

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  
January 8, 2024  
6:30 P.M.**

**MINUTES**

**1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL**

Meeting was called to order by Phil Garland, Mayor  
Roll Call: Current, A; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Also in attendance: Alison Boggs, Village Solicitor

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. SET AGENDA**

Weidner moved and seconded by Polatsek to set the agenda.

Roll Call: Current, A; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Polatsek moved and seconded by Weidner to approve the minutes of the December 11, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, A; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

**4. MAYOR'S REPORT**

Polatsek moved and seconded by Weidner to appoint Tom Belcher to a vacant seat on Village Council.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, A; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

Polatsek moved to appoint Paul Zizzo to a vacant seat on Village Council. No second was voiced. The motion did not carry.

Weidner moved and seconded by Polatsek to nominate Tom Belcher for the vacant Council President position..

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, A; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

Tom Belcher was sworn in as a member of Council by Phil Garland, Mayor.

Weidner moved and seconded by Belcher to grant a one-time \$350 year end bonus to Ron Moore for 2023..

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

## 5. **FISCAL OFFICER REPORT**

Total receipts for the month of December were \$11,416.24 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$15,615.55. Expenditures include \$3,200 to Meade's Paving for the basketball court surface, \$550 to LUC Regional Planning Commission for their annual assessment, \$544 to SupplyHouse.com for fittings required for sewer connections, and \$260 to AMERIFORMS for sewer billing cards. Receipts through December were at 113% of plan.

The Village property and liability policies expired 12/16/2023. Our agent, Sellman Insurance Group, was unable to find a replacement until the week after Christmas, at significantly greater cost. During the gap in coverage contact was made with the Ohio Public Entities Pool, the largest public sector risk management organization in Ohio. A one year contract was agreed upon with some savings over the previous year's policy, \$3,749 vs. \$4,204, but some limits are probably too low. The following resolution authorizes the new policy retroactively to December 16, and authorizes the acquisition of supplemental insurance to offset the low limits, especially auto, going forward

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

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

## 6. **PUBLIC**

Bryant Bailey of Support Our Veterans submitted an application for his property on N. Main St. with a request for a zoning text amendment. Copies were distributed to the members present for consideration at a future meeting.

Resident Sarah Buchanan stated an interest in becoming a member of Council and distributed copies of her resume to the members present. The Mayor stated that her information would be reviewed and a nomination could be considered at the next meeting. Buchanan also inquired about vacancies on the Zoning Board as she is aware of someone who is interested but lives outside the Village limits. Herron stated that he believes that the Planning Commission must include the Mayor, two Council members, one resident of the Village, and one member who lives in the County or an adjacent township outside the County. Also, Herron believes that Council would function as the Planning Commission if an actual Commission is not established. If Council chooses that option, the Commission's meetings must be separate from Council meetings but could occur after Council meetings.

Buchanan stated that there appears to be no plan to accommodate the inevitable Village growth. Solicitor Boggs stated that zoning is in place, although a growth plan may be appropriate at some point.

Weidner moved and seconded by Polatsek to authorize Village Council to assume the role of Planning Commission.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

## 7. **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Herron introduced the idea of hiring a part time person for maintenance support given health issues which have recently required backup. The job has a learning curve and bringing someone on board now to learn the job could be useful.

Belcher moved and seconded by Polatsek to authorize the Village Administrator to reach out to possible candidates for a future part time backup position for maintenance..

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

## 8. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## 9. **NEW BUSINESS**

Weidner asked that Council consider prohibiting the sale of medical or recreational marijuana within the Village. This concern was prompted by a letter distributed by the County Prosecutor's office. Solicitor Boggs stated that there are a lot of unknowns and that she would research the issue for a future meeting.

### **RESOLUTION 2024-01R – A RESOLUTION RETROACTIVELY AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO SECURE INSURANCE COVERAGE WITH THE OHIO PUBLIC ENTITIES POOL AND TO SECURE SUPPLEMENTAL INSURANCE WHERE NEEDED.**

Due to a recent tendency of large insurance carriers to avoid insuring municipalities, Sellman Insurance Group was unable to secure replacements for the Village's property and liability policies in a timely manner. To maintain continuity of coverage, this resolution retroactively authorizes the Fiscal Officer to secure a one year policy effective December 16, 2023, through the Ohio Public Entities Pool at a cost of \$3,749. The Fiscal Officer is further authorized to seek supplemental coverage to offset certain low limits.

This is an emergency resolution effective December 16, 2023..

Belcher moved and seconded by Polatsek to authorize the Fiscal Officer to secure adequate insurance coverage for the Village.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

Polatsek 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