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

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 August 22, 2023 meeting minutes, seconded by Strasser. Roll Call – Van Horn, Abstained; All remaining, Yeas.

Aselage moved to approve the minutes from the August 22, 2023 meeting, seconded by Baldonado. Roll Call – Van Horn, Abstained; All remaining, Yeas.

Invoices were presented for payment. Schumpert 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 23-1839 Third Reading – AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN ELECTRIC RIGHT OF WAY AND EASEMENT WITH DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT COMPANY

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

Resolution 23-940 Second Reading – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINEDBY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Resolution 23-941 – A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE AN APPLICATION TO THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION FOR FUNDING FOR VARIOUS STREET RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN THE VILLAGE

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

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

**Reports:**

Mayor – Pulfer Thanks, Ed Gregg for finishing the shed at the Village Park. It looks really good. The next Mayor’s meeting will be held October 30th and the location will be determined.

Administrator – Kessler notes, he is enjoying his time in the Village and the residents and employees are great to work with.

Fiscal Officer – We have received the final invoice for our 2021-2022 audit. It was almost $4500 less than expected. The 2024 financial budget planning is underway. Met with Stan Crosley for a few hours to review various policies and procedures for the Village. Monthly reports were included in finance packets and there are various other reports available for review.

Fire Chief – August 31st there was a home fire the department responded to in Botkins. Everything went well despite the weather conditions.

Police Chief – Nathan Mahaffy has resigned and started with the Miami County Sheriff’s Office. Brett Ullom was sworn in as our new fulltime officer last week, effective September 4th. Part-time officer Addie Skidmore is almost done with the K-9 academy and is slated to graduate with Rocket September 22nd. They have been making several stops for the No Thru Traffic signs. As of right now, warnings have been issued however, it will be in full effect soon.

Finance and Personnel – Aselage, Schumpert, Strasser, Baldonado, Van Horn, Goudy, T. Bender, Kessler, Meyer, Pulfer, Naseman present. Next meeting is October 10, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. No report given.

Public Works – Next meeting is September 26, 2023 at 6:30 P.M.

Safety and Refuse – Next meeting is September 26, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

Parks and Recreation – Next meeting will be held October 10, 2023 at 5:00 P.M. The camera system is now running with six cameras. Still waiting on the 2nd quote for the pickleball/tennis courts. The walking path will be done and future park improvements will be evaluated. Worship Anyway will be at the park October 14th at 6:00 PM.

Planning Commission – Next meeting is October 3, 2023 at 6:00 P.M.

- Kessler notes, there will need to be a meeting.

**Old Business**

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

- Public works superintendent’s position will be removed from postings.

- The S. Pike Street property maintenance is not yet completed. Council imposed an April 2023 completion deadline on this property.

- After discussion, Kessler will reach out to other administrators in the area for information on the refuse contract through the Solid Waste District.

- Kessler has not received the quote for the pickleball courts yet.

- The Truck Stop has not completed the work that is supposed to be done.

- There are approximately 72 camping spots available in the park for the solar eclipse. A registration form will be generated, to be posted on the Village website. The Civic Association has expressed interest in being involved with the event.

- Strasser explains the request for a rock snake at the park. At this point, council would like to wait until improvements can be made at the park.

**New Business**

- Rhonda Anderson has proposed a book box at the park. After discussion, it is approved to be placed near the Townhall, due to the vandalism at the park. There is a bench located nearby.

- The fee schedule for certain zoning topics was discussed at finance and personnel. Certain fees will be updated via Ordinance, to bring those charges closer to what the costs are.

- Combing lot # 733 & 744 on Camdyn Trail was discussed. Council agrees to allow the combining of the two lots.

- Kessler has completed the 6-month evaluation for Matt Hare, public works employee. He recommends a $3.50 raise, from $22/hour to $25.50/hour. Council agrees.

- Kessler will hire Dakota Denney as a public works employee level I, at $20/hour. At this point Kessler wants to remove all ads for public works employment. We have plenty of staff to get the work done.

- Aselage moves and Schumpert seconds to approve the purchase of a 20” positive pressure ventilation fan with four batteries, from Howell Rescue for $6146. Roll Call – All Yeas.

- Strasser obtained a bid to crack-seal and coat the walking path for $6200. Strasser moved and Baldonado seconded to accept the $6200 bid. Roll Call – All Yeas.

**Any Other Business**

- Aselage inquires on the sidewalks for Timber Trail and Pebblebrook. Kessler has been communicating with some of the owners.

- Naseman inquires on the condition of the creek near the park entrance. The Village has grass and weed zoning requirements and the County should follow them as well. There is a special assessment on several properties to maintain the Applegate Ditch. Council agrees, this needs to be taken care of and mowed.

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: 7:38 P.M.

Mark Pulfer, Mayor Stacy Meyer, Fiscal Officer