

This is a meeting of the Village Council of Woodstock in public for the purpose of conducting Village business and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There is time for public participation during the meeting as indicated in the agenda. Council may recognize you during their discussion for your comment.

**Village of Woodstock Village Council  
REGULAR MEETING  
Woodstock Municipal Building  
April 8, 2024  
6:30 P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Meeting was called to order by Phil Garland, Mayor

Roll Call: Current, Y; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, A; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, Y.

Also in attendance: Alison Boggs, Village Solicitor

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. SET AGENDA**

Belcher moved and seconded by Current to set the agenda.

Roll Call: Current, Y; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, A; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Zizzo moved and seconded by Belcher to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, Y; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, A; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

**4. VILLAGE SOLICITOR**

Brad and the Solicitor are meeting Wednesday, April 17, at 2:00PM to discuss the chronology associated with the North Lewisburg service contract. No formal action has taken place yet, and no notices have been served by the other side.

**5. MAYOR'S REPORT**

One more member is needed for the Zoning Commission. Andrew Hofner, who is involved with the church, is interested. The Mayor asked Jackie Hayes about her interest, but she was concerned about her ability to make it to the meetings. She agreed to put feelers out.

Notice of renewal of the carryout's liquor permit was received from the Department of Commerce. Council has a short opportunity to object to renewal, but a formal resolution stating the reasons for objection is required. No objections were voiced by any members present so no action was taken.

**6. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

Total receipts for the month of March were \$31,833.36 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$9,824.33. Receipts were high because of \$10,000 in special assessments for delinquent sewer accounts, \$2,400 for the first half real estate tax distribution, and \$8,000 from RITA which we see every year during tax filing season. Sewer service receipts were also higher than normal, but this is probably due to the upcoming special assessments to be submitted mid-May. On the expense side, \$954 was spent for the annual maintenance contract for the sewer billing software, \$780 to excavate a lateral line to clear a serious blockage, and \$355 for the annual fire extinguisher inspection.

An ordinance to amend our standing income tax ordinance will be proposed tonight. This ordinance is driven by HB33 which passed last year. This bill requires a number of minor changes to the way local income taxes are collected and processed. It includes things like prohibiting tax collection from anyone 18 years old or younger, a reduction in the maximum late filing penalty, and a few items dealing with taxing small businesses. The ordinance adopts a model drafted by RITA.

A \$150 restitution check was received from the Champaign County Juvenile Court for vandalism last year at the ballpark.

Park National has closed its North Lewisburg location leaving us with Mechanicsburg and Urbana as the closest alternatives. Neither is nearly as convenient as the closed location was. Other banks are being looked at, including Peoples Savings Bank in Urbana and Richwood Bank in Marysville. Factors include participation in the Ohio Pooled Collateral Program to protect our deposits over \$250,000 and availability of remote bulk deposits. Herron stated that he believes it appropriate to do business with a bank more committed to its local community, and that Richwood Bank may be considering a branch in North Lewisburg. Evaluation will continue. Weidner asked if Richwood would provide us with a credit card to facilitate unexpected purchases. Hallinan stated that we could get a card if Council wanted one, but they're difficult to manage, are somewhat open for abuse, and are subject to special scrutiny during state audits.

Current moved and seconded by Morgan to accept the financial statements for March 2024 and approve March 2024 expenditures as presented by the Fiscal Officer.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, Y; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, A; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

**7. PUBLIC**

None.

**8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Solicitor Boggs expressed concern that the temporary flashing traffic light could be confusing to east-west drivers who may assume that the north-south traffic has a flashing red signal also, as in a four way stop. Herron stated that it appeared to him that the current configuration is the only option available in the panel. He stated that he could return it to the normal configuration since one of the two green lights on the 559 side is still working.

Herron stated that he's in the process of stocking replacement LED assemblies so that we're better prepared for failures.

The resident who requested that we vacate the alley east of N. Main contacted the County Prosecutor who in turn contacted the Village to make us aware of the request. The requestor stated that some other residents also want it vacated. We've been aware of only one requestor so far. Herron stated that he would prefer that a written request be submitted. The request should have a legal description of the property and a statement reflecting that specific property owners at the time made the request. It's also recommended that the change be recorded by the County for future surveyors and property transactions. A fee reflecting expenses incurred by the Village should be assessed. Solicitor Boggs suggested that the entire north-south alley be vacated at one time. Herron stated that he would talk with the Recorder about the details associated with recording the change.

As discussed at a previous meeting, there is a need to bring on a contract backup for Ron given his current health issues. Rusty Pence, a longtime resident, a general contractor with the skills required to deal with sewer and street maintenance, is being brought on part time to fill in when Ron isn't available. We'll later consider bringing him on as a part time employee.

Morgan asked about the status of the dumpsters. No contact has been made yet. Solicitor Boggs recommended that we contact our insurance carrier about potential liabilities associated with an unmanned dumpster.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-02 – AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ORDINANCE 2015-03, VILLAGE INCOME TAX, FOR COMPLIANCE WITH HOUSE BILL 33.**

Belcher moved and seconded by Current to accept Ordinance 2024-02, an ordinance to amend Ordinance 2015-03 of the Village of Woodstock regarding municipal income tax, to meet the new requirements of House Bill 33 signed by the Governor July 4, 2023.

This is an emergency ordinance retroactive to January 1, 2024.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, Y; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, A; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, Y.

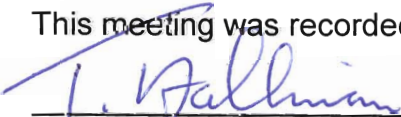
Motion Carried; Y.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Zizzo moved seconded by Belcher to adjourn.

Motion Carried; Y.

This meeting was recorded.

  
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Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer

  
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Tom Belcher, Council President

  
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Phil Garland, Mayor