

March 18, 2025

At 6:00 pm. the meeting of the council was called to order by Mayor Plyler: followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following members answered roll call: Tom Richter, Mia Lane, Garrett Kurtz, Nicole Hilton and Wayne Troyer.

Motion to accept minutes of the previous meeting by Tom Richter, 2nd by Garrett Kurtz; roll call vote five (5) ayes.

Motion to pay bills totaling \$46,341.28 by Tom Richter, 2nd by Wayne Troyer: roll call vote five (5) ayes.

Motion to accept financial report by Nicole Hilton and 2nd by Tom Richter; roll call vote five (5) ayes.

VISITORS:

Mike Jones, Asst. Chief Dalton, Ruth Plyler, Alyssa Miller

Mike Jones-

The mayor explained how there was a disagreement between what the county was supposed to receive in land. When land was transferred over for water/sewer as the independent district, what they receive? The mayor mentioned that he was not entirely understanding of what was being transferred and what was not being transferred. Mike Jones said that this all concerns the land of the East side surrounding the water plant. At the time when this all started for the land, the 9.742 acres and the two wells. Mike said that during the course of this, was when Mayor Ely was in office, they discussed if it would be okay for split out a small portion of this for the storage building, and Mike said, of course, as long as it's within 300ft of the well. So when this all transpired about a month or so ago, they began filing real estate tax extensions for these, and looking at the Holmes County map, there was a pretty big adjustment to what was intended to be transferred and was not transferred. Mike Jones provided a map that was outlined in pink, which was in the agreement, and the discussions were and what should've been transferred. They said that they need to have ownership of these properties as discussed. Mike Jones was here today to ask the Village to proceed forward in getting the land that they were promised to receive.

Attorney Frautschy said that the Village would have to have an easement for the Helipad. Mike Jones said that EPA recommends they control anything within 300 ft. Mike Jones also wants the Village to change the dumping spot back out to the wastewater plant again because he says it's an eyesore at the garage.

Motion to get new survey under new drawing and seek easement for helipad by Tom Richter, 2nd by Garrett Kurtz: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

FIRE:

Mayor-

The mayor said that he had an employee disciplinary issue and had informed most of the council about what was going on. Steph Ely has been restricted from driving ambulances due to health issues. Steph has been causing a lot of issues towards the mayor for several months and had threatened him with a lawsuit at least 3 times. The mayor stated that he was tired of it. Garrett Kurtz and the mayor had a meeting with Steph Ely regarding her concerns a while back. Steph told Garrett Kurtz and the mayor that she was only staying on the department partially to irritate Chief Stein into quitting. The mayor said that he doesn't appreciate that attitude towards coming to work. The mayor also said that he doesn't think you should be threatening your employer just to cause problems in the department. The Village's insurance company has been consulted. Basically, Steph claims that she was being restricted because of Gary, and that is not true. The fire department approached the mayor with issues regarding this whole thing, with rumors, talk, etc., and a request that she be dismissed from the department. She is an at-will employee, she's not a classified civil service employee or union.

Motion to terminate Steph Ely for insubordination from Baltic Fire and Rescue by Tom Richter, 2nd by Garrett Kurtz: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

Gary Stein-

Alyssa Miller said that the pager, radio, coat, PO key, Debit card, letter for taking off bank accounts, meeting notes binder, and email access need to be turned in.

Chief Gary would like to have a Safety & Finance meeting in May to go over fire truck money and other stuff. Alyssa wanted to go over the new levy and see if we will have enough money or need to up the levy because they were short of \$70,000. Gary said that they had a massive clean-up day at the station. Alyssa said that there were about 17 people who showed up to help, and they brought some kids to help as well. Gary stated that they have had 4 calls in the past couple of days. They have been busy.

They have been working on emergency network training on Thursday and the first 2 Mondays in April.

Gary said that they didn't receive the grant and will need to purchase 4 sets of turnout gear this year for some guys.

After discussing with the department and getting clarification, it was decided that they are going to start applying for 501 C3. Attorney Doug said that they need to be a non-profit organization. He said that he doesn't file for that, they would have to have another Attorney do that.

COMMUNITY INTEREST/PARKS/MAINTENANCE:

Wayne Troyer-

Blue on the pavilion needs to be painted, and the blue at the ballfield needs to be painted.

