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

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

Aselage made a motion to waive the reading of the July 25, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Strasser. Roll Call – All Yeas.

D. Bender moved to approve the minutes from the July 25, 2023 meeting, seconded by Van Horn. Roll Call – All Yeas.

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

Aselage 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.

**Citizen Concerns:**

Michelle Bruner would like to bring Worship Anyway to the Village park. October 14th has been confirmed and the time will be determined. Various questions were asked and communication will be handled through the administrator.

Naseman inquires on the grant funding for the $1.1 million-dollar water projects that was previously discussed and slated for approval. Kessler received the round 5 listing yesterday and the Village did not obtain the grant funding. Round 5 was the last round of funding. The same area of the sidewalk project that was put on hold, based on the grant funding, will now have to complete sidewalks in 2024. Letters will go out to those residents.

**Legislation:**

Ordinance 23-1835 AN ORDINANCE APPROVING THE COMMUNITY REINVESTMENT AREA AGREEMENT WITH Shue Box Self-Storage, LLC. AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

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

Aselage moved and Strasser seconded to adopt the 10-year, 100% tax exemption Ordinance. Roll Call – All Yeas.

Ordinance 23-1837 Second Reading – ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION ONE OF THE WATER AND SEWER DEPOSIT RETURN POLICY FROM JULY 10, 2007

Ordinance 23-1839 First Reading – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT WITH DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

**Reports:**

Mayor – The refuse contract will be discussed at the October 30th Mayor’s meeting. Pulfer confirms the recycling contract has been approved and Kessler states, they did not increase the price.

Administrator – Questions when the next planning commission meeting will be held due to the need to rezone a lot. There will be a meeting held September 5th. A variance also needs approved for garage height through the zoning board of appeals. The sewer plant is running much more effectively. Light bulbs will be installed in the sludge building, they were all burned out. Pricing for the cameras at the park has been looked at and is approximately $2000.00. A letter will be sent to the Girl Scouts, thanking them for their hard work on the playhouse at the park. Another citizen has stepped up to finish the shed at the park as well.

Fiscal Officer – House Bill 33 has been signed and various updates are included. The local government fund through the State is set to be 1.7%. There will be options for municipalities to publish certain notices on the State’s public notice website. The competitive bidding threshold will increase to $75,000 from $50,000. Income tax penalties will be adjusted. These are some of the changes that will impact the Village and certain policies will need updated.

Fire Chief – The department responded to a structure fire with Sidney. It was determined that all occupants were out and everything went well.

Police Chief – National Night Out was a success and many are looking forward to next year. We will receive the ‘no thru traffic’ signs from the County Engineer’s office. The sign’s will be effective August 24th and various notifications will be available.

Finance and Personnel – D. Bender, Strasser, Baldonado, Van Horn, Goudy, T. Bender, Kessler, Meyer, Pulfer present. Next meeting is August 8, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. No report given.

Public Works – Next meeting is August 22, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Safety and Refuse – Next meeting is August 22, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting will be held September 12, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. National Night Out was discussed and went well. Kessler spoke with the contractor resurfacing the west drive, regarding the tennis and pickleball courts. He will obtain a quote for asphalt vs. concrete. There is a group that will redo and pay for 2/3 of the courts in concrete and the Village could facilitate the other 1/3 of the construction at the same time. Meyer notes, there are funds that could be used for the Village portion of the project. There is discussion on changing the lights on the court to LED that will be more cost effective. Kessler notes, we have five steel light poles in our inventory now, if we needed to add more. Minor fixes could be done to fix the fence, as it is in good shape. Camping at the Village park for the 2024 solar eclipse was discussed and options will be evaluated. The camera system was discussed. It was brought to their attention that someone wanted to start a ‘rock snake’ at the park. More information will be gathered.

Planning Commission – Next meeting is September 5, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

- Rezone/combine lots. Kessler will send reminders to members.

**Old Business**

**-** Vacant committee seats will be filled. No action

- Public works superintendent’s position has not received any decent candidates. There might be a short-term candidate that can train one of the current guys to move into that position.

- The S. Pike Street garage meter box has been installed. Waiting on AES to run the service to the house once an invoice is paid. The garage can be torn down once the electric is hooked up to the house.

- The refuse contract will be discussed at the Mayor’s meeting in October

- Kessler met with the truck stop regarding the ditch work that was done improperly. The 6” pipe has been removed and will be completed.

- The W. South Street fence that was installed on the neighbor’s property has been removed.

- Meyer provided dates for upcoming Sunshine Law training that members are supposed to attend. Kessler notes, every council should attend and it will be great training for members.

- Aselage recommends to start planning for the 2024 solar eclipse. After discussion, more information and research needs to be done. It is recommended to form a committee for planning.

**New Business**

- Goudy explains a body camera grant that was applied for and received. There will be four cameras purchased.

- Strasser moved and Aselage seconded to bring Kade Schmiesing on as a probationary firefighter. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- T. Bender explains a heavy-duty cutter quote. Aselage moves and D. Bender seconds to approve the $11,445.00 purchase. 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: 7:59 P.M.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer