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# Village of New Madison

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## **Council Meeting December 19, 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, Lexie Cook, Haedon Schlechty, Nathaniel Mogle, Chad Begoon, Solicitor Mike Rieman and Village Administrator James Ragsdale  
Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Visitors: Brice Schmitmeyer – Access Engineering

Cook motioned to accept the November 20<sup>th</sup> minutes; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon  
Motion passed

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

**Public:** Brice Schmitmeyer provided information on Artesian re-building the media in the filters at the Water Plant; Artesian is specialized with tools, equipment and materials needed for the project. Village Administrator has authority to approve up to \$50,000 in projects and in 2024 the threshold is \$75,000. Discussed grants to study building a new water plant in 5-10 years.

**Mayor:** Thank you to Duane Cook for helping with decorating the gazebo and Putman Park. Thank you to Hileman family for donation of lights and decorations. Thank you to Duane Cook for installing new sign at admin building. Mayor Schlechty presented a village flag as a parting gift for the village.

**Village Administrator:** Evidence room cleared out by Sheriff's Department.

**Solicitor:**

**Fiscal Officer:** Council member appointments – if a council member's term has ended and a person appointed to fill the vacancy; that person then needs to run for the position in the next general election.

**Ordinances/Resolutions:** Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time Ordinance 23-08 authorizing certain fund transfer and repealing and replacing Ordinance 20-04 and declaring an emergency; second by Mogle.

Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon

Motion passed

Farmer motion to declare Ordinance 23-08 an emergency; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon Motion passed  
Farmer motioned to adopt Ordinance 23-08; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time Resolution 23-25 approve a contract for trash and recyclable materials removal and disposal with Rumpke; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon Motion passed  
Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-25; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time Resolution 23-26 decrease appropriations and revenue for fund 4902 Wastewater Plant Upgrade; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon Motion passed  
Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-26; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon Motion passed

Farmer motioned to suspend the rules and read by title 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> time Resolution 23-28 imposing a moratorium on one year on the issuance and processing of any permits allowing recreational, adult use, cannabis operators within the Village of New Madison, Ohio; second by Begoon. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon Motion passed  
Farmer motioned to adopt Resolution 23-28; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon Motion passed

**Unfinished Business:**

**New Business:** Farmer motioned to authorize James Ragsdale, Village Administrator to approve change orders up to \$50,000.00 for Wastewater Plant Upgrade Project as to keep project moving along since council meets once a month; second by Cook. Yea – Farmer, Cook, Schlechty, Mogle, Begoon Motion passed

**Executive Session:**

Farmer motioned to adjourn at 6:12 p.m.; second by Cook. Meeting adjourned

Next meeting is January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m.