

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

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## ASHVILLE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Held: MARCH 21, 2022

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The Council of Ashville convened in Regular Session from 6:34 PM to 7:45 PM in the Council Meeting Room at 200 East Station Street, Ashville, Ohio 43103. President Pro-Temp, Nelson Embrey, called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The following members and visitors were present:

Mr. STEVE WELSH	Present	Mr. NELSON EMBREY	Present
Mr. ROGER CLARK	Present	Mr. DAVID RAINEY	Present
Mr. RANDY LOVELESS	Present	Mr. MATT SCHOLL	Excused

**EMPLOYEE(S):** Franklin Christman, Chief George, Adam Kehoe and Mayor Wise

**GUEST(S):** Kristine & Gary Wood, Bob Crosby, Steven Collins, Jeremy Newman, Jodi Welsh, Melissa Loveless, Nancy Vallette, Karen Rathburn, Michelle Porter, Robert Demick, Cheryl Georgas, David Renick and Denvil Curry

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Randy Loveless, moved, seconded by David Rainey, to approve the March 7, 2022 Regular Session minutes as presented. All votes were yea with the exception of Roger Clark who abstained.

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** Franklin Christman reported that he is aware that people have questions and concerns about the development in the Village. Christman said that our website contains information about all developments and projects and is updated as information comes in or changes. Christman brought up the website and demonstrated where that information can be found.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** Chief George read the monthly report of arrests and logged calls. George also reported that he and Detective Bour went to a senior breakfast at Village Chapel and attended a job fair at Hocking College, had a good response, and would like to start attending more job fairs.

**TAX ADMINISTRATOR:** David Rainey moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to approve the Tax Administrator's monthly report. All votes were yea.

### LEGISLATION

#### ORDINANCE(S) FOR THIRD READING

**2022-04 AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR'S EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE, STATE OF OHIO, BASED UPON THE AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF RESOURCES ISSUED BY THE PICKAWAY COUNTY BUDGET COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2022, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.**

David Rainey moved, seconded by Steve Welsh, to have the Third Reading. All votes were yea. After the reading, Steve Welsh moved, seconded by Randy Loveless to accept the Third Reading and adopt as an emergency measure. All votes were yea.

#### ORDINANCE(S) FOR FIRST READING

**2022-05 AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING AN IMPOUND LOT FOR THE VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE POLICE DEPARTMENT SETTING PROCEDURES, FEES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** David Rainey moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to have the First Reading. All votes were yea. After the reading, David Rainey moved, seconded by Steve Welsh, to accept the First Reading, suspend the Rules of Council, waive the Second and Third Readings, and adopt as an emergency measure. All votes were yea.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Nelson Embrey presented a request to allow the Viking Festival to obtain a liquor permit and have a beer garden at the festival. Steve Welsh moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to approve the request. All votes were yea with the exception of David Rainey who abstained.

### FISCAL OFFICER:

- Roger Clark moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to approve payment to CSX Railroad in the amount of \$8300 for plan review fees. All votes were yea.

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**COUNCIL COMMENTS:**

- Steve Welsh and Randy Loveless addressed Steven Collins from The Circleville Herald and Jeremy Newman from the Scioto Post about publishing the resolution written by the Village of South Bloomfield that condemned Ashville for allowing the construction of warehouses in the corporation limits of Ashville. Welsh and Loveless said the resolution wasn't based on facts and that it was an attack on the Council members. The Councilmen said that the reporters should have reached out to the Village for comment before publishing the article.
- Nelson Embrey explained that South Bloomfield is part of the CEDA which was meant to bring neighboring communities together but South Bloomfield hasn't been willing to participate. Embrey said one of the concerns of the growth in Ashville is overcrowding schools. Embrey said the schools have been included in all meetings and that they are prepared for the growth.
- David Rainey said it's been said that the Village doesn't listen to its residents. Rainey said that isn't true, noting that our meetings are public and we listen to every person who chooses to address Council.
- Roger Clark said that he would like the media to be fair and get both sides of the story before publishing an article.
- Steve Welsh said that a new water plant is going to be built and that the new development will help offset the cost. Welsh noted that without development, that cost will get passed on to the residents.

**MAYOR'S REPORT:** Mayor Wise said he came across a sewer study from 1979 which suggested a joint sewer district with South Bloomfield but the deal never went through. Wise then read the 2021 State of the Village.

**VISITOR COMMENTS:**

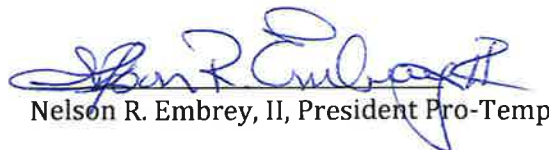
- Kristine Wood said she isn't in favor of DHL and has done research that shows the negative effects of warehouses on communities like Ashville. Wood asked that the Village consider the negative impact this could have.
- Gary Wood said he is trying to sell his house but the Village changed the zoning for his property from residential to non-conforming which is hindering the selling process. The Village Administrator said he would look into the matter.
- Jodi Welsh complained that the storm drain at the northwest corner of Long and Station Streets has had a foul odor coming from it since it was installed as part of the SR 316 project. She asked that the Village be responsible for mowing that area. Welsh also requested traffic cams be installed at that corner because drivers are not stopping at the stop signs.

At 7:45 PM, David Rainey moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to adjourn the meeting. All votes were yea and the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: April 4, 2022



ATTEST: April Grube, Clerk



Nelson R. Embrey, II, President Pro-Temp

All formal actions of the COUNCIL of the VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions, ordinances, and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.