

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE OF GREENFIELD – November 2, 2021

Prior to the start of business, Brenda Losey opened the meeting with prayer. Pledge of Allegiance was led by council clerk Sherry Parker.

Council Chairman Phil Clyburn called the November 2, 2021 meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The following members answered to roll call: Kyle Barr, Eric Borsini, Phil Clyburn, Amie Ernst, and Brenda Losey. Also, in attendance were: City Manager Todd Wilkin and Finance Director Gary Lewis.

MINUTES: Mrs. Losey made a motion to accept the October 19th regular meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Ernst seconded. Vote – yea 4, nay 0, abstain 1. Mr. Barr abstained. Motion carried.

Mrs. Losey read a proclamation in appreciation of Rebecca Stuckey who passed away recently and was a former Village of Greenfield employee. Members of the Stuckey family were present for this evening's meeting and were presented the proclamation in Rebecca Stuckey's honor.

Mrs. Ernst read a proclamation in appreciation of Jay & Beth Hardy as they recently retired from owning and operating Hardy Memorials nearly 40 years. Mr. & Mrs. Hardy were presented their proclamation and thanked for the years of service they have provided to the people of Greenfield.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS:

Finance Report – Finance Director Lewis reported preliminary figures for October, 2021 as follows: MTD expense for October \$481,143.32; YTD expense for 2021 \$4,010,796.22; MTD revenue for October \$392,055.49; YTD revenue for October 2021 \$4,455,783.92; Bank balance as of 10/31/2021 \$3,413,968.87; Law Enforcement Tax Balance 10/31/2021 \$58,764.21; General Fund Balance 10/31/2021 \$603,048.98; Unencumbered General Fund Balance 10/31/2021 \$525,911.17. Preliminary figures for October 2020 were also included on his report for comparison. Dr. Borsini made a motion to accept the Finance Report as presented. Mrs. Ernst seconded. Vote – yea 5, nay 0, Motion carried.

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City Manager Todd Wilkin reported the following: (1) *Recognition* – I wanted to start my report by recognizing lieutenant Brian McNeil for all of his efforts within the Greenfield Police Department. Today, Lt. McNeil received the Highland County officer of the quarter award from Highland County Prosecutor Anneka Collins. Lt. McNeil is a highly motivated and officer within our department, county, and region. We are incredibly fortunate to have him on our police force and excited he is being recognized for his hard work. (2) *Small Nation* – At the last council meeting, we shared the report and recommendations from Small Nation regarding our downtown. At that meeting, we asked the council to review the information and tell us your top recommendations and what you would like to see as the focus. In the interim, we also created a poll and shared it on Facebook to get feedback over the weekend. We received over 200 responses, and earlier this evening, we emailed you those responses. We are working to clean up that information and provide bar charts for your review. (3) *Budget* – Over the past several weeks, Finance Director Lewis, with the aid and input from our department heads, has constructed the 2022 appropriations budget. We plan to share the appropriations budget with the finance committee this Friday at the finance committee meeting. I want to thank Mr. Lewis and the Dept. heads for their hard work on this budget and its creation. (4) *Opportunity* – Last week I had the opportunity to go to Burr Oak to the Community and Career Connected Learning Summit. I was a guest panelist who gave our point of view on the importance of workforce development and breaking the language barriers between businesses and schools to develop our current students for the work available for them here in Highland County. I met several influencers in the workforce arena, and I am looking forward to bringing that information back to our local workforce task force. One prevailing comment I kept hearing was "brain drain," and I made it a point to let the participants know it is everyone's job to slow the brain drain. (5) *Local Task Force* – Our local task force continues to meet, and our next meeting is later this month. I am happy to report that we now have all five school districts involved in the task force and the Highland County Chamber, Highland County Economic Development office, Ohio Means Jobs, SSCC, Hillsboro, and Greenfield. All the entities are working together to create Highland County's success story for workforce development. (6) *Beggars Night* – I wanted to end my report by thanking everyone for a successful beggar's night and Halloween week. I walked around town with my kids Thursday evening, and yes, I got wet, but it was a fun evening for the kids, and I have never seen so many walking around downtown. I have been told that this year was the biggest in years, and I want to thank all the businesses who handed out candy and set up on the sidewalk.

