

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
March 11, 2024
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Phil Garland, Mayor

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

Also in attendance: Alison Boggs, Village Solicitor

Pledge of Allegiance

2. SET AGENDA

Polatsek moved and seconded by Belcher to set the agenda.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Current moved and seconded by Polatsek to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

4. MAYOR'S REPORT

Residents Paul Zizzo and Rochelle Morgan were appointed by Mayor Phil Garland to the two open seats on Council. The Mayor pointed out that both were formerly members of Council and have combined service to the Village of nearly 40 years under various Mayors. The oath of office was administered.

The Mayor asked that arrangements begin for dumpster day, to be scheduled some time in May. The only known issue from last year was the height of the units.

5. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of February were \$13,076.29 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$5,479.81. Receipts were very close to the plan. Expenditures were significantly lower than plan because Ron had no payroll during the month and a couple of utility bills were paid on March 1.

The 2023 Annual Financial Report was submitted to the Auditor of State during February as required by law. There was a notice in the Urbana paper and a copy is hanging on the bulletin board for public inspection, also required.

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

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

6. PUBLIC

Resident Bryant Bailey stated that he and nine others had worked in the ball park for about four days trying to get it fixed up and he was wondering what the Village could do to help with things like the damaged steel door and roof. He stated that the Lions Club has agreed to commit \$700. He described the vandalized metal door on the concession stand, an additional wood door on the storage building which would need to be custom built, and a roof which are all in need of replacement. At least one quote was received for replacement of the custom door. Herron requested that he share the quote information he has. Resident Sarah Buchanan stated that there's concern on the part of the group working on the ball park that they'll put a large amount of their own money into it only to find that the Village has committed to another league for its use. Improvements funded by the group would include the cost to replace and paint 16 rotted planks in the bleachers and 6 yards of special dirt for the infield. Before committing \$10,000 of their own funds, the group would like to formalize a contract with the Village regarding use of the field. She stated that the group has formed a 501c3 called the Woodstock League. They are being advised by Mike Kohler, president of the Triad Junior Baseball & Softball Association, and have already signed up teams. Kohler is the coach. Herron stated that Village is always open to people using field and has always required formal teams to maintain the infield. No repairs have been required of users. Additionally, users have always been required to work with others wanting to use the facility as it is a public park. Herron also stated that operation of food concessions requires a permit from the County Health Department.

7. VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Zizzo moved and seconded by Current to enter executive session to discuss contract negotiations and possible litigation related to the sewer service contract.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

Council entered executive session at 6:53PM.

Council returned from executive session at 7:13PM.

Polatsek moved and seconded by Zizzo to authorize the Village Solicitor to process legal filings reflecting the Village's position on the current sewer service contract impasse.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

8. **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

Herron stated that he talked with the Engineer's office about vacating the alley along N. Main and they indicated that no survey would be required. Only a description including lot information would be required. Herron recommends that all adjacent property owners be required to sign off. Herron stated that he'll continue to work on the request.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

ORDINANCE NUMBER 2024-01 – AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024.

Belcher moved and seconded by Morgan to accept Ordinance 2024-01 for annual appropriations for 2024 by major object in title only.
This is an emergency ordinance.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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


11. **ADJOURNMENT**

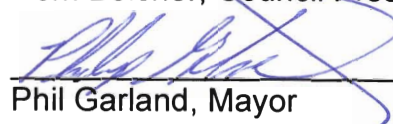
Zizzo moved seconded by Morgan to adjourn.
Motion Carried; Y.

This meeting was recorded.



Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer



Tom Belcher, Council President


Phil Garland, Mayor