

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  
July 10, 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, A; 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, A; Weidner, Y; Belcher, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

**3. VILLAGE SOLICITOR**

North Lewisburg's attorney has not yet responded to the "website" response to parts of their open records request. Regarding the billing statements, they are public records. To satisfy our concerns about privacy, we could redact names from the records leaving the service address.

Hallinan expressed concern about the physical size of our response and the time required to put it together. Our hard copy billing and payment records for the last two years fill a 3" binder. They're asking for more than 7 years.

It's assumed that the records are being requested to confirm the number of connections to the system. Herron stated that only three addresses have been added since 2016, so the billing would be identical each month until each addition was made. The rate was reduced for all residents in early 2022. It's believed that the records for the period subsequent to each of these changes would meet their needs.

Herron stated that he believes that North Lewisburg is overlooking the cost to operate and maintain the collection system when comparing our rates to those of other municipalities sub-contracting their treatment. Boggs asked that Council consider putting together a proposed which includes their takeover of the collection system.

Belcher and Herron noted that there are questions about their compliance with the terms of the latest contract and operating practices that influence their costs.

The need to repair existing flowmeters at the lift station was discussed.

Boggs stated the need to redact names from the billing records to be provided.

Herron distributed copies of e-mails responsive to multiple items in their documents request. He also stated that tap-in fees were never adopted because of the extreme cost per connection and the possibility of discouraging new construction in the Village.

Council confirmed that the last fee offer to North Lewisburg still stands.

Herron stated that there are indications that they intend to continue operation of their treatment plant long term rather than connecting to someone else.

Regarding the possibility of using ARP funds for a handicap ramp at the Universalist church, Boggs stated that she had misplaced the information given to her earlier. Herron stated that he had e-mailed the info, and if unable to find he would e-mail again.

Herron stated that there are questions about a tiny homes development proposed in the Village. The developer would like to make a presentation to Council in August. Boggs stated that if any zoning board activity takes place, residents should be invited to attend. If rules don't currently exist, Council could decline or approve the project.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Garland moved and seconded by Zizzo to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

#### 5. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of June were \$13,395.28 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$11,891.16. About \$800 was paid to Pipeman Products for fittings for recent sewer system connections. There were no other non-routine expenditure. On the receipts side, at 50% of the fiscal year we're at 59.7% of plan overall and 71.6% of plan in the general fund.

Also, later in the meeting a resolution to establish a tax budget for next year will be introduced. This is a legal requirement due the County Auditor by mid-July every year. The appropriations side of it is not binding when we establish the permanent budget.

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

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

#### 6. MAYOR'S REPORT

Playground equipment has been ordered and some of it has been received. Belcher stated that, rather than remove the blacktop at the basketball court and pour concrete, new asphalt will be used. An extremely favorable price was obtained from a contractor who offered special pricing because it's a playground.

7. **PUBLIC**

None.

8. **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The barndominium builder has requested a tap-in to the sewer system. The routing of the connecting line has not been approved yet as the builder would prefer to run under the swampy area on his property. Weidner asked about connections to the proposed tiny homes on the property. Herron stated that there aren't any formal plans for that part of the development so the configuration of the tap-ins can't be determined, including the number of pumps.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

**RESOLUTION 2023-08R – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TAX BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024**

Garland moved and seconded by Zizzo to adopt the tax budget for fiscal year 2024.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

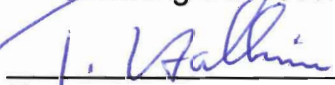
Motion Carried; Y.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

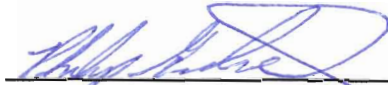
Weidner moved seconded by Garland to adjourn.

Motion Carried; Y.

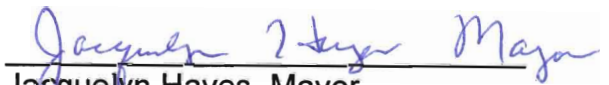
This meeting was recorded.



Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer



Phil Garland, Council President



Jacquelyn Hayes, Mayor