

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
THE VILLAGE OF CHESAPEAKE
COUNCIL MEETING**

Held: July 3, 2023

The Village of Chesapeake convened in regular session from 7:02 pm to 8:55 pm in the Village Hall of Chesapeake, Ohio. Mayor Drew Griffin called the meeting to order with the following members present:

Lisa Blake – Present	Jacob Wells – Present	Alex Martin – Absent
Paul Hart – Present	Katie Bentley – Present	Marvin Henson – Present

Employees: Police Department; Chief Josh Sammons, Fire Department; Chief Joey McMaster.

Visitors: 8

Prayer was given by Councilman Jacob Wells.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Drew Griffin.

Minutes

Motion made by Councilman Marvin Henson to approve the June 5, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Second to motion was Councilwoman Katie Bentley. Roll call:

Lisa Blake – Yes	Jacob Wells – Yes	Alex Martin – Absent
Paul Hart – No	Katie Bentley – Yes	Marvin Henson – Yes

Approval of June 3, 2023 minutes passed with a 4/1 vote.

Renewal of the Fire levy

Motion made by Councilman Jacob Wells to suspend the rules and declare an emergency to move forward with the Fire Department Tax Levy. Second to motion is Councilwoman Lisa Blake. Roll call:

Lisa Blake – Yes	Jacob Wells – Yes	Alex Martin – Absent
Paul Hart - Yes	Katie Bentley – Yes	Marvin Henson – Yes

Motion passed for the rules suspension with a 5/0 vote.

Motion made by Councilman Jacob Wells to adopt Resolution 2023-04 Renewal of the Fire Levy. Second to motion is Councilwoman Katie Bentley. Roll call:

Lisa Blake – Yes	Jacob Wells – Yes	Alex Martin – Absent
Paul Hart - Yes	Katie Bentley – Yes	Marvin Henson – Yes

Motion to adopt Resolution 2023- 04 Renewal of the Fire Levy passed with a 5/0 vote.

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Joey McMaster gave report starting with 26 calls for the month and 6 of those in the Village. He asks if the inventory being requested was for both the fire truck and the garage. Councilman Jacob Wells offers help if needed. Fire Chief Joey McMaster says there is so much stuff coming in and out and asks for financial records of the past 5 years. Mayor Drew Griffin explains that it does not need to be 100% accurate and that with recent incidents it is a precaution if there should ever be a major loss.

Mayor Drew Griffin asks Legal Counsel Derick Fisher to send a letter requesting an update from Classic Construction before paying the invoice.

Public Participation

A visitor Mr. Lycans approaches Council about buying some of the roadway where he purchased lots on Ben St., he would like to make a bypass. Mayor Drew Griffin says it would have to be researched to see if the Village actually owns it first. This will be looked into.

A visitor who lives on 4th St. approaches Council concerned with the pot holes in the Village. Mayor Drew Griffin says he spoke with Mr. Dingus from Lawrence Economic Development Committee and that 2nd and 3rd St. are being evaluated to see how much funds it would be to develop as model streets with new storm sewers, sidewalks, street lights and paving back to the river.

Fiscal Officer Report

Fiscal Officer Stephanie Henson asks if there any questions on the packet sent to Council. There were no questions.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Josh Sammons gave report starting with the month of May with a docket of 43 and June with a docket of 35. Two Auxiliary Officers are road ready. They were given an extension on the grant, with that there is a step-down process with a 25% matching funds on the Village's behalf. Police Chief Josh Sammons says he would like to be able to get Body Cams and Dash Cams. He provided Council with two options to go with, they will review this information. Council asks when the deadline is on deciding. Police Chief Josh Sammons will find out. Council talks about just buying Body Cams and hard drives for now and asks Police Chief Josh Sammons to do research and see what is out there.

Street Department Report

Interim Street Commissioner Lisa Blake gave report starting with the light at Big Branch is back up. Council asks street worker Randy Carter to give report. He says he worked on Symmes Creek, got mowing done and cleaned out the garage. Mayor Drew Griffin says the water company has recapped the leak on Symmes Creek Rd and he will see about getting them to repair the slip since it was caused by their water leak. Mayor Drew Griffin has quotes from Akers Paving for the other side of CVS and other areas that are needing repaired. Councilman Jacob Wells asks if there is availability to a grant writer and the name if that person. He will contact Kevin Wood at IBI.

Motion made by Councilman Jacob Wells to allow \$5,000.00 for Akers Paving. Second to motion is Councilman Marvin Henson. Roll call:

Lisa Blake – Yes	Jacob Wells – Yes	Alex Martin – Absent
Paul Hart - Yes	Katie Bentley – Yes	Marvin Henson – Yes

Motion passed to allow \$5,000.00 for Akers Paving with a 5/0 vote.

Old Business

Second Reading of the Video Service Provider Fee. There was no discussion.

At 8:30 pm Councilman Paul Hart is exiting the meeting with no prior notice.

Ordinance Amending and Revising Appropriations and Expenditures.

Motion made by Councilman Jacob Wells to suspend the rules and declare an emergency to pass the ordinance providing the amendment and revising specific line items. Second to motion is Councilman Marvin Henson. Roll call:

Lisa Blake – Yes	Jacob Wells – Yes	Alex Martin – Absent
Paul Hart – Absent	Katie Bentley – Yes	Marvin Henson – Yes

With the exiting of Councilman Paul Hart during the reading and unable to do roll call this will be considered first reading.

Motion made by Councilman Jacob Wells to go into Executive Session to discuss Street Department personnel, to include Council, Mayor and Legal Counsel. Second to motion is Councilman Marvin Henson. Roll call:

Lisa Blake – Yes	Jacob Wells – Yes	Alex Martin – Absent
Paul Hart – Absent	Katie Bentley – Yes	Marvin Henson – Yes

Executive session begins at 8:37 pm.

Council returns from executive session at 8:43 pm.

Motion made by Councilman Jacob Wells to make Jacob Burchett a part-time Street department employee at \$12.00 an hour. Second to motion is Councilman Marvin Henson. Roll call:

Lisa Blake – Yes	Jacob Wells – Yes	Alex Martin – Absent
Paul Hart – Absent	Katie Bentley – Yes	Marvin Henson – Yes

Employment of Jacob Burchett passed with a 4/0 vote.

First reading of the Ordinance Establishing a Street Commissioner.

Mayor Drew Griffin would like to nominate Street worker Randy Carter as working Street Commissioner.

First reading to establish three part-time positions for the Street Department.

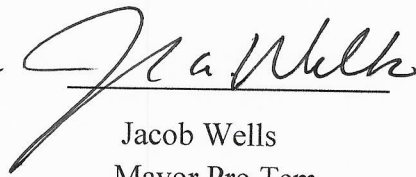
Good of the Village

Nothing for the Good of the Village.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 pm.



Stephanie Henson
Fiscal Officer



Jacob Wells
Mayor Pro Tem



Drew Griffin
Mayor