

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
November 13, 2023
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Phil Garland, Council President, in the Mayor's absence.
Roll Call: Zizzo, Y; Current, A; Weidner, Y; Belcher, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Also present: Alison Boggs, Village Solicitor.

Pledge of Allegiance

2. SET AGENDA

Zizzo moved and seconded by Belcher to set the agenda.

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

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Weidner moved and seconded by Belcher to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

4. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of October were \$13,199.44 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$9,870.43. Expenses included \$915 for the Village Solicitor, \$100 for the annual Fiscal Officer bond, and \$141 for check printing. On the revenue side, we're at 99% of budgeted receipts with two months remaining in the year.

In other news:

Hudson Insurance has issued a nonrenewal notice for our property and auto policies effective 12/16/2023, citing a "change in Underwriting Appetite." Sellman, our agent in Urbana, is looking for a replacement. The cost will almost certainly go up.

The Auditor of State has approved the IPA's findings. A \$9,600 invoice has been paid and will appear in next month's financial statements..

Park National Bank is closing its N. Lewisburg office on March 8. Banking will be done at office locations in Mechanicsburg or Plain City.

A temporary appropriations ordinance for 2024 will be introduced at December's meeting

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

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

5. VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Solicitor Boggs stated that the January meeting date and time must be formally set at the December meeting.

There may be statutory problems with the way North Lewisburg is invoicing. More legal research is needed. Regarding the service agreement, nothing has been heard from their counsel since our response to the documents requests. They appear to be ok with the records given them in response to their requests so far. The history and rationale behind various rate proposals was discussed. Options moving forward include proposing mediation, proposing a date for continuing negotiations, or waiting. Council requested that they be approached to confirm that we've satisfied all their requests and to set a date in January to continue discussions.

Herron stated that a zoning request from the property owner planning a tiny home development is expected soon. He stated that there's nothing we can do until an actual formal request is received, but we must be in a position to deal with the request when it arrives. We currently don't have adequate staffing on the Zoning Commission or Appeals Board. Zizzo's wife has agreed to attempt to recruit members. Herron stated that the owner could request a variance from the 1,100 sq.ft. minimum for dwellings, but because there are so many dwellings being considered on one property they could request a change in the zoning code, probably as a conditional use property. Plan4Land has been asked to put together some language that he would like the Zoning Commission to review.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

None.

7. PUBLIC

None.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Herron stated that he's had numerous complaints about the new basketball goal.

Ten people total are needed to fill the Zoning Commission and the Board of Zoning Appeals, six minimum. No individual can serve on both. Members must be Woodstock registered voters.

Two Council terms expire 12/31/2023 and two vacancies will be created by Garland's move to the Mayor position and Zizzo's departure. Postings for Council openings have been displayed on the municipal building for a few months.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

Weidner asked if the radar speed signs had been ordered. Herron stated that they have not because there are questions about who would do the installations.

Weidner asked about movement of certain playground equipment. Herron stated that his backhoe isn't currently available.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

This meeting was recorded.



Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer



Phil Garland, Council President



Jacquelyn Hayes, Mayor