

VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE
JANUARY 23, 2023

Nelson Embrey called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Answering roll call were Steve Welsh, Roger Clark, Randy Loveless and Matt Scholl. Mayor Wise and David Rainey were excused. Also present were Franklin Christman, Jim Welsh, Adam Kehoe and Samantha Pemberton.

MINUTES: Randy Loveless moved, seconded by Roger Clark, to approve the December 12, 2022 minutes as presented. All votes were yay.

PRESENTATIONS: Gary Walters of Rinehart Walters & Danner Insurance Company reviewed the Village's 2023 property and liability coverage. Walters reported that there was about a 7% increase from last year. Council members asked if our current cyber-security coverage was sufficient. Walters felt we were fine but suggested having multi-factored logins. Council also noted a couple of property items that were listed on the policy that shouldn't be. Council asked the VA to review the policy for any other changes and submit to insurance company for a revised quote.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT: Franklin Christman reported that he had been contacted by Ryan Scribner about a JEDD expansion, that he would like to have the speed limit changed to 35 MPH on both sides of SR 752 at the DHL site, and that he has been informed that the Hardbarger's are working toward annexation.

Steve Welsh moved, seconded by Matt Scholl, to have the JEDD Expansion proposal placed on the January 30, 2023 Council agenda. All votes were yay.

Roger Clark moved, seconded by Steve Welsh, to have a resolution prepared to provide public services to the Hardbargers upon their annexation for the January 30, 2023 Council meeting. All votes were yay.

Steve Welsh moved, seconded by Matt Scholl, to have a resolution prepared for the SR 752 speed limit changes for the January 30, 2023 Council meeting. All votes were yay.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

PLANNING & ZONING: Samantha Pemberton gave a progress report which included changes that have been made in the department and those that are coming. Pemberton said she will be working with Crystal Fletcher of Jackie Ray's to organize a business association.

WASTEWATER: Adam Kehoe reported that plant repairs are in progress and going well.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

- Nelson Embrey asked for the status of the Toole & Associates contract. The VA said he didn't know if Toole & Associates had returned it to the solicitor yet. Embrey asked if the water meter issue at Kelli Jo's had been resolved. Jim Welsh said he and Adam Kehoe had talked to Jeremy Bell over several months about having problems getting meter readings from the outside of the building and would need to check the actual meter to diagnose problem. Welsh said he learned that the actual meter had been enclosed behind a wall at some point during the construction of the restaurant. Welsh said he

informed Mr. Bell that he would have to tear down the wall to give village staff access to the meter. Welsh stated that he provided the information to the utility clerk who was also supposed to notify the owner about providing access to the meter. Welsh said that the week prior to the night's meeting access was given to change out the meter and the new meter was installed a few inches over from where it was and appeared to reading fine. Embrey closed by encouraging Council to start thinking about downtown parking as the Village grows because right now parking is very limited.

- Steve Welsh asked if ODOT could do another traffic study at the stop sign at Lockbourne Eastern and SR 752, stating traffic is crazy during school hours.
- Matt Scholl said he was notified by a resident on Morrison Drive who requested snow be plowed to the south-side of the street.

At 7:57 PM Steve Welsh moved, seconded by Matt Scholl, to go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel matter. All votes were yay. At 8:09 PM Regular Session resumed and Steve Welsh moved, seconded by Matt Scholl, to table personnel discussion until later. All votes were yay.

Steve Welsh moved, seconded by Matt Scholl, to adjourn. All votes were yay and the meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

ACCEPTED AND ATTESTED



Nelson R. Embrey II – Mayor



April Grube – Council Clerk