

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
September 11, 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, Y; 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, Y; Weidner, Y; Belcher, Y; Polatsek, Y.

Motion Carried; Y.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Garland moved and seconded by Belcher to approve the minutes of the July 10, 2023 Regular Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

The August meeting was cancelled due to quorum requirements.

4. VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Regarding assistance to the current occupant of the Universalist church building, review of the final rule for coronavirus state and local recovery funds found two categories of eligibility: assistance to small businesses and assistance to non-profits. The church isn't a small business, but if they are a 501c3 or 501c19 tax exempt organization impacted by the pandemic, assistance is probably allowed. Assistance could take the form of a loan or grant to offset financial hardships caused by the pandemic. It's not recommended that a specific use of the funds be imposed. There was discussion of continuity of ownership and whether the church was active during the pandemic, but it was decided to determine if the organization qualifies as a non-profit first.

Regarding the sewer service contract, there hasn't been any communication from the attorney representing North Lewisburg since discussion of the numerous checks that weren't being deposited. Hallinan stated that he had replaced the outdated check, and that he would like to original check returned. Herron asked about their earlier threat to terminate service after

notification. No notification has been received. There's no indication that they haven't received everything they asked for, and no indication that they'd like to begin talks.

Weidner moved and seconded by Belcher that the Solicitor contact North Lewisburg's attorney in an effort to move resolution of the contract forward..

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

Motion Carried; Y.

5. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of July were \$13,275.10 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$22,215.62. Expenditures included \$10,614 for playground equipment and \$1,900 for tree trimming at the park.

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

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

Total receipts for the month of August were \$28,067.72 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$51,584.58. Expenditures included \$38,300 to Covalen for 15 new grinders with accessories and \$4,000 to Wagner Farm Drainage in support of replacing about 600' of old tile across the old Carpenter property. Herron stated that, as discussed in a previous meeting, we agreed to help with the total \$10,000 cost incurred by the owner, a non-profit, because of the positive impact it will likely have on drainage in the area of Flynn and Burnwell. On the revenue side there was \$11,671 in special assessments for delinquent sewer accounts and about \$2,000 in our second half property tax distribution

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Floor is open for discussion on motion.

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

Motion Carried; Y.

Resolution 2022-09R, to be voted on later in the meeting, is an annual acceptance of the property tax amounts and rates set by the County Budget Commission.

The state audit has been completed. Copies of the draft audit report were distributed to all Council members. There was one finding related to a missing Certificate of Resources Available in 2022. This is a significant finding. No other issues were reported.

6. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor asked about the status of the blacktop for the basketball court at the park. Weidner stated that the contractor said that his price was extremely favorable and that it would be scheduled as workload permits. Belcher stated that the poles for the goals need to be set first. Appropriate materials for the non-playing surfaces was discussed briefly. Alternative paving contractors will be evaluated.

The Mayor proclaimed September 17 through 23 to be Constitution Week in the Village of Woodstock. A bell ringing ceremony will be held Saturday, September 16, 11:00 AM, at Freedom Grove Memorial.

Todd Woodruff had an auction Saturday night to raise money for 4-H kids. \$100,000 was raised. The Mayor stated that, although it didn't involve Woodstock specifically, we should be proud as residents of Champaign County.

7. **PUBLIC**

None.

8. **VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT**

The tile replaced across the Carpenter property was a 15' double wall perforated tile which is what should have been there originally. This should be a major improvement. Weidner asked about the status of the property on 559 South that had drainage problems. Herron stated that he intends to evaluate grades on the site to determine possible solutions.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

RESOLUTION 2023-09R – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

Garland moved and seconded by Zizzo to accept the County Auditor's amount (\$5,900) and tax rate (1.2) for fiscal year 2024.

Floor is open for discussion on the motion.

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

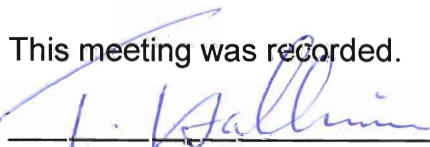
Motion Carried; Y.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Weidner moved seconded by Garland to adjourn.

Motion Carried; Y.

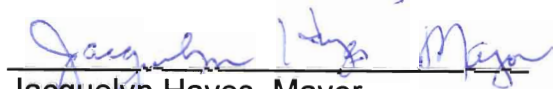
This meeting was recorded.



Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer



Phil Garland, Council President



Jacquelyn Hayes, Mayor