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**Village of Woodstock Village Council
REGULAR MEETING
Woodstock Municipal Building
May 13, 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; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, Y.

Also in attendance: Alison Boggs, Village Solicitor

Pledge of Allegiance

2. SET AGENDA

Morgan moved and seconded by Belcher to set the agenda.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Weidner moved and seconded by Polatsek to approve the minutes of the April 8, 2024 Regular Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

4. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of April were \$14,031.28 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$11,873.36. Expenditures included \$1,087 for Solicitor fees, \$4,500 toward roof repairs on the shelter house at the ballpark, \$405 for replacement LEDs for the traffic light, and \$560 to refill the municipal building's propane tank. On the revenue side, receipts are at 42% of plan 33% through the year. On the most recent invoice received from North Lewisburg, the claimed balance due is \$104,521. This number will be reported every month going forward as it is a significant part of the Village's cash.

Zizzo moved and seconded by Belcher to accept the financial statements for April 2024 and approve April 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, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

At the fire board meeting last month it was learned that N. Lewisburg is considering signing on to a state program called StarOhio. The program allows municipalities to move money into and out of a fund which is currently paying about 5.5%. Hallinan stated that Woodstock should also join because it could earn \$300 or more in interest every month and the amount on deposit is insured giving us more flexibility as we seek an alternative to Park National Bank. Milford Center currently keeps 80% of its cash in the program. A resolution would be required to set up an account and move money, and StarOhio has been asked to provide model language for that. This program was looked at several years ago when it wasn't offering an attractive return, but now there appears to be no downside. Alison Boggs brought the program to our attention after hearing about it from the interim Fiscal Officer in Milford Center.

6. VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Belcher moved and seconded by Morgan to enter executive session to discuss sewer service contract issues and possible litigation.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

Council entered executive session at 6:43PM.

Council returned from executive session at 7:17PM.

7. MAYOR'S REPORT cont'd

Brad put together a formal response to the request from a resident to vacate the alley east of N. Main. It details the process associated with making the request and approval.

An impact letter was sent on behalf of the Village to Medicare/Medicaid authorities who are considering adverse actions aimed at NECCFD resulting from the practices of a former Fire Chief.

Some residents have complained about open burning and the resulting smoke. There is uncertainty about the governing code or rule. Further research is needed.

A complaint about residents mowing the ballpark was received. Alison Boggs cautioned about potential liability. The Mayor stated that the practice would not be allowed.

A written request was received from a resident asking to use the municipal building meeting room once a month for the purpose of "accountability to the donors." The building is normally rented to residents for \$50. It was decided to seek more information.

8. PUBLIC

None.

9. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

An e-mail containing all correspondence related to the sewer service contract was sent to all Council members.

The formal response mentioned by the Mayor regarding vacating the alley was hand delivered to the requesting resident.

Council is requested to consider a pay rate increase for Ron because he's due and the cost of living has been relatively high. More information will be gathered. Also, the rate for the part time employee needs to be considered.

The shelter house roof is complete. The concession stand can't be economically repaired and needs to be torn down.

10. OLD BUSINESS

None.

11. NEW BUSINESS

None.

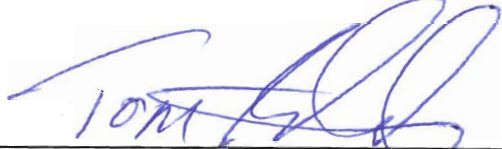
12. ADJOURNMENT

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


This meeting was recorded.



Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer



Tom Belcher, Council President



Phil Garland, Mayor