
Village of New Madison

Council Meeting February 13, 2023 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, Chad Begoon, Tami Bruner, Solicitor Mike Rieman

Visitors: Lori Godown, Bob Fiste, Brian Anderson

4th of July Committee reported they are working with Ohio Department of Transportation to shut down the state highway for the 4th of July celebration to be held uptown June 30-July 1. Begoon motioned to approve the 4th of July Celebration to be held at the vacant lot uptown with Ohio Department of Transportation approval; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Begoon motioned to accept the January 9th minutes; second by Farmer. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Begoon Abstain – Cook, Bruner Motion passed

Lawrence motioned to accept the cash summary by fund, appropriations payment register, revenue receipt register and January 2023 bank reconciliation; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Mayor's Report: Schlechty reported ad for bids on wastewater plant upgrade go out March 15th.

Parks & Recreation:

Safety & Security:

Sewage, Sanitation & Water:

Streets & Infrastructures: Cook reported SKYMesh installation at wastewater plant is complete. Received information from Verizon asking to build a cell tower at the new water tower area giving the village a one-time payment of \$75,000. Will contact for a formal proposal.

Growth, Development, Zoning & Annexation:

Finance, Audit & Economic Development:

Personnel:

Cemetery:

**Fire Department:
Rescue Squad:**

Fiscal Officer Report: 2022 year-end balanced and submitted to Auditor of State. CCA will be in New Paris on March 21st for taxpayer assistance. Schedule an appointment with Eric at 513-857-3174. New water tower project is closed loan payments will begin later this year. Washington Street project goes out for bid in April. Received letter from Access Engineering on specialized equipment need for generator at new tower no bids will be required. Bug-A-Boo contract signed for \$220/application. Dates as of now could change are June 15th, July 13th, August 17th.

Unfinished Business: Council asked Cook to get estimates on painting old water tower. Mayor Schlechty and council discussed water and wastewater rate increases for 2023. Due to inflation operating costs have increased. Wastewater rates have not increased since the original plant was built in 2002 and have nothing to do with Wayne Lakes connecting to New Madison as that project is financed with grants, loans and Wayne Lakes. Rates proposed were submitted by Ohio Rural Water rate study for both water and wastewater. Begoon motioned to accept the 2023 rates for utilities proposed by Ohio Rural Water;

2023 Residential water rate \$29.16
Overage rate \$3.24/thousand
2023 Wastewater rate \$54.00

Out of corporation:
2023 Water rate \$43.74
Overage rate \$4.86/thousand
2023 Wastewater rate \$81.00

second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

New Business: Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd & 3rd time Resolution 23-01 to approve the contract for engineering services with Wessler Engineering for improvements to the Wastewater Treatment Plant for the Village of New Madison in the total amount of \$776,250.00; second by Begoon.

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

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-01; second by Cook.

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

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd & 3rd time Resolution 23-02 to approve the contract for engineering services with Access Engineering Solutions, LLC for improvements to Washington Street for the Village of New Madison in the total amount of \$50,000.00; second by Begoon.

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

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-02; second by Lawrence.

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

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title Ordinance 23-01 increasing water and wastewater rates for the Village of New Madison:

2023 Residential water rate \$29.16

Overage rate \$3.24/thousand

2023 Wastewater rate \$54.00

Out of corporation:

2023 Water rate \$43.74

Overage rate \$4.86/thousand

2023 Wastewater rate \$81.00

Second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed
Farmer motioned to adopt Ordinance 23-01; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd & 3rd time Resolution 23-03 approving the contract for police services with Darke County Sheriff's Department for the Village of New Madison; second by Cook.

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

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-03; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title only 2nd & 3rd time Resolution 23-04 to advertise for bids for disposition of no longer needed motor vehicle; second by Bruner. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt the Resolution 23-04; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Begoon motioned to renew CAUV applications with county auditor for 2023 for acreage at wastewater plant on Rush Road and for Todd Frech property at 1856 New Madison-Coletown Road; second by Farmer. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer handed out committee assignments for 2023.

Bruner motioned to adjourn at 6:56 p.m.; second by Farmer. Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is March 20th at 6:00 p.m.