Present – Members Ken Aselage, Andy Baldonado, Riley Schumpert, Darla Bender, Gary Strasser, Randy Van Horn; Mayor Mark Pulfer, Fiscal Officer Stacy Meyer, Police Chief Darrin Goudy, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Cindy Naseman, Kendra Hunsucker, Ken Burden, Kristen Johnson

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 April 11, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by D. Bender. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Baldonado moved to approve the minutes from the April 11, 2023 meeting, seconded by Schumpert. Roll call – All Yeas.

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

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

**Citizen Concerns:**

- Naseman inquires if the sidewalk Ordinance will need three readings? Pulfer states, it will be done as an emergency and letters will go out as soon as he gets them done this week. The engineer’s estimate will be included in the letter and the opt-out will be discussed later tonight. Pulfer confirms, bids will be sought soon for the sidewalk project. A resident had Naseman ask, why a portion of their road, N. Linden St., was not fixed or the beginning of the street, with the recent repairs? Aselage states, we just did the worst part of the street because we didn’t have the cash to do the rest. Are their any plans to do the rest of the road? Not yet. Is there a plan for the rest of Mill St.? Aselage notes, once the new Village Administrator starts, the goal is to work on the whole town this year.

**Legislation:**

Ordinance 22-1820 – AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THERE TO BE A NECESSITY TO IMPROVE SIDEWALKS ON NORTH STREET, LACY AVENUE, AND LINKENSMITH DRIVE ALSO KNOW AS THE 2023 SIDEWALK PROGRAM AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Strasser moved and D. Bender seconded to adopt the Ordinance. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Ordinance 23-1832 Second Reading – AN ORDINANCE LEVYING A $5.00 MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE TAX AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 4504.173 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE

**Reports:**

Fiscal Officer – Meyer reviews Senate Bill 33 regarding changes to the Ohio Community Reinvestment Area (CRA) program. Changes went in place as of April 4th. Currently there is one that is on the verge of noncompliant for nonpayment of the annual fee. Income tax refunds, as of today, are at $22,664.13. Approximately 300 people are on the non-filer list. Letters will be sent out to non-filers. No applications have been received for the public works superintendent’s position and around five or so received for the public works employee and seasonal help.

Fire – T. Bender notes, there was a semi accident last Tuesday morning on I-75, mile marker 98. There was extensive damage and the driver was flown from Sidney to Miami Valley Hospital. Everything went well on their end. Six members of the department attending a training with CSX railroad. On Saturday, chlorine and hazmat classes were held. The pancake breakfast will be held May 7th from 8:00 AM to noon. Safety day for the elementary is May 5th.

Police – Officers will be on duty for the garage sales this weekend.

Finance and Personnel – Next meeting is May 9, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Public Works – Next meeting is May 23, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Safety and Refuse – Met tonight. Next meeting is May 23, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting is May 9, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Food trucks will be at the park on May 16th from 11:00 AM to 7:00 PM. Hunsucker inquires on where the park board meetings are held? Strasser notes, normally at the park but it has been so cold, they have been meeting in council chambers. The circus coming to town will have animals and will be discussed more at the next meeting.

**Old Business**

- Pulfer has no update on the Mayor’s Court funds. Meyer notes, if it goes much longer, the dollar amounts given to Brinkman on April 3rd will no longer be valid, because the one account does accumulate interest. Pulfer will ask Brinkman about it tomorrow.

- Pulfer states, second round administrator interviews will be May 2nd and hopefully, will hire someone after that round.

- There are still a few vacant committee seats. Pulfer was not able to make contact with Angela Wildermuth regarding her seat. Aselage inquires if Burden is interested in any of the open spots? Naseman recommends that Pulfer appoints the spots he is able to. D. Bender is appointed to records commission.

- Nothing new to report on the solar eclipse of 2024.

- Pulfer questions if we should wait till the new administrator is hired, to address the west drive paving at the park? Meyer notes, this project is from a grant that was awarded in 2021 with the opportunity to be completed in 2022 or 2023. It has to be completed by the end of paving season this year. After discussion, Naseman recommends contacting the County to see when the communication tower contract deadline is.

- Meyer reviews the options for changes to the resurfacing project and an additional N. Linden St. project. Based on the dollar amounts, none of the work could have been completed since nothing was approved at the last two council meetings. The project is now complete including the work on N. Linden St. Both Pulfer and Aselage are unsure of what was completed or who authorized it? There has been no notification of additional funds authorized. Pulfer states, he could not be out there for the project.

- Aselage notes, the goal is to have the Village Administrator start on May 8th. Meyer states, the Administrator needs to be approved at a council meeting and the next meeting isn’t until May 9th. A special meeting will now be held May 4th at 6:00 PM to hire the Administrator, from interviews being held May 2nd. After discussion, Aselage moves and Schumpert seconds to appoint Police Chief Darrin Goudy as interim public works superintendent with the same spending authority. Roll Call – All Yeas. The Administrator will start on May 8th.

- Past public works superintendent passed applicant information on to Pulfer. Candidates will be contacted. Last year, seasonal employees were paid $13 per hour. The pay range is $12-$18 per hour.

- There is no update on a sewer line inspection and the resident is being patient.

- Material has been purchased for the S. Pike St. garage. An electrician is being sought to help with the work, before the garage can be taken down.

**New Business**

- T. Bender reviews a lifting apparatus, a set of heavy-duty spreaders. Aselage moves and Van Horn seconds to approve the heavy-duty spreader purchase at $14,500.00. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Schumpert moved and D. Bender seconded to go into executive session for personnel - discipline. Roll Call – All Yeas. 7:34 P.M. Council and Mayor only.

Return to open session at 8:05 P.M.

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: 8:06 P.M.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer