

## Regular Session of Village Council

April 15, 2025; 6:00 pm

### **Call to Order**

The Regular Session of Council was called to order by Mayor Mitchell Fisher. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **Roll Call**

Roll Call was completed by Solicitor, John Kaspar. The following members were present.

York Bryant

Jim Frederick

Mike McKeehan

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh

George Schraffenberger

Ben Steiner

### **Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting. Motion to approve March 1, 2025 Special Session made by Frederick; second by Schraffenberger. All yea. Motion to approve March 18<sup>th</sup> Regular Session made by Steiner; second by Isaacs-Niemesh. All yea.

### **Reports / Legislation from Village Officials**

Monthly Village Fiscal Revenue Status by Fund Summary, Bank Reconciliation and Disbursements, Mayor's Court Report and Bank Reconciliation were provided for Council.

### **Village Officials**

The Mayor officially introduced the Designated Outdoor Refreshment Area, (DORA) and stated that if council gives the thumbs up, then there will be a 30-day community review. Solicitor Kaspar stated that notice will go out and the 30-day period will begin. During that 30-day period, there will be a public forum to get community input. Administrator Whitacre explained the areas the map covers. Councilmember Bryant commented that things are moving too fast and he had spoken to several people on Main Street that do not want the DORA. Councilmember Isaacs-Niemesh stated that she does not want Phegley Park included in the DORA and she does not like that it crosses Pike Street to the MAC. Kaspar stated that this is the starting period and changes can be made. Discussion followed. Isaacs-Niemesh asked for a survey to be done to find out public opinion. She also asked for the park to be removed from the map. The Mayor said that he will place a survey online. Resolution #16-25 voting to place DORA for public comment. Motion to suspend the rules made by Frederick; second made by Schraffenberger. Motion to adopt made by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea.

The Mayor had a few updates for council:

1. The second bids for the Booster Station were in and LMK Enterprises (Krause Electric) won the bid. Resolution #17-25 allowing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Krause Electric motion to suspend the rules was made by Frederick; second by Schraffenberger. Motion to adopt made by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea.
2. Paving projects for this year. Upper Kibbey, Lincoln and Front Streets have been bid out. The Village received 3 quotes, all in the packet. The lowest and best bid came in from Pinnacle Paving. The Mayor went over all of the quotes with council. Resolution #18-25 allowing the Mayor to enter into an agreement with Pinnacle Paving. Motion to suspend the rules made by Steiner; second by Schraffenberger. Motion to adopt made by Schraffenberger; second by Frederick. All yea.
3. The last police cruiser is ready to be placed on eBay and sold. Resolution #14-25 authorizing sale of police cruiser pursuant to R.C. 721.15. Motion to suspend the rules made by Schraffenberger; second by Steiner. Motion to adopt made by Schraffenberger; second by Steiner. All yea.
4. Mayor requested that the May council meeting be moved to Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduling conflict. All gave thumbs up.
5. Mayor apologized for Front Street being closed but informed everyone that it is out of our control. The utility work that is being done is a sewer project and has to be done.

Administrator Whitacre updated council on the lights for the Railroad Bridge. We are still waiting for ODNR approval, they want to know how the lights will be attached and see a

rendering of the lights on the bridge. The lights that have been chosen are similar to flood lights and will likely be placed on the top of the bridge and should cost less than individual LED string lights.

Chief Kilburn thanked Bob Blankenship for donating the new large flags for the bridge. Chief also informed the Mayor and council that the Welch Road retaining wall is falling down and something needs to be done with it. Chief also stated that the DORA is good for the Village and decent for the Village to do for its people and businesses. He assured everyone that the Police Department will do their job and keep the Village protected and patrolled.

Solicitor Kaspar read Resolution #15-25 approving adjustments in appropriations for the purpose of paving Lincoln, Upper Kibbey and Front Streets. Motion to suspend the rules made by Isaacs-Niemesh; second by Frederick. All yea. Motion to adopt made by Steiner; second by Schraffenberger. All yea.

### **Open to the Floor**

The Mayor opened the floor for comments.

Jeff Simmons, a resident of River Views at Todds Fork, brought a spreadsheet showing that there have been 26 power outages in the last several months. Chief Kilburn said the Sheriff is putting together a board to meet with Duke in order to discuss what needs to be done. A separate question about the roads in River Views was asked. The Mayor stated this is in the works too and should be the Villages soon.

Scott Tilford with Depot Brewing stated that he thinks the DORA would be good for the Village by bringing in people and businesses and the park should be included in it.

The Mayor closed the floor.

### **Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn by Frederick; second by Steiner. All yea.

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Tina Powell, Clerk of Council  
& Fiscal Officer

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Mitchell Fisher, Mayor