

VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022

Nelson Embrey called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM. Answering roll call were Roger Clark, Randy Loveless, David Rainey and Matt Scholl. Mayor Wise and Steve Welsh were excused. Also present were Franklin Christman, Greg Sturgill, Adam Kehoe, Melissa Loveless and Jamie Mills.

**MINUTES:** Roger Clark moved, seconded by Matt Scholl, to approve the January 10, 2022 minutes as presented. All votes were yea with the exception of Randy Loveless and David Rainey who abstained.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:** Franklin Christman reported that a Public Hearing for a preliminary plat review of the Bates Farm and Distillery properties will be held February 22 at 6:30. Christman also noted that Chris Mullens of the county engineering department informed him that the county has no more grant money so Christman said he will prepare legislation to apply for a \$500K, 0% loan with the OPWC for the South Metershed project. Roger Clark moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to have the VA prepare legislation for OPWC funding and have the First Reading at the February 28 Council meeting. Christman closed by presenting the 2022 Permanent Appropriations and said he will have legislation ready for the First Reading at the Council meeting.

#### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**SERVICE DEPARTMENT:** Greg Sturgill presented a quote for a new skid steer that he would like to purchase for the Service Department. Sturgill explained that his crew could have used a skid steer for plowing snow during the previous snow storm but the skid steer at the wastewater plant had a flat. Sturgill went on to say that there are times he needs the skid steer but it's unavailable so he would like to have one for the Service Department. Nelson Embrey requested that the VA prepare legislation for the next Council meeting for the purchase of a skid steer.

**WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT:** Adam Kehoe reported that he had received a preliminary plan from Strand & Associates for the repairs at the wastewater plant and that he and the VA will be meeting with Strand & Associates to discuss the plan.

**POLICE DEPARTMENT:** The VA presented a quote for two new cruisers for the Police Department. Nelson Embrey requested legislation be prepared for the next Council meeting for the purchase of the cruisers.

#### **COUNCIL COMMENTS:**


- Nelson Embrey reported that he and Franklin Christman attended a meeting with officials for the Village of South Bloomfield regarding the DHL development. Embrey stated that the officials were upset that Ashville didn't consult with them before agreeing to the DHL development and expressed their opposition to the development. Embrey then noted that those same officials later met with DHL and proposed that they move their development to the vacant land in South Bloomfield on US Rte 23 known as the Berger Property. Embrey also asked the VA how we are going to handle green space with the developments. The VA said he plans to use impact fees to create a park.
- Randy Loveless and Nelson Embrey requested the VA put together a press piece that shows a timeline of the upcoming developments. Loveless explained that some residents are uneasy about the

developments because they are under the impression that everything is going to happen overnight. Loveless said that a timeline showing that this is going to happen over several years may ease some of the public's uneasiness. Loveless asked if the Village can rezone the property behind the apothecary to PUD. The VA said it's possible but could open the Village up to legal issues so it's best to leave it alone.

- Roger Clark asked if there were any updates on Kelli Jo's. The VA said there haven't been any recent complaints. Clark also asked if the wording in the ordinance for parking on the street during snow can be changed to include a specific amount of snow accumulation.
- Matt Scholl reported that he is working on rescheduling a Safety Committee meeting.

Randy Loveless moved, seconded by David Rainey, to adjourn. All votes were yea and the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

ACCEPTED AND ATTESTED

  
Nelson R. Embrey, II – President Pro Temp

  
April Grube – Council Clerk