

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

THE VILLAGE OF CHESAPEAKE

COUNCIL MEETING

Held: April 3, 2023

The Village of Chesapeake convened in regular session from 7:00 pm to 8:26 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 – Present
Paul Hart – Present	Katie Bentley – Present	Marvin Henson – Present

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

Visitors: 19

Prayer was led by Councilman Jacob Wells.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Drew Griffin.

Minutes

Councilman Alex Martin makes a motion for the Clerk of Courts Stephanie Henson to take the minutes. Second to motion is Councilman Jacob Wells. Roll Call:

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

Councilman Jacob Wells makes a motion to approve the March 6, 2023 regular meeting minutes. Second to motion is Councilwoman Lisa Blake. Roll Call:

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

Approval of the March 6, 2023 minutes passed with a 6/0 vote.

Public Discussion

Mike a representative from KMX Painting speaks regarding the closing of the 6th St. Bridge. They had proposed a full bridge closure. Mayor Drew Griffin and Council members along with several residents and business owners in the Village of Chesapeake expressed their concerns. Dave Bennett owner of Dave's Quick Mart and Mr. Galloway owner of Pickett Concrete spoke with their concerns. With all concerns being heard KMX Painting will keep the bridge as is with a single lane closure. They will contact WV DOT with their decision.

Teresa, a visitor would like to acknowledge that KYOVA has meetings and they are a good source to get information from if needed.

Appointment of Fiscal Officer

Councilman Marvin Henson exits the meeting at 7:38 pm.

Mayor Drew Griffin would like to appoint the Clerk of Courts Stephanie Henson as the Fiscal Officer. Councilman Jacob Wells makes a motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency to appoint the new Fiscal Officer. Second to motion is Councilman Alex Martin. Roll Call:

Lisa Blake – Yes	Jacob Wells – Yes	Alex Martin – Yes
Paul Hart – Yes	Katie Bentley – Yes	Marvin Henson – Not Present

Motion to suspend the rules and declare an emergency passed with a 5/0 vote.

Councilman Jacob Wells makes a motion to move forward with the Mayor's appointment of Stephanie Henson at \$1,800.00 a month for the Fiscal Officer position. Second to motion is Councilman Alex Martin. Roll call:

Lisa Blake – Yes	Jacob Wells – Yes	Alex Martin – Yes
Paul Hart – Yes	Katie Bentley – Yes	Marvin Henson – Not Present

Appointment of the Fiscal Officer passed with a 5/0 vote.

With the duties of the Fiscal Officer and Clerk of Courts being split at this time the hours will be split with 4 hours of hourly pay and 4 hours salary pay for Fiscal Officer.

Councilman Marvin Henson returns at 7:46 pm.

Appointment of Interim Street Commissioner

With the resignation of the Street Commissioner Tendoy Huffman, Mayor Drew Griffin would like to appoint Councilwoman Lisa Blake as Interim Street Commissioner. Councilman Jacob Wells makes a motion for Councilwoman Lisa Blake to be Interim Street Commissioner. Second to motion Councilman Alex Martin. Roll call:

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

Fiscal Officer Report

Fiscal Officer Stephanie Henson sent Council a list of bills paid and the Mayor's Court Report which doubled from last month. Councilman Alex Martin asks if there are plans for the deficits. Mayor Drew Griffin says they are working on hiring Officers and that is where most of the revenue is generated from.

Fire Department Report

Fire Chief Joey McMaster gave report starting with 77 calls in the village this year. They received the State Fire Marshall Grant which was \$10,000.00 for pagers. Classic Construction put insulation in and the garage door company came and finished the door. Fire Chief Joey McMaster mentions the contract is coming up and he would like to get with the Fire Committee so both parties are involved.

Police Department Report

Police Chief Josh Sammons gave report starting with 44 citations for the month of March and 6 arrests. The Recruitment Wellness Grant was approved for \$77,938.16 to hire officers for 2 years and a 10% raise for current officers is still in progress. Police Chief Josh Sammons is working with the Prosecutors office for the Eddie Grant to assist with funding for equipment.

Old Business

Second Reading of the Refuse ordinance. Councilman Marvin Henson asked how often the Refuse will be bid out. In discussion it will be every 2 years, the plan is for this to start January 1, 2024.

New Business

First reading of the Itinerant Vendors, Peddlers and Solicitors Ordinance.

First reading of the Hotel/Motel Tax and Short-Term Rental Tax.

Legal Counsel Derick Fisher asks Council to review these and bring suggestions to the next meeting.

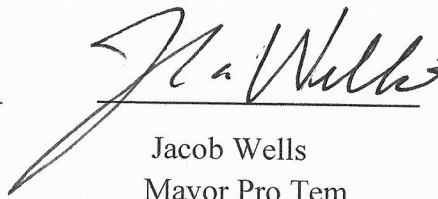
Good of the Village

Pantherhood has asked Council and the Officers to attend the Easter Egg Hunt again this Saturday. Council will provide drinks while the kids color with the cops.

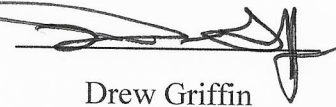
Meeting ends at 8:26 pm.



Stephanie Henson
Fiscal Officer



Jacob Wells
Mayor Pro Tem


Drew Griffin
Mayor