

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-326-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held _____

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COUNCIL MEETING

July 12, 2022

Mayor Miller led council and the public in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation was given by Father Nick Emmering, Transfiguration Church.

Mayor Miller called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Present were: Mayor Miller. **Council members:** Scott Hurst, Chris Horn, Kasey Metz, Greg Tracy, Sarah Metz, Don Dohrman. **Also present were:** Manager Jeff Sheridan, Law Director Brosh.

EXCUSE FROM MEETING

Don Dohrman made a motion, seconded by Kasey Metz to excuse Sarah Copp and Greg Tracy from the June 28, 2022, Workshop. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Abstain: None.

MINUTES

Don Dohrman made a motion, seconded by Chris Horn, to adopt the June 14, 2022, regular council meeting minutes and the June 28, 2022, council workshop minutes. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Abstain:** None. **Minutes adopted.**

CORRESPONDENCE TO COUNCIL

There was no correspondence to council at this time.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

There were no comments from citizens at this time.

ORDINANCES AND RESOLUTIONS

Ordinance CM-22-28

Ordinance CM-22-28 was introduced by council and read by title only by Law Director Brosh. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 51.22(B) SEWER RATE SCHEDULE OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES FOR THE MUNICIPALITY OF WEST MILTON OHIO. This is a 10% rate increase on the sewer. Chris Horn made a motion, seconded by Greg Tracy, to adopt *Ordinance CM-22-28*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Abstain:** None.

Ordinance CM-22-29

Ordinance CM-22-29 was introduced by council and read by Law Director Brosh. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 52—WATER RULES AND REGULATIONS TO SPECIFICALLY AMEND SECTION 52.116 OF THE WEST MILTON CODE TITLED WATER RATES AND MUNICIPALITY. Manager Sheridan said the original amount was for a 17% increase and it was changed to a 20% increase. This amount will yield approximately \$120,000 each year for the next 3 years to help with improvements in the water infrastructure. A motion was made by Dohrman, seconded by Scott Hurst to adopt *Ordinance CM-22-29*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Abstain:** None.

Resolution CM-22-31

Resolution CM-22-31 was introduced by council and read by Law Director Brosh. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JEFF SHERIDAN, MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORK COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR CAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. Manager Sheridan stated that this is one of two projects that have to deal with lining the existing sewer lines. A motion was made by Chris Horn, seconded by Sarah Copp to adopt *Resolution CM-22-31*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Abstain:** None.

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Resolution CM-22-32

Resolution CM-22-32 was introduced by council and read by Law Director Brosh. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING JEFF SHERIDAN, MUNICIPAL MANAGER TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND/OR LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED. This is the water line replacement project on Hayes Street. A motion was made Don Dohrman, seconded by Kasey Metz to adopt *Resolution CM-22-32*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Abstain:** None.

Ordinance CM-22-33

Ordinance CM-22-33 was introduced by council and read by Law Director Brosh. AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE "OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF WEST MILTON" AS ADOPTED BY CHAPTER 150.006 OF THE WEST MILTN CODE OF ORDINANCES. This is being done to modify the zoning map as recommended to the Planning Board. This parcel is zoned agricultural and is being changed to residential. This is the first reading of this Ordinance.

Resolution CM-22-34

Resolution CM-22-34 was introduced by council and read by Law Director Brosh. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAN OF PHASE TWO OF THE STILLWATER CROSSING DEVELOPMENT. This is being done for signatures to a mylar map (1 OF 3). A motion was made Sarah Copp, seconded by Chris Horn to adopt *Resolution CM-22-34*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Abstain:** None.

Resolution CM-22-35

Resolution CM-22-35 was introduced by council and read by Law Director Brosh. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE FINAL PLAN OF PHASE THREE OF THE STILLWATER CROSSING DEVELOPMENT. This is being done for signatures to a mylar map (2 OF 3). A motion was made Scott Hurst, seconded by Don Dohrman to adopt *Resolution CM-22-35*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Abstain:** None.

Resolution CM-22-36

Resolution CM-22-36 was introduced by council and read by Law Director Brosh. A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE MINOR CHANGE FOR THE RANDALL HOMES IN THE STILLWATER CROSSING DEVELOPMENT. This is being done for signatures to a mylar map (3 OF 3). A motion was made Chris Horn, seconded by Sarah Copp to adopt *Resolution CM-22-35*. After a roll call vote, the motion passed unanimously. **Abstain:** None.

