

Village of Maineville Council Mtg.

Rescheduled Regular Session
Held at Maineville Baptist Church
Council Meeting Minutes
June 22, 2023
6:00 PM

President ProTempore Katie Hughes called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM by everyone reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

The Invocation was given by Councilmember Scott Williams.

Those Present were:

Mayor Beebe – No
President ProTempore - Hughes – Yes
Councilmember – Billups – Yes
Councilmember – Drook – Yes
Councilmember – Humphries - Yes
Councilmember – Williams – Yes
Councilmember – Tomsic – Yes

NOTE: In accordance with ORC 733.24, the Mayor shall chair all regular and special meetings of Council and shall not vote except in the case of a tie. The President Pro-Tempore of Council shall assume all the responsibilities of Mayor in his/her absence. Therefore, Katie Hughes, assuming responsibilities of Mayor, did not vote as a Council member during the meeting.

Motion to excuse Mayor Beebe was made by Councilmember Billups and seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call to excuse Mayor Beebe was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the May 18, 2023 meeting minutes was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Humphries. Roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous in favor by all who were present.

Motion to approve the June 22, 2023, agenda was made by Councilmember Tomsic, seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call vote to approve the minutes was unanimous in favor.

Guests – No guests

Street

A copy of the street report was provided by Steve Allen. A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Police

Captain Short provided the police report. There were two new officers hired. One will be on patrol starting next week. The other officer is in training. There were 433 incidents in the Village, 307 were extra patrol, and there were 29 traffic stops, the majority of which were on Zoar or Mounts Road and were mostly speed related. Mayor had the PD do a

wellness check after getting high grass complaints at a property on Mulberry. The residents had been out of town on vacation. A resident on Ravenwood had been out of the country and had two vehicles stolen from his property. Two arrests have been made. One vehicle has been retrieved.

Zoning

Cathy Walton was present and introduced herself to Council. She will be the new zoning director at Hamilton Township to support the Village of Maineville. Council welcomed her and is looking forward to working with her.

Mayor

President ProTempore, Katie Hughes, gave the Mayor's report. The previous chosen architect, TRA, has still not provided a written contract. After some lengthy discussion, the solicitor and Mayor also found out that the company was not familiar with USDA loans or local government construction, which was discussed in the bidding process. They quoted a price that was extremely high compared to average architect rates. For these reasons, we will be voting tonight to rescind the original resolution from last month. The Building Committee will be discussing the next choice from bids that were submitted and the mayor will be reaching out to the next qualified bidder in accordance with the applicable qualified bidding statute.

Committees

Event Committee – Linda stated that they were still in need of volunteers for the Freedom Parade event. Also, everyone needs to be registered to be in the parade. Linda asked if anyone had a media contact. Mary Beth mentioned Karin Johnson from Channel 5 News. Katie Hughes said that Scott Hughes has her contact info and can contact her about possible coverage. Mayor Beebe has found a Vietnam veteran to be the Grand Marshall for our parade. Mary Beth Campbell brought hand out items for Council to throw out during the parade. There will also be logo items at the tent at Testerman.

Building Committee – the committee will be discussing the new choice for architect at the next meeting. A date hasn't been finalized yet. The fees from the first rated architect came in extremely high, at 22%. This is well above the standard pricing for an architectural design company. The industry standard is 9%.

Finance Committee – the committee met on June 12, 2023 to discuss the 2024 budget. Scott Williams provided the summary. The PD will have an 8.5 % increase due to their contract. The solicitor's costs should go down as the Sycamore litigation winds down. After the solicitor's suggestion to look into pay increases for Mayor and Council, the committee agreed on amounts to budget for. The pay had not been increased in over ten years. This is only budget. The actual pay increases would not take place until a resolution is passed. Also, we are budgeting for a new mower for Steve Allen due to the age and condition of the existing one.

Planning did not meet in June. They will most likely not meet until August.

Council

Doug Drook discussed the high grass home on Mulberry. He suggested a fund for those who could not afford to get their grass mowed. This would be something that Julie Byrne would have to look into legally, as that is creating a new fund line in the budget. Doug is also looking into a Boy Scout Master that might be willing to mow for those who cannot.

Fiscal

Financials for May were provided by fiscal officer, Mary Beth Campbell.

May's beginning balance of the General fund was \$680,435.90. May's receipts were \$138,525.06. May's payments were \$47,253.11. The May ending balance for the General fund was \$678,027.94. The ending overall balance for May was \$1,946,976.61.

Even though it is not month-end for June, data was provided for the current balances. For June, so far, the general fund is currently at \$774,079.44. The current balance of all funds is a total of \$2,016,638.61

Motion to approve the May fiscal officer report was made by Councilmember Billups and seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call to accept was unanimous in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Julie had been trying to obtain a written contract from the architect, TRA Design. As of last night, she has not received one. The foreclosure home didn't sell. There was an error in the listing from the software used in the Sheriff Sale requiring full payment be due at the time of sale; there were interested people who needed financing. Therefore, we filed for a motion in Court to allow buyers to put \$5,000 down and finance the rest. The Court granted the motion, and we filed a praecipe for sale and are waiting for a response. Julie hopes the new sale will occur before the next council meeting. The Mayor and Julie met with Cathy Walton to discuss the zoning needs and wants.

Doug Drook asked about the owner on Sycamore removing things from the property. All titled vehicles are still his and he has the legal right to do so.

PUBLIC HEARING: Regarding the 2024 Tax Budget

Motion to enter into a public hearing was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call was unanimous in favor. Public hearing began at 6:46 p.m.

Mary Beth Campbell stated that there were no large items, other than what Scott Williams had already mentioned. The Mulberry/Sycamore budget is based on whether or not we get the grant approval. If the grant is not approved, we will not use those funds.

No members of the public attended the hearing; there were no public comments.

RESOLUTION 2023-17 Adopting the Tax Budget of the Village of Maineville, Ohio for the Fiscal Year Beginning January 1, 2024, and Submitting Same to the County Auditor, and Declaring an Emergency

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Drook and seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

Motion to exit from public hearing was made by Councilmember Tomsic, seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call was unanimous in favor. Council exited Public hearing at 6:50.

RESOLUTION 2023-18 Rescinding Resolution 2023-16 (Directing the Mayor to Negotiate and Enter into an Agreement with TRA Design (Tony Ravagnani Architects LLC) for the Architectural Services for the Construction and/or Renovation of Existing and/or New Village Administration Building and Declaring an Emergency) and Authorizing the Mayor to Negotiate a Contract for Architectural Services for the Construction for a New Village Administration Building in Accordance with Ohio Revised Code 153.69 and Declaring an Emergency

This allows the Mayor to go to the second choice should the first choice bid not work out.

Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Billups and seconded by Councilmember Drook. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

Public

With nothing further to be presented to Council a motion from Councilmember Billups to adjourn was seconded by Councilmember Williams and all Councilmembers voted to adjourn at 6:54 pm.

Adopted:



Mayor – Bob Beebe



Fiscal Officer/ Mary Beth Campbell