

Village of Maineville

Council Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2021

7:00 PM

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

The Invocation was given by Pastor Abney, covering for Pastor Sage.

Those Present were:

Mayor Beebe – Yes

Councilmember - Hengle – Yes

Councilmember – Billups – Yes

Councilmember – Drook - Yes

Councilmember – Humphries - Yes

Councilmember – Williams – Yes

Councilmember – Tomsic - Yes

Motion to approve the minutes, from February 4, 2021 meeting, was made by Councilmember Drook, seconded by Councilmember Humphries. Roll call vote to approve the minutes as was unanimous in favor.

Motion to approve the minutes, from February 16, 2021 special meeting, was made by Councilmember Billups, seconded by Councilmember Williams. Roll call vote to approve the minutes as was unanimous in favor.

Motion to accept the agenda for March 4, 2021, was made by Councilmember Tomsic and seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call vote approve the amendment was unanimous in favor.

Guests

There were no guest speakers.

Street

Mayor gave the street report. Steve Allen has been clearing snow and salting roads. There were many messages and calls from residents who were very pleased with the quality of snow removal within the village. Mr. Allen also had to do repairs on the snow plow. Mr. Allen has been doing more drywall work in the Mayor's office. He replaced the lights on the front sign. He moved furniture in the building and put flags up throughout the village. We are planning on replacing all of the older flags in the village. There was another water back-up on Melrose. Mr. Allen spent all day Sunday pumping water. We are very close to getting the problem solved. We're trying to solve the issue instead of paying a vacuum truck several thousand to clear.

Police

Hamilton Township PD logged 71 calls for service. Of those, 15 were traffic stops and 18 were fire/ems runs. This averages one call per day. They logged 271 extra patrols within the Village of Maineville. There was one arrest. It came in as an intoxicated driver. The subject also had some narcotic instruments as well.

At the chief's meeting, Major Arrasmith noted appreciation to the Village of Maineville for their donation of \$1500. The Drug Task Force relies largely on contributions. In the past, the suggested donation/contribution was suggested \$1.00 per resident. However, Chief Mason requested a little more than that and Council agreed. Major Arrasmith said to thank the Village for their continued donations. Hamilton Township PD does have an officer on the Drug Task Force. That allows the village the benefit of getting some closer attention. Chief Hughes highlighted, from the DTF reports, that meth and fentanyl were high, but heroin was lower. That is due to heroin being seized more frequently at the border. Warren County's DTF rating, as compared to other drug task forces across Ohio, is 6th highest in seizures with meth, 4th in fentanyl, 4th in cocaine, and number one in LSDs. This shouldn't be viewed as an overabundance of drugs within the county. This indicates the amount of drugs that have been seized by Warren County DTF and how many arrests have been made. Our DTF has an excellent relationship with our state and federal partners as well.

Chief Hughes discussed the WC Sheriff's report that we received from Sheriff Sims. Due to COVID-19, the calls for service declined. The jail is slated to open up in October 2021. The entire complex is now under roof.

Mayor

Mayor stated that we are looking forward to future economic development in the village. We are actively getting quotes for the new digital sign to go in front of our administrative building. The one that we have now is antiquated and falling apart. We are also getting quotes on new lamp posts from Duke Energy. These would be much like the ones in downtown Lebanon and Loveland.

Committees

The Planning / Zoning committee did meet. They discussed the future changes in zoning. This coming Thursday, there will be a public hearing regarding on a zoning issue in a subdivision. This will allow residents to see plans prior to development.

Council

Councilmember Humphries stated that there is still a flooding issue across from her home in the 8200 block of State Route 48. Mayor stated that, from what they have observed, this is not something the village would be responsible for.

Fiscal

Mary Beth Campbell gave the February 2021 report for finances. As follows: beginning General Fund balance for February 2021 \$365,496.12; received in February respectively \$71,100.05; expenditures February \$63,264.20, of which \$1500 went to a donation to WC DTF and \$275 went towards the municipal league membership. Over all fund balances to date \$956,316.14.

