
Village of New Madison

Council Meeting October 16, 2023 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Schlechty. Present for the meeting were Gail Farmer, Jim Lawrence, Lexie Cook, Haedon Schlechty, Chad Begoon, Solicitor Mike Rieman. Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors: Jamie Fisherback, Patty Sanner, Candace Baker, Mark Fleagle, Jennifer Fleagle, Ayman Stephens, Aden ?, Robert N. Baker, Kim & JD Shaffer, Brian Anderson, Meladi Brewer – Daily Advocate

Lawrence motioned to accept the September 18th minutes; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

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

Public: Residents concerned about sidewalk replacement deadline. Time may be extended if written quote is presented to council ahead of time; committee will meet and bring decision brought to council. Mayor Schlechty will check with resident who received grant funds for sidewalk replacement and see if anything may be available to residents. Residents can check with ODOT and inquire about grants for sidewalk replacement on a state route.

Mayor: Fire Department is completing hydrant flow testing throughout the village.

Village Admin: Washington Street sidewalks and curbs completed; paving of street week of October 23rd. Working with Access Engineering and Artesian to have media & filters changed at water plant for \$30,000.00.

Solicitor:

Fiscal Officer: Mayor Schlechty asked to get pricing for holding a community shred day. Crowe Shredding charges a \$250.00 trip fee and min of 3 hours at \$300.00/hour. Have talked with Jimmy about the possibility of combining New Paris? Reimbursement requested from Darke County Parks for grant funds for gazebo. Funds moved at Farmers State to receive better interest rates. Bid opening for driveway to water tower October 26th. Property value increase

\$30,000.00 for tower property; questions, review or informal hearing can be scheduled by November 3rd.

Rescue Squad: Farmer reported Tri-Village Rescue is celebrating their 50th anniversary on October 28th 2:00-5:00 p.m. and urged council members to attend.

Ordinances/Resolutions: Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Resolution 23-18 decreasing appropriations and revenue for Fund 2011 Street Construction Maintenance and Repair and Fund 1000 General Fund; second by Begoon.

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

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-18; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Resolution 23-19 increasing appropriations and revenue for Fund 4902 Wastewater Plant Upgrade and Fund 4903 Washington Street Project; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-19; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Ordinance 23-04 approving, adopting and enacting Ohio Basic Code, 2024 Edition, as the code of ordinances for the Village of New Madison; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt Ordinance 23-04; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Ordinance 23-05 increasing water rates for the Village of New Madison; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt Ordinance 23-05; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Ordinance 23-06 increasing sewer rates for the Village of New Madison; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to adopt Ordinance 23-06; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Farmer motioned to approve Ketrings Meats building expansion variance; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon Motion passed

Cook motioned to approve the 2024 council meeting dates; second by Farmer. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon
Motion passed

Mayor Schlechty presented a quote for landscaping at gazebo from Crowell Gardens \$8,450.00 & Flory's for \$9,836.00. Discussion of spending the money when asking residents to replace sidewalks. These funds are in 2041 Parks and can only be spent for park expenses. Farmer motioned to approve the quote from Crowell Gardens for landscaping; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon
Motion passed

Personnel committee meeting scheduled for Monday, October 23rd at 6:00 p.m.

Cook motioned to adjourn at 5:50 p.m.; second by Schlechty. Meeting adjourned

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