Dr. Borsini asked if there could be a possibility of having two “Beggar’s Nights” next year (one for the Merchants and one for the community). City Manager Wilkin said that we could look into having the Merchants’ “Beggar’s Night” the same evening as the Halloween Parade, since the children are already dressed up in their costumes.

Mrs. Losey asked about workforce development to see if this is occurring in our schools (specifically, if teenagers are being spoken to about these local opportunities). Discussion was held.

COMMUNICATIONS: Mrs. Ernst mentioned that she has been working with State Representative Shane Wilkin and Dr. Shane Shope for the past three years on a Highland County STEM Ohio Coding Grant. This four-year grant will provide Highland County schools computer technology resources and the overall capability to lead students towards the science track.

Dr. Borsini noted that there will be a Finance Committee Meeting this Friday, November 5th at 10 a.m. on the third floor of the City Hall Building.

LEGISLATION: *First Reading* – Ordinance No. 28-2021 – An Ordinance to increase appropriations of the 411 Coronavirus Relief Fund of the Village of Greenfield and within the 2021 budget, and declaring an emergency. Dr. Borsini moved to receive Ordinance No. 28-2021. Mrs. Ernst seconded. Vote – yea 5, Ernst, Losey, Barr, Borsini, Clyburn; nay 0. Motion carried. Dr. Borsini moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Barr seconded. Vote – yea 5, Losey, Barr, Borsini, Clyburn, Ernst; nay 0. Motion carried. Dr. Borsini moved to adopt Ordinance No. 28-2021. Mr. Barr seconded. Vote – yea 5, Barr, Borsini, Clyburn, Ernst, Losey; nay 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 28-2021 was duly adopted.

First Reading – Resolution No. 30-2021 – A Resolution authorizing and directing the City Manager of the Village of Greenfield to execute a contract with the Highland County Commissioners for the lease of the second floor of the city building, and declaring an emergency. Dr. Borsini moved to receive Resolution No. 30-2021. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 5, Borsini, Clyburn, Ernst, Losey, Barr; nay 0. Motion carried. Dr. Borsini moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 5, Clyburn, Ernst, Losey, Barr, Borsini; nay 0. Motion carried. Dr. Borsini moved to adopt Resolution No. 30-2021. Mr. Barr seconded. Vote – yea 5, Ernst, Losey, Barr, Borsini, Clyburn; nay 0. Motion carried. Resolution No. 30-2021 was duly adopted.

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OLD BUSINESS: Mrs. Losey asked about standing water on 11th St. Finance Director Lewis stated that the water could be a result of a sump pump or a natural line. City Manager Wilkin said we could test the site just to make sure there is not an issue as we just had a meeting with concerned citizen about a flooding issue recently, and confirmed that it was a collapsed water line. We want to thank Rachael, Jim F., and Justin S. for their help with the collapsed water line.

Mrs. Ernst asked about the demolition of 311 North St. City Manager Wilkin reported that the demolition should take place this Thursday on the North Street home. A question was also asked about the progress on the Elliott Hotel. City Manager Wilkin stated that the owner of the owner is quick claiming the deed over to the village and the village will clean up the site, but from there we have not made any final plans.

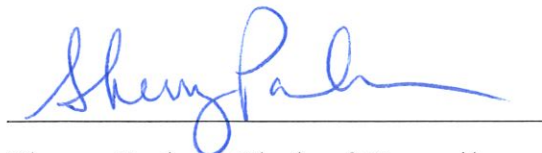
NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Losey observed several dogs on leashes during Oktoberfest and asked about the idea of having several pet waste stations around Greenfield for people to utilize.

Chairman Clyburn wanted to thank everyone for a great Oktoberfest. He noted that each Department Head's report is in each Councilmember's folder for this evening meeting. He also mentioned that he recently traveled to Southern State Community College for an Open House for robotics and was very impressed.

AJOURNMENT: Mr. Barr moved to adjourn. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 5, nay 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Council this 16th day of
November 2021



Sherry Parker, Clerk of Council



Phil Clyburn, Chairman of Council