Mrs. Campbell stated that the WCML contacted the Ohio Municipal League regarding the quarterly magazines we were getting. The OML contact stated that they no longer send out individual copies to every public official/council member. They send two copies to the administrative offices.

Mrs. Campbell was notified by Neil Tunison's office about our county vehicle tax fund. This fund may be used by the village, but only for specific purposes. In order to use said funds, there was an application process, which Mrs. Campbell did follow. She replied to the email with a completed application the day that she was contacted. She was approved that afternoon. She informed them of the upcoming resurfacing project on Mounts Road. A purchase order was

created for \$15,000 which will allow us to be reimbursed for our costs after payment at completion of the project.

Solicitor Byrne stated that council should be voting to accept the fiscal officer report each meeting.

Motion to approve the fiscal officer's report was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Hengle. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

SOLICITOR'S REPORT

Solicitor Byrne stated that, due to the number of things on tonight's agenda, the resolution for the Mayor's Court Fund will be presented at the April meeting.

There were a number of things that Solicitor Byrne worked on this past month. It was her busiest month to date for the village. There was the preparation for the special meeting on February 16th, along with the large amount of resolutions for this meeting. She also looked into various tax amnesty programs as possibilities for the village. There was work regarding recent personnel changes as well.

Mayor added that there are many, behind the scenes things that go on with regards to legal preparation work done by our solicitor and Julie Byrne has done outstanding work.

Resolution 2021-10 – to Re-hire David Haney as Part-Time Employee for the Maineville Street Department and Declaring an Emergency

Mayor stated that David Haney would be helping Steve Allen with snow removal, as needed, on an emergency basis. Solicitor Byrne reviewed with council that, although David Haney already worked in the past month, as a previous employee of the village, his position was never abolished and he was never fired. It had simply been many years since he had performed work for the village, so she thought it prudent that council re-acknowledge that he is performing work again for the village.

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

Resolution 2021-11 – Increasing Residential Trash and Recycling Rates Effective March 4, 2021 and Declaring an Emergency

Mary Beth Campbell was contacted by Rumpke regarding their contract with the village. We will be changing from a 2-year contract to a 3-year renewal of contract. The trash and recycling rates did increase, so we need to increase the rates to residents.

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

Resolution 2021-12 – Declaring Certain Personal Property of the Village of Maineville, OH Not Needed for a Public Use and Declaring an Emergency

There are some older pieces of furniture that need disposed of at the administrative offices. In order to do so, we need approval from council via a resolution. Also, the township gave the village two newer desks.

Any amendments to this agreement would have to come back to council for a vote via a new resolution. Also, the township uses the county for all engineering needs.

Solicitor Byrne noted that there was an error to the date listed and a new corrected version was provided with the appropriate date for signature upon approval.

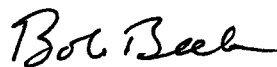
Councilmember Humphries asked about the plans for our agricultural areas. Mr. Centers and Mr. Kraemer noted that they would not be looking to change those areas to subdivisions, as agriculture is a beneficial thing. They are looking into historical district tax credits as well. They would like downtown to become more inviting, with a historical feel.

Discussion was had in regards to a connecting sidewalk from the village to Regency subdivision. This would open up even more foot / bicycle traffic to and from the village.

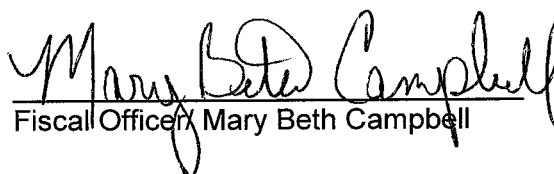
Motion to approve was made by Councilmember Williams and seconded by Councilmember Billups. Roll call to approve was unanimous in favor.

With nothing further to be presented to Council a motion from Councilmember Billups to adjourn was seconded by Councilmember Tomsic and all Councilmembers voted to adjourn at 8:21 pm.

Adopted:



Mayor Bob Beebe



Fiscal Officer, Mary Beth Campbell