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

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

Schumpert made a motion to waive the reading of the May 9, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by D. Bender. Roll Call – All Yeas.

D. Bender moved to approve the minutes from the May 9, 2023 meeting, seconded by Baldonado. 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:**

- Burden inquires on his sewer line inspections. Kessler notes, Jackson Center will come over next week with their camera and vac-truck. There could be debris in the line. Ohio Rural Water will come in and have the whole town smoke-tested.

**Legislation:**

Ordinance 23-1833 First Reading – AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND ADOPTING THE UPDATED COUNTYWIDE NATURALHAZARDS MITIGATION PLAN PREPARED BY THE SHELBY COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY

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

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

Ordinance 23-1834 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT FOR PROFESSIONAL SERVICES WITH THE SHELBY COUNTY PROSECUTOR’S OFFICE FOR THE PROSECUTION OF MISDEMEANOR CRIMINAL OFFENSES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

**Reports:**

Mayor – Pulfer welcomes Bill Kessler as the new Village Administrator.

Administrator – It was brought to Bill’s attention from a kid, that there is an ODNR grant for repaving the west drive of the park. After locating the file, yes, this project needs to be completed this year or the grant funds will be lost. There are some smaller companies that will be approached for quotes. Meyer notes, the original quote is a couple years old and it is a 75% grant. Aselage notes, the tower will be complete the beginning of July. Kessler states, the company that presented calculations for water consumption on the Splash Pad, grossly underestimated those numbers. The cost is closer to $5 per resident, not $0.80 per resident. A meter will be installed and a cost of service study will be done. Meyer states, plans for the Splash Pad should be in the superintendent’s office or at the plant. A meeting was had with Wannemacher Construction and the sidewalks at Timber Trail. The sidewalks will be moved to the top of the lagoon walls and the landscaped sign will need to move about six feet. The Garden Club will remove the plants before the sign is moved. There will also be work done with the emergency overflow of the basin. There is a request to put a vending machine at the park. The park committee will discuss this. A grant was awarded to the Village through the Community Foundation. More research will be done on the specifics of the award. The 2023 sidewalk program will be reviewed; we may need to consider a different area or scope, based on critical infrastructure funding. A better way to communicate with the public, will be evaluated. Kessler attended the MVRPC meeting involving several Counties. There are plans to bring the bike path from Sidney, through Anna, to Botkins; and from Sidney to Jackson Center.

Fiscal Officer – The upcoming financial audit will be an AUP audit. There has been no further communication from the firm performing the audit. The last few email billing forms are being contacted to turn in their forms.

Fire – A written report was provided regarding an incident with the tanker on May 15th. There is damage to two compartment doors, estimated at $15,000 - $20,000 to replace. An audible signal will replace the compartment warning light and reflective striping will be added. There was a chemical incident at the YMCA last night. Everything went well.

Police – An amendment to the shortcutting Ordinance will be reviewed. This will curtail the cut-through of traffic through S. Linden and South Street. This will allow the placement of ‘No Thru Traffic’ signs in this area. There will be an astronomer that will put on a zoom meeting June 14th, to give an overview of what we can expect with the totality solar eclipse next year.

Finance and Personnel – Next meeting is June 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Public Works – Next meeting is June 27, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Safety and Refuse – Met tonight. Next meeting is June 27, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting is May 9, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.

**Old Business**

- Pulfer notes, Mayor’s court funds will be filled and into the office by June 1st.

- Pulfer is working on filling the vacant committee seats.

- Pulfer confirms again, the paving work on N. Linden St. was not authorized by the Village to be done. A walk-around was done with the company and an estimate was provided ($19,040.00) but no one gave the ok to do it. Kessler will work with the company for a timeline of events and notes, without a PO# they cannot start the work however, the project is complete and was invoiced for $4995.00.

- Kessler will review the superintendent’s position. This position will be hands-on and needs to be very knowledgeable. The operator should not be turning wrenches. Aselage would like to see more employees with water and sewer licensing.

- Kessler will interview Skidmore, hired at the last meeting. The superintendent position is the priority at this point. Aselage recommends hiring a public works employee, too.

- Pulfer is waiting on the electrician to help with the S. Pike garage, property maintenance.

- Pulfer will invoice the DMAW Properties LLC for the CRA payment that was due March 31, 2023.

- Aselage reviews the State Route 119 paving project for 2024.

- Sidewalk letters will be evaluated and be dependent on water line replacements in that area.

- Kessler received a proposal from Wessler Engineering for a new water plant. The project should be drastically less than $11 million. Kessler notes, he built a new sewer plant just like ours for $6 million and a water plant is less money. The analysis looks good and a meeting will be had.

**New Business**

- Aselage moves and Baldonado seconded to appoint the Administrator (Kessler) as an additional zoning administrator authority, for grass/weeds and property maintenance.

- Revive Ohio is requesting to hold a concert in the park. Pulfer okays the concert to be held.

**Any Other Business**

- Aselage sent a text to all of council regarding the direction we want the Village to go and requests to give Kessler more time to get settled in. Multi-year plans will need to be developed.

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: 8:24 P.M.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer