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# Village of New Madison

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## Council Meeting June 21, 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

Haedon Schlechty submitted a letter of intent to serve on council. Schlechty was sworn in by Mayor Schlechty and will serve until 12/31/2023.

Visitors: Scoob Cook, Brice Schmitmeyer-Access Engineering, Haedon Schlechty, Brian Anderson

Begoon motioned to accept the May 15<sup>th</sup> minutes; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Abstain - Schlechty Motion passed

Lawrence motioned to accept the cash summary by fund, appropriations payment register, revenue receipt register; April & May 2023 bank reconciliations; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner Abstain - Schlechty Motion passed

**Public:** Scoob Cook – Fire Chief reported on the campaign to build a training center in Darke County costing approximately a million dollars and asking for donations through GoFundMe or PayPal.

**Mayor:** 4<sup>th</sup> of July Committee will be paying for security/policing during the celebration.

**Village Admin:** Pickleball court finished by Seamless; striping and net will be done. Fire hydrants painted. Recommend hiring Jayden Hollinger as part-time summer help.

**Solicitor:**

**Fiscal Officer:** 2021-2022 financial audit is finishing up. Pro One Painting submitted a quote \$6,677.85 to paint the Admin building. Copier lease with Loudy's – updating the copier at the same monthly amount of \$130.00 with no maintenance agreement. On the last agreement the village saved of \$5,050.00 on copier expense. Lawrence motioned to accept the Loudy's copier contract for \$130.00 per month for 5 years; second by Farmer. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to accept the painting bid from Pro One Painting; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

**Ordinances/Resolutions:** Brice Schmitmeyer went over details on Washington Street Project:

Finrock Construction bid	\$488,000.00
CDBG grant	\$100,000.00
OWPC grant	\$168,000.00
OWPC loan	\$168,000.00
American Rescue funds	\$126,000.00

Project to begin in August and finish in the fall.

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time Resolution 23-07 accepting Finrock Construction Co., Inc. bid for Washington Street improvements for the Village of New Madison; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-07; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time Resolution 23-08 requiring independent organizations to provide and pay for security and/or policing; second by Bruner. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-08; second by Bruner. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Resolution 23-09 – truck bid was withdrawn

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time Resolution 23-10 confirming employment of Jayden Hollinger as part-time summer employee and declaring an emergency; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to declare Resolution 23-10 an emergency; second by Bruner. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-10; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and ready by title 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time Resolution 23-11 increasing appropriations and expenses for 2021 State Highway Fund; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-11; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Bruner Motion passed

**Unfinished Business:** Begoon addressed the request from Brian Anderson to reduce his sewer EDU's for the grocery and mini-mart. Utility clerk and Sewage Sanitation & Water Committee reviewed 10 years of usage for the grocery and mini-mart. They are using water for 2 EDU's of sewage and almost 3. Committee is recommending the grocery and mini-mart remain at 2 EDU's. Sewage Sanitation & Water Committee is recommending an increase of 10 EDU's for the school and 1 for Schlechty's Sports Bar & Grill as their water usage is above the current charges. Begoon motioned to raise the EDU's for Tri-Village Schools to 30 and Schlechty's Sports Bar and Grill to 3.5; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Begoon, Bruner  
Abstain - Schlechty Motion passed

Brice Schmitmeyer spoke on the Wastewater Plant Upgrade/Wayne Lakes Project. Bids for Wastewater Treatment Plant upgrades came in 1.2 million over original estimate. Darke County Commissioners have been asked if they would be willing to contribute \$600,000.00 as a buy-in towards Ft. Jefferson to assist with this project. New Madison will take on the additional debt with the county paying an annual payment towards the debt. Ft. Jefferson will begin 2024 joining with Wayne Lakes in the sewer project. Wayne Lakes is under construction. Waiting on commissioners to vote, a contract with Darke County and resolution before approval of the Jutte Excavating bid. Wayne Lakes has received an additional 3 million grant and would like to use towards extending line to plant instead of the force main at the north side of New Madison. Flow meter will monitor Wayne Lakes waste.

**New Business:** Wayne Street vacant lot overgrown with weeds. Mayor Schlechty will send letter.

Access Engineering has preliminary plans for drive to new water tower.

Lawrence motioned to adjourn at 6:50 p.m.; second by Begoon. Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.