Motion to approve \$150 for paint by Mia Lane, 2nd by Tom Richter: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

Plans for the new bathroom at the park are drawn up and are just now waiting on electrical and lighting, and stuff like that. Quotes for that will be provided at the next meeting.

Quotes for the new stage railing. There is an inch amount from the railing, and we are about 4" from meeting that requirement. Wayne mentioned raising the height of that with some dirt. The west end of the pavilion has a quote of \$1550 and \$1800 to replace the steel on the building.

Motion to approve the \$1550 quote from M Miller Construction by Mia Lane, 2nd by Tom Richter: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

The park committee needs to look at the electrical panels between the two fields. They are pulling away from the poles and are unsafe.

Keith is going to get vinegar and 4 lbs. of salt to make spray for the park as weed killer, estimated at \$100.

Garrett and Wayne are going to meet up about the dug-out roofs and a date to replace.

Playground mulch for work day at \$18/yd. We can haul 4 yards per load.

Motion to get 4 loads of mulch for the playground at \$288 Kauffman's by Tom Richter; 2nd by Mia Lane: rollcall vote by five (5) ayes.

Electrical poles and the new lights at the park are finished. Ballfield drag is finished and works great.

Barb Troyer has been cleaning the park pavilion for years now. She was getting \$10 a day, and we are going to raise her wage a day for park pavilion cleaning to \$50, and we will reimburse her for her supplies whenever she turns in a cleaning supplies receipt.

Motion to change Barb Troyer to \$50 by Mia Lane, 2nd by Garrett Kurtz: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

STREET/EQUIPMENT:

Thomas Richter-

Gessner estimates for repairs, and they can come in April. Most of the work is small repairs and crack filling. They are going to wait on doing the Gerber's part of the road until they are moved.

Motion to accept Gessner Sealrite to do crack and sealing in April by Wayne Troyer, 2nd by Tom Richter: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

There are estimates here for Yoder Excavating to replace catch basin at Lutheran Church and at S. Butler/Freese Dr. and for the reshaping ball diamond.

Motion to accept Yoder Excavating estimates for \$3,699.32 for replacing the catch basins and reshaping of the ball diamond by Nicole Hilton, 2nd by Garrett Kurtz: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

We need to order 3 loads of salt. We have to have a minimum of 75 tons for an order.

Motion to accept approximately \$6,500 for salt order from the state by Tom Richter, 2nd by Nicole Hilton: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

There is an estimate for Hustler tires. The mowers are ready to go, They are oiled up and greased and have new blades. Just need some new tires.

Motion to accept estimate for purchasing tires at Millersburg Tire in the amount up to \$300 by Tom Richter, 2nd by Garrett Kurtz: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

We need to get street paint. Keith will need 1 gal of blue handicap, 3 cases of white spray, 3 cases of yellow spray, and 2 cases of blue spray.

Motion to accept approximately \$450 for painting by Tom Richter, 2nd by Wayne Troyer: rollcall vote by five (5) ayes.

Keith and Richard will finish taking down Christmas decorations and put flags up in the second week of April.

The pipe on Prospect is completed.

Storm drains at the bakery are finished, and water seems to be controlled.

The tree at N Butler and Park Dr needs to come down.

FINANCE:

Tom Richter (interim)-

.nothing at this time

LANDS, BUILDINGS, DEVELOPMENT/ CEMETERY:

Garrett Kurtz –

Nothing at this time.

TREE COMMISSION:

Mia Lane-

Nothing at this time

SAFETY & WELFARE:

Nothing at this time.

REGIONAL PLANNING:

Nothing at this time

COMPLIANCE OFFICER:

Mia Lane-

Motion to accept PNC by Mia Lane 2nd by Tom Richter: roll call vote by five (5) ayes.

FISCAL OFFICER:

Dena Jones Burrier-

Dumpster delivery for Spring Cleanup, May 22, and pick up will be May 27th.

Mayor:

Doug Plyler-

The mayor will be attending the mayor's meeting in Columbus at the Statehouse for a visit to meet the State Senator and Representatives, as well as other officials and NGO's.

Motion to Adjourn by Tom Richter, 2nd by Mia Lane

Mayor

Fiscal Officer