
Village of New Madison

Council Meeting November 20, 2023 6:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 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: Brian Anderson

Trash services contract February 1, 2024-January 31, 2027 bid opening – one bid received by Rumpke.

Nathaniel Mogle submitted letter of intent for vacant council seat term ending 12/31/2025. Farmer motioned to approve Mogle; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon.

Motion passed

Mogle sworn in as council member for term ending 12/31/2025.

Lawrence motioned to accept the October 16th minutes; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon
Abstain – Mogle

Motion passed

Cook motioned to accept the November 2nd minutes; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon
Abstain - Mogle

Motion passed

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

Motion passed

Public: Anderson asked if a section of new curb could be painted yellow at the grocery. Ragsdale will ask Cook to paint.

Mayor: Thank you to 4th of July Committee for all the work for Christmas celebration.

Village Admin: Artesian quote to replace filter media \$37,000.00. Discussion regarding additional quotes. Additional quotes requested from council members.

Solicitor:

Fiscal Officer: Access Engineering would like to begin researching, planning costs, grants, etc. for building a new water plant in the next 5 years. Brice Schmitmeyer is available to discuss with you. Pro One Painting – we are first on his schedule for Spring 2024 to paint administration building. Year-end meeting is December 28th at 6:00 p.m. Fund 3903 – Wastewater Levy – this levy was passed by the residents of New Madison and they began paying through real estate taxes in 1995. The levy expires in 2035. The funds collected from real estate taxes 1995-2003 were to be used for payment towards the bond; village used the funds (approx. \$160,000) for other items. Levy expires in 2035; the original wastewater debt payments will not be paid in full until 2044 and there will be a shortage in funds to cover payments the last 9 years of the loan. Discussion on what to do to cover the shortage. Transfers from Fund 5201 monthly to Fund 3903 to make up the difference. Legislation requested for monthly transfer.

Ordinances/Resolutions: Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Resolution 23-20 approving contract for legal services for 2024; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle Motion passed
Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-20; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Resolution 23-21 approving contract for fire services 2024; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle Motion passed
Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-21; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Resolution 23-22 approve contract for emergency medical services 2024; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle Motion passed
Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-22; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Resolution 23-23 authorizing the Village of New Madison to enter into a contract with the Sheriff of Darke County, Ohio for police protection services; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle Motion passed
Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-23; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle Motion passed

Resolution 23-24 approving contract for mowing services failed.

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2nd and 3rd time Ordinance 23-07 authorizing hiring part-time Village Administrator and Operators; second by Lawrence. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle Motion passed

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

Unfinished Business:

New Business: Lawrence motioned to accept bid for trash services February 1, 2024-January 31, 2027 from Rumpke; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle
Motion passed

Executive Session Farmer motioned to enter executive session at 7:03 p.m. to discuss personnel; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle
Motion passed

Returned from executive session 7:47 p.m.

Farmer motioned no pay increases for 2024; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Lawrence, Cook, Schlechty, Begoon, Mogle
Motion passed

Cook motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m.; second by Mogle. Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is December 18th at 6:00 p.m.