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

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 28, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Schumpert. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Aselage moved to approve the minutes from the November 28, 2023 meeting, seconded by D. Bender. Roll Call – All Yeas.

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

Strasser 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:**

None

**Legislation:**

Ordinance 23-1841 – WATER SERVICE 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

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

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

Resolution 23-943 – WELLS BROTHERS CONTRACT EPA

Kessler is not ready to move forward with this Resolution yet. All the documents are gathered regarding the construction that was done within the isolation easement for the Village wells, for water supply. Kessler recommends Wells Brothers pay for attorney fees involved.

**Reports:**

Mayor – Pulfer thanks members of council for the time they have put forth. There have been some high times and low times over his last eight years as Mayor. We have a new Mayor, Cindy Naseman, coming on and she will do a great job. There are great employees at the Village and I look forward to spending more time with family and not missing out on events. Goudy presents Pulfer with an appreciation plaque.

Administrator – All salt and plow trucks are ready to go and public works employees did some practicing to make sure everyone knew how to operate the equipment. The employees that are in public works are progressing and the outlook is good. Water training classes begin the first of the year for two of the employees.

Fiscal Officer – The State Auditor’s office hosted an end of year webinar last week. Rules of Council was included in council packets and will be approved at the first meeting in January.

Fire Chief – The food drive starts Thursday through Christmas.

Police Chief – Light up Anna was held December 3rd and the weather did not cooperate with the rain. There was still a turnout of people for the event. This past weekend was the County held Shop with a Cop. Thanks to St. Jacobs Church the Village was able to help a local family with shopping, a movie and food.

Finance and Personnel – Baldonado, D. Bender, Aselage, Pulfer, Kessler, Van Horn, Schumpert, Strasser, Goudy, T. Bender, Meyer, Naseman present. Next meeting is January 9, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. No report given.

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 – Next meeting will be held January 9, 2024 at 5:00 P.M. Goudy discussed the solar eclipse with four local business owners. The pickleball regulations were reviewed.

Planning Commission – The January 2, 2024 meeting is canceled.

**Old Business**

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

- Refuse contract was voted on by administrators. Information on the contract will be brought to council to be approved.

- Kessler states, the pickleball courts are ongoing.

- The fire contract/territory has seen no movement. T. Bender notes, Franklin Township has signed with Sidney. Kessler was last working on revising the 2016 contract.

- There has been no progress on the CDBG (Community Development Block Grant) process.

- Kessler notes, the Village is still looking for a solicitor for 2024.

- Kessler would like to close things out with the Stan Crosley contract. There are items not yet complete as listed within the contract. Aselage moves and Strasser seconds to end the contract. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- The Village held a bid opening for the heavy rescue truck for the fire department. There was one bidder at $998,000. After Kessler’s review of the documentation, the bid has to be thrown out. There is a conflict within the wording and supplemental documents cannot be accepted after the sealed bid deadline. There is an additional $55,000 that could be added to the total of the unit and the approval process is not listed correctly. Aselage recommends allowing additional documents to be accepted after the bid deadline. Kessler explains the bidding process. Aselage requests an emergency bid. Kessler states, the bid process needs to start over according to audit standards that have to be followed. The company that submitted the bid, understands their mistake.

**New Business**

- Pay periods for 2024 are reviewed and there is only one change in November due to Thanksgiving. Schumpert moved and Strasser seconded to accept the pay periods. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- There is a $15,000 grant available through BWC, with a $0 match available for the fire department. Turnout gear is an approved purchase through BWC. Schumpert moved and Strasser seconded to move forward with the grant. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- The Village dental, vision and life insurance policy renews on January 1st and has a slight increase in premiums. Aselage recommends shopping the price around next year. Aselage moved and Baldonado seconded to approve the rates. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**Any Other Business**

Naseman thanks Pulfer and D. Bender for the time they have put in as Mayor and Council Member. Committees for 2024 are being evaluated and if anyone has input on what committee they would like to be on, feel free to speak up.

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: 7:37 P.M.

Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer