

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
December 11, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Jackie Hayes, Mayor.

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

Also in attendance: Alison Boggs, Village Solicitor.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. SET AGENDA

Garland moved and seconded by Zizzo to set the agenda.

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

Motion Carried; Y .

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Garland moved and seconded by Current to approve the minutes of the November 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y .

4. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of November were \$12,283.51 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$17,850.84. Included in expenditures was \$9,600 for the State audit completed in September. Revenues are at 100%+ of plan with one month to go.

Garland moved and seconded by Weidner to accept the financial statements for November 2023 and approve November 2023 expenditures as presented by the Fiscal Officer.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y .

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor administered the oath of office for a 4-year term as Mayor of Woodstock commencing January 1, 2024, to Phil Garland.

6. PUBLIC

Lexus Thornton of Plan4Land and Bryant Bailey of Support Our Veterans described their plans for the 14 acres located at 214 N. Main St. Proposed are 16 small cabins on the property intended to house some of the many veterans who are trying to find places to live. Reviewing the Woodstock zoning ordinance, they found that the description of the R2 medium density residential zoning district (Section 910) does not include community housing. They are proposing special conditions that would be applicable to the proposed cabins. The dwellings are described as under 580 sq. ft. and moveable via flatbed. Weidner expressed concern that the description of the home doesn't sound compatible with loading and unloading onto a flatbed. Herron stated that the procedure for requesting special conditions is described in Section 602 and 603. Thornton stated that they would proceed with that request, but are seeking feedback relative to the number of units preferred by the Village and to hear other concerns. Bailey stated that the units would be occupied by vets only, and usually one per unit. Zizzo asked about the qualifications required to become a resident. Bailey stated that requirements include vet status, homelessness, and an assigned caseworker. Zizzo further asked if the individuals pose any threat to the community. Bailey stated that his daughter lives with him on site and that he wouldn't expose her to anything threatening. The use of caseworkers helps tremendously with the screening of potential problems. Thornton stated that there is a thorough qualification process which includes interviews and review of the individual's case study. Zizzo expressed concern that with one per unit there might be loneliness concerns. Bailey stated that the point of the community was to bring the individuals together, much like in a military setting. Opportunities for group activities would be part of it. Herron stated that the number of units should be proposed and would then become part of discussions with the Zoning Commission. Thornton stated that there wouldn't be any attempt to convert the property to multiple parcels. Herron stated that it would be helpful to have references to the zoning codes of other communities who have dealt with similar requests. Thornton agreed to provide them. Herron stated that the application should include the language of proposed zoning code amendments. Thornton agreed. Weidner asked if there are similar projects whose results could be reviewed. Thornton and Bailey said that they would try to find examples.

A resident asked about the infrastructure planned for the proposed community housing. Herron stated that, as it stands now, each residence would be considered an EDU and would connect to the existing system and would be billed accordingly. Wells are regulated by the Champaign County Health Department.

Pat Brown, the artist working to complete the mural on the north side of the municipal building, presented a layout of the image when complete. The upper portions of the mural require a lift, which presents safety concerns for her, but volunteers from Woodstock Community Church have been helping, as well as 12 students from the Triad Art Club. A meeting will be held on December 27 at 4:00PM in the municipal building for anyone interested in participating in the project. She stated that each individual depicted has a story, and that a written narrative will be put together at the end of the project.

Residents living at 130 N. Main asked that the north-south alley adjacent to their property be vacated. There was discussion of the need to avoid negative impacts on neighboring properties. Mayor Hayes stated that the Solicitor would review the request and the documents presented and respond.

Another resident asked if the Village owns the ballpark and if it's used by organized sports. Herron stated that it was purchased from Triad Schools years ago with the stipulation that it remain a community space. No organized teams have used it for several years. The resident

stated that she may know of some travel ball participants interested in it. Council agreed that it would be a positive thing for organized sports to return

7. VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Alison Boggs stated that she had recently reached out to N. Lewisburg's counsel intending to set up a meeting in January or February, and to confirm that all public records requests have been satisfied. No response has been received yet.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

The Pastor of the Woodstock Community Church asked about the possibility of constructing a community building at the park. Council would need to decide this upon receipt of a request.

A summary of various topics discussed at Logan County Commission and North Lewisburg Council meetings was presented.

Herron expressed a tribute to retiring Mayor Hayes.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Zizzo stated that he's received complaints from two residents regarding shooting in the area of the proposed community housing. Herron stated that part of the property is in Rush Township. If the shooting is taking place within the Village, the Champaign County Sheriff would be the point of contact.

RESOLUTION 2023-10R – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE PUBLIC DEFENDER AGREEMENT FOR 2024 AS REQUESTED BY THE CHAMPAIGN COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Garland moved and seconded by Zizzo to accept the Resolution adopting the Public Defender Agreement for 2024.

Floor is open for discussion on the motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2023-02 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE TEMPORARY ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

Garland moved and seconded by Weidner to accept Ordinance 2023-04 for temporary annual appropriations for 2024 by major object in title only.

Floor is open for discussion on the motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

RESOLUTION 2023-11R – A RESOLUTION TO SET THE 2024 ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING FOR MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024, AT 6:30 PM IN THE MUNICIPAL BUILDING.

Garland moved and seconded by Current to accept the Resolution setting the 2024 organizational meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on the motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

A retirement gift from Council and Village employees was presented to the Mayor by Phil Garland along with recognition of her years of service.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Current moved seconded by Zizzo to adjourn.

Motion Carried; Y.

This meeting was recorded.

Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer

Phil Garland, Council President

Jacquelyn Hayes, Mayor