

VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
AUGUST 9, 2021

Mayor Wise called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM. Answering roll call were Roger Clark, Randy Loveless, Nelson Embrey, Tracie Sorvillo and Darryl Ward. David Rainey was excused. Also present was Franklin Christman and Greg Sturgill.

**GUESTS:** Matthew Scholl, Matthew Pyles, Steve Welsh, Chris Tebbe, David Crabbe, Tiffany Jackson and Sherry Haughn.

**MINUTES:** Randy Loveless moved, seconded by Roger Clark, to approve the July 19, 2021 minutes as presented. All votes were yea.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Franklin Christman reported that the new smart meter system is proving beneficial as it allows the Village to monitor residents' usage and notify them if usage seems irregular. Christman also said that ODOT confirmed that the SR 316 project will be completed this year. Christman closed with a slideshow presentation of areas in the Village that residents have complained about.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Wise reported that the food pantry is coming along and that ODOT is in the process of hiring another contractor to finish the SR 316 paving project.

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT:** Greg Sturgill said he has surplus items and inoperable vehicles that he would like to auction off. Nelson Embrey moved, seconded by Tracie Sorvillo, to put on the agenda for discussion at the next Council meeting. All votes were yea. Sturgill closed by requesting Cromley Street be made one-way to prevent people from parking on the east side of the street.

**GUEST(S):**

- Chris Tebbe was present to answer questions regarding the SR 316 project. Tiffany Jackson addressed Tebbe about the width of her parking lot entrance being reduced. Tebbe said when they inspected the entrance prior to the project beginning, they determined that over time the curb at the entrance had been driven over so many times it had been worn down causing the entrance to appear wider than it should be. Jackson insisted the width of the entrance is not part of the sidewalk and curb. Tebbe disagreed. After several minutes of discussion, Nelson Embrey moved, seconded by Tracie Sorvillo, to discuss at a later date. All votes were yea. Mayor Wise asked Mr. Tebbe if any of the contingency funds for the 316 project had been used. Tebbe said he wasn't sure because ODOT hasn't reviewed the finances yet. Tebbe said if the funds were used, it's possible the Village could get a refund.
- Mary Ann Hunley reported that she received a utility bill for zero usage which wasn't possible because she had used water. The Village Administrator explained that the Village has a minimum charged which is the equivalent of 1,000 gallons. The VA continued to explain that the Village rounds readings to the nearest thousand gallons of usage. If she used less than 500 gallons her reading would be rounded down, if she used 500 gallons or more, it would be rounded up, so it is possible to receive a bill that shows zero usage. Hunley wasn't satisfied with the VA's response.

- Matthew Scholl said he received a bill for higher than normal usage, he called the office and was told by the Utility Clerk that some readings for the billing month were not accurate. Scholl asked why he wasn't contacted about the problem and felt if he hadn't contacted the office, he would have paid for usage that he hadn't used.
- David Crabbe asked if the pot holes on Kraft Drive had been looked at and what the Village is going to do about the flooding. Chris Tebbe said the Village is working with Teays Valley on a storm drainage system that will resolve the flooding issues in the Kraft Drive area.
- Matthew Pyles asked if the Village had come to a decision on vacating the alley next to his house. Chris Tebbe said the sewer and storm lines in the alley are going to be replaced in four to five years as part of the ongoing I&I project. Tebbe recommended closing the alley but vacate after the I&I project is finished. Steve Welsh said his sanitary goes into the storm and it needs fixed. Tebbe said it's a \$6M project and the Village is working with the EPA.

At 8:27 PM Nelson Embrey moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to go into Executive Session to discuss zoning and legal matters. All votes were yea. Executive Session closed at 9:08 PM with the following action:

- Nelson Embrey moved, seconded by Roger Clark, to send a certified letter to the owner of the business in violation of the zoning code. All votes were yea.
- Nelson Embrey moved, seconded by Tracie Sorvillo, to discuss the HOA issues with Village legal counsel. All votes were yea.

Nelson Embrey moved, seconded by Darryl Ward, to adjourn. All votes were yea and the meeting adjourned at 9:09 PM.

ACCEPTED AND ATTESTED



Charles K. Wise – Mayor



April Grube – Council Clerk