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

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

Johnson made a motion to waive the reading of the March 12, 2024 and March 18, 2024 meeting minutes, seconded by Pulfer. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Baldonado moved to approve the minutes from the March 12, 2024 and March 18, 2024 meetings, seconded by Schumpert. Roll call – All Yeas.

Schumpert moved and Johnson seconded to approve the payment of bills. Roll Call – All Yeas. Aselage inquired on the legal services invoice. Kessler will look in to it.

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

**Citizen Concerns:** None

**Legislation:**

Resolution 23-943 – WELLS BROTHERS CONTRACT EPA

Curt Wells is sending the drafted letter to their attorney to have it attached to the deed of the property, as a deed restriction and required by the EPA, for the construction within the known isolation easement for the Village water supply. When that is complete, the Village will pass a Resolution to accept the restriction.

**Reports:**

Mayor – Naseman attended the Anna Rescue Squad meeting on March 14th. The Shelby County tax incentive meeting was attended on March 15th and was informed of missing paperwork from an approved 2023 agreement, that Kessler is looking in to. Wendy from ODNR was not able to meet on March 19th to discuss the tree program at the park and it has been rescheduled. Naseman and Kessler attended the OPWC district 13 committee in Coldwater. Kessler is now a Mayor representative on the committee and Naseman is the alternate. NKTelco was working in the townhall to maintain computer systems and ensure there are proper offsite backups taking place. The fire department will also be included in this service. Kessler and Naseman attended the first of the two required Ohio Department of Development public hearings for the CDBG program.

Administrator – The low to moderate income study for CDBG did hit the mark, which makes the Village eligible for the next 5-years for community grant dollars. Kessler states, we will begin a community improvement project and we may receive about $750,000 every other year. This also makes the Village eligible for critical infrastructure up to $500,000 per project. These will be discussed at the next planning committee meeting.

Fiscal Officer – Meyer will attend a conference hosted by the Ohio Auditor’s office on Wednesday and Thursday this week. There were 40 letters sent out to property owners for the 2024 sidewalk project and we have received 5 responses back with the deadline to notify being April 1, 2024. The first half real estate tax settlement has been received and two properties with sidewalk assessments have been paid in full before the 5-year timeframe.

Fire Chief – The department responded to the tornado damage at Indian Lake. They were tasked with searching approximately 190 properties. Several properties were totally destroyed and several had people still in the structure. This was a great learning experience with the vast amount of destruction. Eight members of the department responded to the call.

Police Chief – Logan County reached out to surrounding departments for help with police coverage, as their agencies have been working around the clock. Our department sent officers for several shifts and multiple Counties sent coverage as well. The final County meeting for the solar eclipse will held tomorrow and we are gearing up for the event.

Finance and Personnel – Next meeting is April 9, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

Public Works – Next meeting is April 23, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. Kessler talked with Troy Kies about his sidewalks and the crosswalk on 25-A. The Village received money towards the drinking fountain at the park from the Anna Endowment Fund and will look at filtering the water as well at an additional cost. The owner of 103 W. North St. has made some improvements on property maintenance and has more work to do. There have been complaints regarding 207 N. Pike St. for weeds and cats. Kessler is working on the 1-5 year plan. A dump truck will be looked at next year to purchase. Crack sealing is underway. A price was obtained for a compactor to do pot-holes.

Safety and Refuse – Next meeting is April 9, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting is April 2, 2024 at 6:30 P.M.

Planning Commission – Next meeting is April 2, 2024 at 6:00 P.M.

**Old Business**

- There is no update for the property at 302 S. Pike St.

- Pickleball fundraising is at approximately $50,000.

- The 2024 sidewalk program letters have gone out and residents have begun responding.

- Kessler has not received the letter from the EPA regarding the brine equipment grant award.

- Naseman reached out to a past member regarding the CIC and a meeting will be set, to make it active again.

- Kessler will have items drafted for planning commission regarding the zoning regulations for solar panels.

- Drafts will be ready for the next council meeting for the two new permissive license tax Ordinances. Kessler will submit the Ordinance from 2023, that was not submitted. These will need to be delivered to the State by July 1st and will be effective January 1, 2025. They will bring the total to $20 per plate.

**New Business**

- Meyer reviewed the upcoming health insurance renewal, effective May 1st. Various options were quoted by Stolly Insurance. A spreadsheet illustrates the impact of multiple different premiums. The current Village plan would increase 32% with Anthem, increase 58% with United Health Care, increase 85% with Medical Mutual. A potential higher deductible with a Village sponsored HSA option is also reviewed. Various Village contributions were mentioned. Schumpert agrees with the benefits of an HSA. Meyer reached out to local banks for information on the HSA accounts. Stolly Insurance informed us on a spousal eligibility rule that multiple businesses and municipalities implement. If the spouse of a Village employee is offered health insurance at their place of employment, the spouse must take their employer insurance. The Village currently offers a reimbursement plan as highlighted in the Village handbook. There is discussion of eliminating the reimbursement if council members approve a health insurance plan with HSA.

 ∙ Johnson moved and Schumpert seconded to approve the high deductible Anthem plan ($3,250/$6,500) with HSA, Village contribution of $2,000 annually (deposited biweekly) for employee only coverage and Village contribution of $4,000 annually (deposited biweekly) for all other health insurance plans. Roll Call – All Yeas.

 ∙ Baldonado moved and Pulfer seconded to implement the spousal eligibility rule, effective May 1, 2024. Roll Call

 ∙ Aselage moved and Schumpert seconded to eliminate the reimbursement policy within the employee handbook. Roll Call – All Yeas.

These policies will be effective May 1, 2024 with the renewal of Village health insurance and will be added to the handbook within the next review.

 ∙ Schumpert moved and Van Horn seconded to use F&M Bank for the health savings accounts (HSA). Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Kessler reviews two quotes to replace the gutters on the townhall and repair the siding on the bell tower. Aselage moves and Van Horn seconds to award The Gutterman at $6,250 for repairs. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Naseman reads the recommendation letter for Fletcher McKinney as probationary firefighter. Van Horn moves and Johnson seconds to approve McKinney to the fire department. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Kessler explains the details regarding the installation and funding of a drinking fountain at the park. The Endowment Fund awarded $3,573.50 towards the purchase and installation of the fountain. An additional filter will be installed at the park restrooms. Aselage moved and Pulfer seconded to approve an additional $3,500 for the drinking fountain and filter. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Public works committee discussed a street paving project. Kessler requests $45,185 to complete mill-and-filling on various streets. Aselage moves and Johnson seconded to approve the expenditure for various routes. Roll Call – All Yeas.

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: 7:45 P.M.

Cindy Naseman, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer