Village contract. There is some drainage work that the Village will complete. Property owners will have the opportunity to obtain their own contractor to complete their sidewalks. The timeline will be adjusted slightly and a couple property assessments will be adjusted. There are two public meetings coming up.

**Legislation:**

Ordinance 24-1844 – SOLICITOR

A potential solicitor will be coming to the next meeting and we are expecting a draft contract for review.

Resolution 23-943 – WELLS BROTHERS CONTRACT EPA

A meeting has been set with Wells Brothers to discuss the EPA requirements for the parking lot that was constructed within a known isolation easement for the Village water supply. The agreement will follow the deed and attorney fees will be paid for by Wells Brothers.

Resolution 24-946 – A RESOLUTION SETTING PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS

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

Meyer reviews permanent appropriations, as discussed in the finance and personnel committee meeting. Pulfer moved and Baldonado seconded to suspend the rules. Roll Call – All Yeas.

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

**Reports:**

Mayor – Attended the County Mayor’s meeting in January and it was a productive meeting. There are funds available to assist daycare businesses throughout the County, as noted by the Commissioners. Mayor Barhorst shared information on the Ohio Municipal League and grant funding.Kessler will look into that further. There are three people interested in joining the park advisory board, with the new chair Andy Baldonado. All committee chairs need to be sure to submit a copy of their meeting minutes to the fiscal officer for record purposes. Council president, Aselage, will hold the next council meeting since Naseman will not be present.

Administrator – There are two applicants for the public works level I position and interviews have been scheduled.

Fiscal Officer – End of year procedures have been completed and 2023 in now closed. BWC reports have been filed. Debt reports are reviewed and included every year in council packets. They are detailed in the notes to the financial report and there is a copy in council chambers for anyone to review.

Police Chief – The State LEADS audit has been completed and passed.

Finance and Personnel – Next meeting is March 12, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Johnson reports for the Chair. Annual appropriations and debt reports were reviewed. Corner sidewalks within the sidewalk program were reviewed and financial responsibility. A quote for a police cruiser was reviewed.

Public Works – Next meeting is February 27, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Safety and Refuse – Next meeting is March 12, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Goudy will draft a revision to the vehicle Ordinance regarding inoperable vehicles. There is an applicant for a new part-time officer. A quote for a new police cruiser and selling the 2015 cruiser on Govdeals. Trash bags will be recommended at $3.35 per bag. Currently, they are sold for $2.75 per bag. Bender has been communicating with State bidding vendors and should have all the paperwork by the 21st for review.

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting is March 5, 2024 at 6:30 P.M. Solar eclipse planning was reviewed and evaluated. Pickleball courts progress was noted. There will be a Splash Pad dedication on May 21st at 4:00 P.M. There is concern with the large animals and the condition they are in. They will be evaluated and decide whether to keep them or get rid of them. The Anna library has offered to do a story book trail at the park. Tree memorial markers are being looked in to. A drinking fountain will be applied for through the Anna Endowment Fund. Future grant opportunities will be looked in to. Naseman notes, it was a very productive meeting.

Planning Commission – Next meeting is March 5, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Old Business**

- The S. Pike Street property maintenance is not yet completed. Owner is gathering information on who to call for an electrician.

- Kessler states, the pickleball courts are currently in the fundraising phase. Once they raise $70,000 the project can proceed and the Village has $25,000 allocated.

- Goudy reviews the progress on advertising for the Solar Eclipse. There is a possibility of canceling the camping and some of the events. The County EMA has stated that everything is full for lodging and camping. There are multiple locations that are not full. Naseman recommends, if 50% of our sites are not sold by February 23rd, we cancel the camping. Schumpert notes, Jackson Center was going to honor their existing reservations but not taking any more reservations. There are a lot of resources that would go in to camping, with little return. There was discussion on various companies and the schools closing for that day.

- Kessler is ready and prepared for the sidewalk program public meeting this week.

- There is no progress on the Franklin Township fire contract review.

- Second letters went out last Friday for the CDBG survey.

- Kessler notes, we are still waiting on the contract from the EPA for the brine equipment grant.

**New Business**

- Naseman explains the Community Improvement Corporation (CIC). The board of trustees needs to be brought up to standards. There has been a monthly bank fee withdrawn from the bank account for almost a year due to inactivity, that was recently discovered. These funds are completely separate from the Village funds and are handled through the CIC treasurer. Members need to think about this and come up with a solution.

- Goudy reviews the quote for the demo police cruiser through Hall Public Safety. Pulfer moves and Aselage seconds to approve the purchase, with most of the funds coming from the law enforcement trust fund. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Alternate energy, solar panels, need to be reviewed and added to the Village zoning book. This will be ready for the next planning meeting for review. The variance process is also reviewed.

- The Splash Pad committee has been in communication regarding the dedication of the Splash Pad on May 21st at 4:00 P.M. There have been a lot of funds raised and they want to recognize those businesses and individuals that made this addition to the Village possible.

- Goudy reviews Brandi Miles as potential part-time police officer. Aselage moved and Baldonado seconded to approve Miles at $17 per hour. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Aselage requests review of various properties. 404 Mill St. curb and gutters. 103 W. North St. has various issues and a few complaints for multiple violations. Kessler notes, he has made two phone calls to 103 W. North St. and there has been no response. A formal violation will be drafted. Aselage also notes 505 W. Main St. Kessler will evaluate these properties.

- Aselage inquires on the one and five-year Village plan. Kessler will work on the plans.

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: 7:52 P.M.

Cindy Naseman, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer