

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Council

Meeting

BARRETT BROTHERS - DAYTON, OHIO

Form 6101

Held February 7, 2022

**MINUTES
REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
FEBRUARY 7, 2022**

Called to Order: President Conway called the Village of West Jefferson Council Meeting to Order and asked for a Roll Call at 7:00 P.M.

Roll Call: Council Members Samantha Cahill, Mike Conway, Linda Hall, Richard King, Jeff Patterson Howard Wade, and Jennifer Warner [Also attending were Chief of Police Chris Floyd; Finance Director, Becky Arnott-Shiple; Clerk of Council, Jimmy John Hall; Water and Sewer Clerk, Taylor Patterson; Building and Zoning Code Enforcement Official, Kristie West].

Quorum Declare: 7 present, 0 absent.

Prayer: Rick Cook, Jefferson Township Firefighter.

Lord as we assemble together in the name of Christ, we ask that You help this time to be fruitful for all those involved. Let your wisdom penetrate each of our hearts so that we may walk away with a greater insight and understanding of all things that you have revealed. We are here as one body in order to come to a consensus for the betterment of our community. Please guide us through this meeting and let it be conducted according to your word. Let each of us have a seat at the table and be sensitive to the truth and eager to conquer the problems that face us today. We ask that you might bless us, that you may assist us in providing the answers that we seek and let your Spirit guide us through the process. We pray that unity may prevail within our community and that your help us to be an instrument of your peace to better overcome issues and work out solutions together for the betterment of the citizens and overcome the many obstacles and challenges that we may face. We pray this in your Son's name and in the interest of public safety. Amen.

Pledge of Allegiance: Lt. Brian Daley, Jefferson Township Firefighter.

I (we) pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Republic for which it stands, one Nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

The Agenda:

Motion to Adopt the Agenda moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Mr. King.

VOICED VOTE AFFIRMED

Motion Carries 7-0.

The Minutes:

Motion to Adopt the Minutes of the January 31, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council moved by Ms. Warner and seconded by Ms. Hall.

VOICED VOTE AFFIRMED

Motion Carries 7-0.

Motion to Excuse Mayor Martin from the Regular Meeting of council moved by Ms. Hall and seconded by Ms. Cahill.

VOICED VOTE AFFIRMED

Motion Carries 7-0.

Committee Reports: None.

Department Reports:

Report from Mayor: None.

Report from Director of Public Service:

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John Mitchell said as you all know; we have been fighting with a lot of ice as a result of the recent snow storm. The ice is present because salt is ineffective below 20F. Everybody who has been involved has done a very good job. The new front-end loader came just in time. We were able to use it to remove snow and load salt. Right now, we are cleaning and repairing equipment.

Ms. Cahill (inaudible)

Mr. Wade asked for an update concerning the light at Taylor Blair.

John Mitchell said the project is begin held up as we wait for a donation. After we received the paper work, we will hand it off to the property owner. Then we will be good to go.

Mr. Conway (inaudible)

John Mitchell (inaudible)

Mr. Conway asked if *John Mitchell* has the plans for Westwood.

John Mitchell said the plans are being sent back.

Report from Recreation and Special Events Manager:

Shelton Stanley said the Sweetheart Dances is this Friday. Donations will be made to the Humane Society. April 2 is a Special Needs Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center. April 16 is for the Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Community Center. The schedule for Lunch and Learn is nearly finished.

Report from Director of Finance:

Becky Arnot-Shiple said we are continuing to work on year end procedures, with the 2021 Financials and Footnotes sent over to the Auditor of State by February 28, 2022. We had one large revenue item for Custom Air. We also paid the Ohio Treasurer, purchased a PD Cruiser, and Jefferson Township, Madison County EMD, and Central Township Fire Fourth Quarter Fees, and Ohio Power Tool.

Report from Chief of Police:

Chief Floyd said thank you to the Streets Department for keeping the roads clear and safe. The Police Department is out twenty-four hours per day and without the snow removal, we would be stuck in the snow. We have been looking for a cruiser for this year. But we can't find one in Ohio and have purchased one from Pennsylvania. Officer Kevin Hammond is training and doing very well. Last Saturday night Madison County Sheriff's Department had a fund raiser for Sheriff's Deputy Zane Beathard. The business in West Jefferson responded and we have had the most donation for a fund raiser. Over the previous two weeks, we had 101 traffic stops and 83 resulted in citations.

Ms. Warner said Zane is the father of five children with one on the way. He has stomach and esophagus cancer. He needs our prayers.

Chief Floyd said Zane went to work last week having had chemo the day before.

Ms. Warner said Zane is a great guy.

