Present – Members Ken Aselage, Gary Strasser, Darla Bender, Randy Van Horn, Andy Baldonado, Riley Schumpert; Mayor Mark Pulfer, Fiscal Officer Stacy Meyer, Police Chief Darrin Goudy, Fire Chief Tim Bender, Solicitor Brinkman, Linda Pleiman, Todd Garrett, Cindy Naseman, Ken Burden, Kristen Johnson, Ruby Johnson, Kendra Hunsucker, William Kessler.

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 April 25 & May 4, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Aselage. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Aselage moved to approve the minutes from the April 25 & May 4, 2023 meeting, seconded by Van Horn. Roll Call – All Yeas.

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

Strasser moved and D. Bender seconded to approve the bank reconciliation and financial reports. Roll Call – All Yeas.

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

Pulfer welcomes William Kessler as the new Village Administrator effective May 15th.

**Citizen Concerns:**

Burden voices concern regarding the property near him not being mowed. Goudy states, a verbal warning has already been given. If the grass is not taken care of in a couple days, a violation and fine will be given.

Naseman inquires on the sidewalk program. Pulfer confirms, letters to residents have not gone out and they will go out this week. Aselage inquires on the bid process; Meyer explains the resident options and bid process. South Pike garage; Pulfer is still waiting on an electrician to get some time to complete. There is no update on the communications tower completion deadline. Naseman states, there have been people driving on the walking path at the park. The path is not made for vehicles and they will damage the path. Kessler will take care of it. A resident asked Naseman to inquire on sidewalks in Meadowbrook Estates. It will be looked in to.

Hunsucker inquires on the progress/completion of the shelter house at the park. Pulfer will check with the Boy Scouts otherwise, we will look for volunteer help to get it done.

**Legislation:**

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

The Ordinance was passed at the April 25th meeting. The date will be updated and Resolution will be replaced with Ordinance.

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

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

Resolution 23-935 – A RESOLUTION FOR VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR BENEFITS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

After discussion, the section regarding sick leave is removed.

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

Strasser moved and Aselage seconded to adopt the Resolution while removing section five. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Resolution 23-936 – A RESOLUTION FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES TO SELL CULPEPPER MERRIWEATHER CIRCUS TICKETS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

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

**Reports:**

Mayor – There will be a county Mayor’s meeting at the end of this month.

Fiscal Officer – Mayor’s Court funds have all been transferred with the exception of $0.03. There was a change in the checking account balance, resulting from interest received, between the time the order was approved on April 10th till the court order was received in our office on May 1st. A transfer can only be made for the specific dollar ordered by the court. The account cannot be closed until it is addressed. Aselage requests a call to the State be made, to allow the transfer. After discussion, Kessler confirms that Meyer’s explanation is correct. The CRA payment is yet to be received for the commercial agreement. There was a $300 donation to the park on behalf of Cindy Naseman after retiring from the City of Sidney. It will be used to plant a tree in the park. A resident brought to our attention, the Community Foundation grants that have been awarded to other municipalities and encouraged the Village to look into a grant.

Fire Chief – Safety day was held at the fire department Friday. There were 525 kids participated in fire safety programs. The pancake breakfast went very well and they had a visit from a young man that was severely injured in a crash.

Police Chief – Next coffee with the Chief will be held Saturday, May 20th at Fill My Cup. Officers will be monitoring the park for those driving and parking where they are not supposed to be.

Finance and Personnel – Baldonado, D. Bender, Schumpert, Strasser, Van Horn, Goudy, T. Bender, Pulfer, Meyer present. Next meeting is June 13, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

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

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

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting will be held June 13, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. Food trucks and the Jazz Band will be at the park May 16th. The circus will be in town May 23rd. Food trucks and the Library’s kickoff program will be June 6th. National Night Out is coming up and details are being worked on. If the Splash Pad is complete, it will be dedicated August 1st at 6:00 PM.

Planning Commission – Next meeting is June 6, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

**Old Business**

**-** Vacant committee seats will be filled.

- There is no update on the park west drive.

- Sewer line inspection has not been completed yet.

- After discussion, dates will be evaluated for the sidewalk meetings and responses, to be included in the letters.

- There is no update on hiring a public works superintendent.

- There have been a number of applications/resumes submitted for the public works employee. Pulfer and Aselage will review them with Kessler. Council agrees to hire Skidmore for part-time seasonal public works at $15 per hour and will be working less than 30 hours a week. Gary Carr will be starting to mow as well.

**New Business**

**-** The CRA annual fee has not been received for the existing agreement. Pulfer notes, the reporting has not been completed.

- Linden St. repairs quoted at $19,000+, was invoiced at $4995.00. However, Pulfer states no authorization was given to proceed. Change orders were not authorized for the OPWC project nearby as well. After discussion, Kessler is concerned with various red flags and will look into it when he starts next week.

- Aselage explains the asphalt project that the State will be doing on State Route 119, in 2024. Future planning will need to be addressed.

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: 8:07 P.M.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer