

Village of Maineville
Council Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2022
7:00 PM

Mayor Beebe called the meeting to order by everyone reciting the Pledge to the Flag.

The Invocation was given by Mayor Beebe.

Mayor Beebe swore in Julie Byrne as Village of Maineville Solicitor.

Solicitor Julie Byrne then swore in the newly-elected officials, Councilmembers Patricia Tomsic, Doug Drook, Linda Humphries, and Katie Hughes.

Mayor Beebe made the recommendation to Council to appoint Scott Williams as Pro Tempe. Although Councilmember Williams was unable to attend tonight's meeting due to a work emergency, he discussed with Mayor Beebe and said he would accept if Council so chooses to appoint him to the position. Nomination of Scott Williams was made by Councilmember Tomsic, seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call vote to appoint Scott Williams 2022 Pro Tempe was unanimous in favor.

Those Present were:

Mayor Beebe – Yes

Councilmember - Hughes – Yes

Councilmember – Billups – Yes

Councilmember – Drook – Yes

Councilmember – Humphries - Yes

Councilmember – Williams – No

Councilmember – Tomsic – Yes

Motion to excuse Councilmember Williams was made by Councilmember Billups, seconded by Councilmember Drook. Roll call vote to excuse Councilmember Williams was unanimous in favor.

Motion to amend the minutes from December 2, 2021 meeting, was made by Councilmember Billups, seconded by Councilmember Hughes. Roll call vote to amend the minutes was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the December 2, 2021 meeting minutes, as amended, was made by Councilmember Billups, seconded by Councilmember Drook. Roll call vote to approve the amended minutes as was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the January 6, 2022 agenda was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call vote to approve the amended agenda was unanimous in favor.

Guests

Mayor, Dale Marconet –

Mayor Beebe thanked Mayor Dale Marconet for his many contributions to the Village of Maineville during his time served as Mayor. For that reason, we want to honor him in some way. Mayor Beebe also noted that when he first met Mr. Marconet, he was so friendly. He said he was there to help Mayor Beebe in any way if he needed it. That meant so much to Mayor Beebe.

Mayor Marconet confirmed that he is the oldest Maineville resident that has lived in the Village of Maineville his entire life. He was actually born in the house that he currently resides. His home was originally a cobbler shop that can be dated back to the 1880's. He was a member of the Maineville Volunteer Fire Company for 25 years. He spent half of his life in service to the Village of Maineville and said he's never regretted a minute of it.

Councilmember Drook wanted to thank him for all of his hard work. Mr. Drook met him on the Planning Commission in 2001. Mr. Marconet was one of the original members that helped start the zoning department and assisted in writing the first ordinance book. They've been good friends since then. Mr. Marconet was instrumental in getting many annexations into the Village. Mr. Marconet helped build the funds back up from a state of fiscal emergency by convincing council to give up their pay until the village could afford it.

Mayor Beebe presented Mayor Marconet with a plaque in his honor and thanked him for all that he has done for the Village of Maineville and its residents. Mayor Marconet thanked Mayor Beebe and Council for honoring him.

Street

Steve Allen was out putting salt down during the meeting. No report was given.

Police

Chief Hughes provided the numbers in a report to council for 2021. There were some theft reports. They arrested someone for a DUI. The group of individuals involved in the Warren County car thefts have been apprehended.

Zoning

Lindsey Gehring is our new zoning clerk and she will be attending the next council meeting.

Mayor

Mayor Beebe stated that he was thankful 2022 is here. He is looking forward to more positive changes to the village, along with future village events.

Committees

Councilmember Drook shared that the Planning Commission will be meeting on January 27th at 7 p.m. and Lindsey Gehring will be there.

Mayor Beebe said the Finance Committee will be meeting quarterly in 2022.

Councilmember Humphries said the Event Committee is already working on the preparation for our July 4th event.

Council

Councilmember Humphries wanted to thank Councilmember Williams for his participation in the local children's backpack program.

Councilmember Billups asked about the American Rescue Plan CRF and asked if we knew more about what it can be spent on. Fiscal Officer Mary Beth Campbell and Solicitor Byrne stated that it is an ever-evolving set of guidelines, but they are published on the federal website for anyone who would like to review. The Mayor and Solicitor Byrne have also been reviewing the guidelines as guidance correspondence is received.

Councilmember Billups asked if we know more about the property purchased by the elementary school and the development plans the owner has. Mayor Beebe stated that he will be dropping blueprints by sometime in the next two weeks. They are also hoping he attends a future Planning Commission meeting as well.

Councilmember Hughes thanked everyone for their support. She is excited to be part of council.

Fiscal

Mary Beth Campbell gave the December 2021 report for finances. The numbers were as follows: beginning General Fund balance for December 2021- \$477,288.02; received in December respectively \$67,562.08; expenditures December \$45,711.28, which left the overall balance at the end of December as \$1,265,658.54. She also noted that we cashed in our three CDs and purchased one large CD with a much better interest rate.

Mrs. Campbell explained that the cost of insurance for Mr. Allen will be going up. She did check with other agencies and their costs are going up as well. She has tried to price other companies and others will not cover only one employee. They want at least two. Humana provides not only medical, but also dental and life as well.

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

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Byrne stated it was a busy month. She was also out briefly with COVID. We have reached out to the township regarding the red Dodge pick-up and they will be using it for training purposes. She also worked with the law director of the township regarding the JEDD. She filed a status report with Warren County Court, regarding the Sycamore property. The fines continue to accumulate if no effort is made to clean up the property. The issue may need an executive session in the future, but she will let council know.

Ordinance 2022-01 Approving, Adopting, and Enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2022 Edition, as the Code of Ordinances for the Municipality of Maineville, Ohio, and Declaring an Emergency

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

Resolution 2022-01 Declaring Certain Personal Property of the Village of Maineville, OH Not Needed for a Public Use and Declaring an Emergency

This resolution is to get rid of the red Dodge Ram truck.

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

Resolution 2022-02 Authorizing the Disbursement of Checks for Payroll, Payroll Related Withholdings and Expenses and Other Expenses in 2022 and Declaring an Emergency

This allows us to pay payroll and bills that are routine spending, not special purchases. If a meeting were to be cancelled, this will allow the fiscal officer to pay bills.

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

Resolution 2022-03 Authorizing the Semi-Annual Authorization of Blanket Certificates and Establishing Financial Policies for the Approval of Purchase Orders in 2022 and Declaring an Emergency

Solicitor Byrne explained that this resolution allows bills to be paid, but also increases the amount of spending authority for the mayor from \$1,000 to \$5,000.

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

Additional Mayor Comments

The Mayor suggested that meetings be moved to the second Thursday of each month, for a number of reasons. This provides more time for administrative tasks to be done. It also allows any of the committees to meeting the week prior to the council meeting if needed. Julie Byrne said the Rules of Council note the timing of Council Meetings and would need revised. Therefore, she can bring the updated Rules of Council to be voted on in February.

Public

The daughter of Councilmember Humphries thanked everyone for all that they've done. She grew up in Maineville and is happy to see the positive changes we are making.

With nothing further to be presented to Council a motion from Councilmember Drook to adjourn was seconded by Councilmember Billups and all Councilmembers voted to adjourn at 7:55 pm.

Adopted:



Mayor Bob Beebe



Fiscal Officer Mary Beth Campbell