Jimmy John Hall asked if there is a fund raising cite that we can link to our Village website?

Chief Floyd said he will get the Clerk that information.

Report from Development Director:

Tom Hale said we finished January and processed ninety-five permits county wide but ten permits here in the Village. We still have about twenty-five to be processed. We did receive full submission on project Comet, now under review. We still have some other issues we are keeping a close eye upon. Wednesday is Planning Commission with one case on the agenda.

Ms. Warner asked how the building projects are going in Plain City?

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Tom Hale said in January seventeen permits were processed. The phone rings everyday with potential new developments from Plain City to Mt. Sterling to London.

Recognition of Clerk and Council:

Jimmy John Hall said there are just three short comments. First, the meeting notice on our building door is for the Special Meeting of Council at 6:30 P.M. Second, over the years the correct name has not been used for TIF's or CRA's. The correct name for a TIF is an ordinance and a CRA is a resolution. Third, would Council consider at some point allowing for a TIF/CRA workshop?

Mr. Wade asked whether or not the Village needs to purchase a new sign.

Mr. Conway said we are reaching out to a company to do the maintenance on ours.

Mr. Wade said the price per panel is around \$600.00. How many panels does the sign have?

John Mitchell said we are getting some prices to either replacement or repair. We are trying find out what we have. Its hard to replace with old technology.

Mr. Conway said the problem with the one company is they are not local, the other one is local.

Recognition of Guests:

Old Business:

Second Reading of Ordinance 21-093, authorizing changes to the Codified Ordinances of West Jefferson Ohio, Chapter 1127, Height, Lot and Area Requirements.

President Conway invited discussion.

Tom Hale said this change to the Codified Ordinances will not totally eliminate variances but it will greatly help. If the resident has an unconnected shed, this will give them more coverage without eliminating all the green space.

Motion to Adopt Ordinance 21-093 moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Cahill.

VOTE YEA: Ms. Cahill, Mr. Conway, Ms. Hall, Mr. King, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Wade, and Ms. Warner.

VOTE NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion Carries 7-0.

New Business:

Resolution 22-017, creating Council Committees to assist various departments and commissions for the 2022 term of Council.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 22-017 moved by Ms. Hall and seconded by Mr. King.

VOTE YEA: Ms. Cahill, Mr. Conway, Ms. Hall, Mr. King, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Wade, and Ms. Warner.

VOTE NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion Carries 7-0.

First Reading of Ordinance 22-018, authorizing changes to the Codified Ordinances of West Jefferson Ohio, Chapter 505.15, concerning the keeping of farm animals.

President Conway invited discussion.

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Tom Hale said this part of the Codified Ordinances has been modified because of the issue with chickens. This limits the chickens to four hens and zero roosters.

Mr. King asked about court involvement under section three. Shouldn't that be the authority of the Village?

Tom Hale said Council wrote that portion. But we need to make every effort not to take it that far. If you all don't want that clause, then don't put it in there.

Ms. Hall asked about existing animals. What happens to them?

Tom Hale said once this ordinance becomes legal, then they would have to comply to it. For years the Village has exempted 4H projects.

Ms. Hall said what if somebody has a chicken as a pet?

Mr. Hale said Ohio State Agriculture does not consider a chicken to be a pet.

Tom Hale said asked if all violations are sent to the court?

Tom Hale said eventually they could be sent to the court. But the goal is that the situation never makes it that far. We are going to everything we can to get the chicken to the other side of the road ...

Ms. Hall asked why is there a fee?

Tom Hale said it takes a lot of effort to keep up with all the issues to regulate these animals.

Resolution 22-019, setting the Pay Rate of Officer Kyle Kauffman to the Five-Year Level.

President Conway invited discussion.

Chief Floyd said Kyle Kauffman was sworn in as sergeant on January 24, 2021. He has five years as a police officer.

Motion to Adopt Resolution 22-019 moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Cahill.

VOTE YEA: Ms. Cahill, Mr. Conway, Ms. Hall, Mr. King, Mr. Patterson, Mr. Wade, and Ms. Warner.

VOTE NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: None.

Motion Carries 7-0.

Additional Business: None.

Pay the Bills:

Motion to Pay the Bills moved by Mr. Wade and seconded by Ms. Hall.

VOICED VOTE AFFIRMED

Motion Carries 7-0.

Motion to Approve "Then and Now" Certificates over \$3,000.00: None.

Adjourn:

Motion to Adjourn at 7:43 P.M. moved by Mr. Patterson and seconded by Ms. Cahill until 7:00 P.M. February 21, 2022, Regular Meeting of Council.

VOICED VOTE AFFIRMED

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