Village of New Madison

Council Meeting November 21, 2022 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Mayor Schlechty. Pledge of Allegiance was recited. Present for the meeting were Gail Farmer, Jim Lawrence, Lexie Cook, Karl King, Chad Begoon, Tami Bruner and Solicitor Mike Rieman

Visitors: Michael Waymire, Brian Anderson, Jayden Hollinger

2023-2024 Farm Rent Bid Opening – Bid received from Jeff Brown for \$325/acre.

Lawrence motioned to accept the minutes for the October 17th meeting; second by Bruner. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, King, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to accept the cash summary by fund, appropriations payment register, revenue receipt register and October 2022 bank reconciliation; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, King, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Mayor's Report: Darke County Solid Waste approved 6 benches for New Madison. SkyMesh hoping to be in service by January 1, 2023. Schlechty appreciates all the hard work going into the Christmas celebration by the 4th of July Committee for the weekend of December 2-3.

Parks & Recreation: Safety & Security: Sewage, Sanitation & Water: Streets & Infrastructures: Growth, Development, Zoning & Annexation: Finance, Audit & Economic Development: Personnel: Cemetery: Fire Department: Rescue Squad:

Fiscal Officer Report: Thank you to the 4th of July Committee for a \$500.00 donation for security for July 4th celebration. Shred-It sending a quote for locked containers to keep on-site.

Unfinished Business: Heather Stump – Tri-Village Schools picked up the Veterans banners. Students will clean.

Farmer motioned to enter executive session at 6:09 p.m. to discuss personnel; second by Begoon.

Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, King, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Returned from executive session at 6:40 p.m.

New Business: Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Ordinance 22-05 increasing wages for certain employees for the Village of New Madison beginning January 1, 2023: Hocker receive 5% increase for Utility Clerk - \$19,956.62 and Fiscal Officer - \$30,479.31. Cook move to salary schedule pay grade 14/step C - \$24.11/hour and hiring Cook as Village Administrator at \$25.00/hour. Cook will be on a probationary period for the first 100 days. Hiring James Ragsdale as Operator of Record for Water at \$10,400/year and \$30.00/hour for emergencies. Hiring David Thompson as Operator of Record for Wastewater at \$10,400/year and \$30.00/hour for emergencies; second by Bruner.

Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, King, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed Farmer motioned to adopt Ordinance 22-05; second by Lawrence.

Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, King, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Bruner motioned to adjourn at 6:47 p.m.; second by Lawrence. Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is Monday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m.