

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 13, 2025
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; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, A.

Also in attendance: Alison Boggs, Village Solicitor

Pledge of Allegiance

2. SET AGENDA

Zizzo moved and seconded by Polatsek to set the agenda.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Polatsek moved and seconded by Belcher to approve the minutes of the December 9, 2024 Regular Council Meeting

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

4. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of November were \$11,244.52 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$13,597.30. Notable expenses included \$2,676 in legal fees, \$3,941 to the Public Entities Pool for our annual property and liability insurance premium, and \$550 to LUC for our annual membership fee. Revenue through the end of the year for all funds was about 121% of plan.

North Lewisburg's most recent invoice (12/5/2024) shows a balance due of \$155,549.10.

Belcher moved and seconded by Polatsek to accept the financial statements for December 2024 and approve December 2024 expenditures as presented by the Fiscal Officer.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated that the Governor has apparently decided that there are too many independent taxing districts in the state. As a result, after the next census, it appears that Villages will be involuntarily dissolved using certain criteria. The Mayor stated that he would be watching developments on this issue.

6. PUBLIC

Resident Bryant Bailey asked if there was any information about when the bar would be opening. The Mayor stated that he has no information, although there appears to be occasional construction activity going on.

Resident Rusty Pence asked about salting side streets during weather events. Herron stated that we haven't salted in the past, although we have a spreader. The low speed limits and the need to mount the spreader on the truck and keep salt in the bed have been deterrents in the past.

7. VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Solicitor Boggs stated that Council needs to decide if it wants to accept the list of terms which were a product of the mediation session.

Belcher moved and seconded by Polatsek to enter executive session to discuss on-going litigation.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Council entered executive session at 6:55PM.

Council returned from executive session at 8:10PM.

Belcher moved and seconded by Zizzo to authorize the Village Administrator to hire an engineer/expert to assist with the wastewater treatment issues for the Village in anticipation of future litigation.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Solicitor Boggs stated that the first item requiring a response is the \$3-million, on-going +25% rate, with no commitment regarding the assignment of grant money. If Council does not accept this item, an explanation should be included to give North Lewisburg the opportunity to come back with something else. Belcher cited the lack of detail. The second item is related to past charges, and there appears to be no objection to their proposal. The third item is rate structure going forward. The issues with this item are their failure to define the terms and uncertainty about their willingness to negotiate these details in good faith given their unwillingness to engage in discussions or further mediation. Herron stated that the basis for their rates is undefined. The 125% could be based on anything, especially if gallons are used. She also recommended a town hall meeting sooner rather than later because the rates are going up one way or the other.

Belcher moved and seconded by Polatsek to authorize the Village Solicitor to, without rejecting North Lewisburg's proposal, respond by describing the issues identified by Woodstock Council. Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Belcher asked about increasing the rate to \$100. Herron stated that the change would require an ordinance amending an earlier ordinance authorizing the current rate. The idea of holding a public meeting prior to implementation of a new rate was discussed. Consensus seemed to prefer a standalone meeting assembled as soon as possible. Details regarding notification of the public of this meeting will be worked out by the Mayor.

Herron stated that lift station flowmeter readings for May, 2019 to May, 2020, were 16,432 gallons per day. North Lewisburg's new flowmeter says that our average flow today is 23,500 per day. This suggests that there is ground water infiltration in our system, possibly from sump pump connections, which needs to be corrected as soon as possible. Reducing this infiltration could reduce our rates significantly.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

See above.

9. OLD BUSINESS

None

10. NEW BUSINESS

None.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Zizzo moved seconded by Polatsek to adjourn.
Motion Carried; Y.

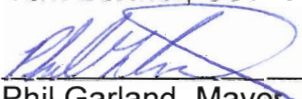
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Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer



Tom Belcher, Council President



Phil Garland, Mayor