Ordinance CM-22-37

Ordinance CM-22-37 was introduced by council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 50.15 OBSTRUCTION OF GUTTERS FORBIDDEN IN THE WEST MILTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES. A motion was made Scott Hurst, seconded by Sarah Copp to table *Ordinance CM-22-37* at this time.

Ordinance CM-22-38

Ordinance CM-22-38 was introduced by council. AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 50 STREETS AND SIDEWALKS, SECTION 50.99(A) PENALTY OF THE WEST MILTON CODIFIED ORDINANCES. A motion was made Scott Hurst, seconded by Chris Horn to table *Ordinance CM-22-38* at this time.

MUNICIPAL MANAGER

Manager Sheridan stated that 1 of the leaks in the water infrastructure had been found and fixed. It was due to a subcontractor who will be billed for the cost of this repair.

He stated they are working on the Fall Fling which takes place on September 17, 2022, from 4-8 p.m. They are working all the details out.

There is a new mobile coffee and pastry vendor coming to 571 and 48. They will be open 4-5 days a week. They hope to be open in 4-6 weeks.

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OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Rock The Hill

Sarah Copp said that Rock the Hill is planned for August 20, 2022, from 4-9 p.m. There will be 3 bands, food trucks, kids inflatables and beer garden. This event is free to the public and sponsored by Project Revival.

Third Thursdays

The next third Thursday will be July 21 from 4-8 p.m. There will be food trucks and a band.

COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS

Elvis from South Main Street inquired as to why the 20% increase on the water bill. It was explained to him that it would generate approximately \$120,000 each year for the next 3 years. This money would be used to help replace the water lines before they break. He says that the bill keeps going up and he would like an audit completed. Mayor Miller explained to him that an audit was just completed and that he was welcome to come into the Village offices and obtain a copy of that as well as the budget.

Doug DeFoe of Wright Road said he was disappointed in the 20% increase. He said people were going to be upset. He said he didn't feel the council was looking forward to the future. He felt this increase was not promoted within the community. Mr. Tracy explained to him that the increase had to do with inflation as well.

Mr. Craft of Wagner stated he understood the need for infrastructure. Mr. Sheridan was trying to find the best way to move forward. Council was trying to find a happy medium for sewer and water.

Mr. Horn stated that this not only increases the public rates, but also the council will have to pay these increases as well.

Mr. Craft would like to see a timeline of when some of these changes are going to be made. He also stated there is no forgiveness for people who can't afford to pay these water bills.

Mr. Dohrman said that there were other avenues to look for help to pay the water bills within the community, but it wasn't for the municipality to find those ways.

Sarah Copp asked Mr. DeFoe how he would suggest that they solve the problem of fixing the water infrastructure without raising the rates. The council is always open to suggestions. Mr. DeFoe did not have an answer for Ms. Copp.

Judy Kenny of Main Street asked with the addition of the new homes is there going to be any additional fire, EMS or police added. Mayor Miller stated that the fire was volunteer and it would be easier to add fire fighters to the department. As the population goes up, the police will be addressed. The EMS is taken care of by Union Township.

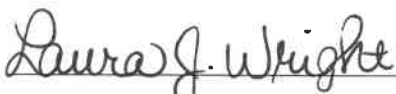
She additionally asked about the school capacity for the new residents coming to West Milton. She was advised that they meet with the school board regularly and that this was a question for the school board.

She as asked how the existing community was being handled with code violations, etc. She was advised that they are working on this by looking into the ordinances.

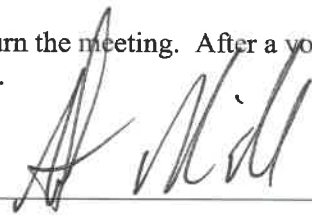
She asked about property taxes and what they would be on a \$150,000 home to which she was advised that was a question for the county.

She also asked about the current ordinances and was there a place she could find them. She was advised that a new website is in the works where they would be located.

Chris Horn made a motion, seconded by Greg Tracy to adjourn the meeting. After a vote, the motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 8:35 p.m.



Laura J. Wright, Clerk of Council



Anthony Miller, Mayor