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# *Village of New Madison*

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## **Council Meeting September 18, 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, Haedon Schlechty, Chad Begoon, Solicitor Mike Rieman

Visitors: Meladi Brewer – Daily Advocate, Connie & Ellis Bates, Layth Scantland, Sheila Ketring, Brian Anderson

Farmer motioned to accept Tami Bruner’s resignation from council effective August 15, 2023; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon                      Motion passed

Begoon motioned to accept the August 15<sup>th</sup> & September 7<sup>th</sup> minutes; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon                      Motion passed  
Abstain – Lawrence

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

**Public:** Ketring – concern neighbor is operating a business in residential neighborhood

Bates – concern over neighbors’ upkeep of property – Mayor Schlechty has spoken with the resident personally. Cedar Grove Church and Hunter George have volunteered to assist with clean-up of resident properties.

Scantland – requesting street closure of Harrison St. to Wayne St. for Community Center Octoberfest & required by State liquor license October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 p.m.-1:00 a.m. Begoon motioned to approve street closure for Community Center Octoberfest October 21<sup>st</sup> from 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m.; second by Farmer. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon                      Motion passed

**Mayor:** Jimmy Ragsdale is Village Admin and Zoning Inspector effective 9/7/2023.

**Village Admin:** Pressure test complete on Washington St. Project. Bacteria test Tuesday. Water main will be complete this week.

**Solicitor:**

**Fiscal Officer:**

**Ordinances/Resolutions:** Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> time Resolution 23-17 authorizing bidding for trash services beginning February 1, 2024; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed  
Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-17; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Lawrence motioned to accept the 2.20 percentage share of the local government fund for 2024 as allocated by the Darke County Budget Commission; second by Farmer. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Lawrence motioned to accept the amounts and rates as determined by the Darke County Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

**Unfinished Business:** Lawrence motioned to amend zoning permit fees set at September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting; second by Farmer. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

**New Business:**

Lawrence motioned to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.; second by Cook. Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is October 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.