

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE OF GREENFIELD – August 21, 2023

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

Council Vice - Chairwoman Brenda Losey called the August 21, 2023 meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.

ROLL CALL: The following members answered to roll call: Mary Ellen McMurry, Cory Taylor, Jessalyn Hunter, and Brenda Losey. Also, in attendance was: Finance Director Gary Lewis and City Manager Todd Wilkin.

Mrs. McMurry made a motion to excuse Council Chairman Clyburn from this evening's council meeting. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 4, nay 0. Motion carried.

MINUTES: Mrs. Losey made a motion to accept August 7th work session meeting minutes as presented. Mr. Taylor seconded. Vote – yea 3, nay 0, abstain 1. Mrs. Hunter abstained. Motion carried.

Mrs. Losey made a motion to accept August 17th work session meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 4, nay 0. Motion carried.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: William “Bill” Roller spoke to council to present 5 new General John E. Hull signs. He was able to raise a little over half of the funds for the cost of the signs through donations from local individuals and the Village of Greenfield picked up the remaining \$220.00 for the signs. Mr. Roller went on to explain that the statues and murals around Greenfield have added a lot of beauty to our community and these new signs will just be a bonus. Mr. Roller suggested that the extra sign could be hung around the Greenfield City Hall Building since General John E. Hull Way (street) is located beside the building. A short discussion was held.

Mike Jackson, (MDJ Fencing) local Contractor, asked about the update in zoning to not allow chain link fences in Greenfield anymore. City Manager stated that zoning was updated approximately 2 and ½ years ago and chain link fences are no longer permitted with the village due to those types of fences becoming an eye sore around the community from not being taken care of properly. City Manager

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Wilkin noted that getting a variance meeting through the BZA set up would be your next step.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS: Finance Director Lewis provided the report for the State of Cash Position and the Bank Report for July to Council Members. At the end of July the Village had \$3,571,170.27 in our bank accounts and dispersed among our various funds. In July our General Fund had the most cash with \$944,180.03 followed closely by our Sewer Fund at \$924,370.99. At the beginning of the year our Water Fund had \$385,853.63 and now our Water Fund has \$525,685.29 and that is a result of enhanced user fees and a large reimbursement of money that we already spent on our Brownfield Study of our Water Plant, so that helped that fund our significantly. Finally, we have just received the ARPA Funds from the County Commission and we appreciate that and want to thank them. We can now go forward with our Façade Improvement Program and there are some legislation pieces today that will go over that. That is all I have for you this evening and thank you for your time. Mrs. Losey made a motion to approve the Finance Report from Mr. Lewis. Mrs. McMurry seconded. Vote – yea 4, nay 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Losey asked City Manager Wilkin to present the Citizen of the Month Award and any other awards being given out this evening. City Manager Wilkin stated that the Citizen of the Month is Mrs. Sharon Sims. Mrs. Sims was nominated this month for her business “Sims Family Golf Center” and if you have not hit any golf balls out there, I would highly recommend this as it is very enjoyable. The center has just recently celebrated their 25th year. Mrs. Sims was also nominated for her character as for years she has provided soccer fields and opportunities for the Greenfield Youth. Mrs. Sims is a longtime Professor at Wilmington College, a coach, and mentor and was even inducted into their Hall of Fame in 2018. Please join me in congratulating Mrs. Sims as the August Citizen of the Month. Mrs. Sims said a few words of thanks after her picture was taken with Council.

City Manager Wilkin continued his report with the following: (1) *Employee of the Month* – Ms. Sunny Taylor. Sunny has been with the village for a few years and was nominated for her work over the past several months. Ms. Taylor helps us with building permits, cemetery purchases, payroll, along with many other responsibilities. She has stepped up in many other areas that she may not be so familiar with, but she is a great help to her coworkers as well as the citizens of Greenfield. We want to congratulate Sunny for being the Employee of the Month. (2) *239 & 245 Jefferson St.* – We are still playing phone tag with our lawyer when it relates to 239 & 245 Jefferson St. Those are the two buildings located next door to Old Town Pizzeria, and that is the whole reason they are closed is because that

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wall between them is failing. The work that is being done there is progressing nicely. Old Town Pizzeria is planning on reopening this Thursday. We are also working on getting pricing to make the two buildings weatherproof and we will be able to report back to Council with those numbers once we have received all of them. (3) *Highland County Landbank* – We are still playing phone tag with the Highland County Landbank. We are trying to see what kind of assistance they might have from a financial standpoint to help us with the rebuilding of the wall (structure). (4) *Ohio Department of Development* – We are still playing phone tag with the Ohio Department of Development as they should also have money available through their Stabilization Program as well as some CDBG revitalization dollars that also maybe able to help. (5) *ARC Project* – We wanted to give you a quick update on a project that we submitted for ARC dollars as that was about a million-dollar grant application for ARC. We were ranked #1 for our project from the county and now our project application is off to the district to see how we rank. I believe we have a pretty good chance of the money being awarded to us and the money will be used to help us with the Phase I Sewer Project to replace a lot of our sewer mains that are failing around town. (6) *STBG* – We did receive word today that more STBG funds are available, and we were requested by the Ohio Valley Regional Development Commission to increase our “ask” since there is more money available now. We will also then decrease our local match which is always a good thing. (7) *225th Anniversary Celebration* – Next year Greenfield will be celebrating its 225th year. I would like to have a party, a great birthday party for Greenfield with fireworks being “shot off” from the top of the city hall building. We would love to put a group of people together from our community to come up with ideas for this celebration. We can possibly recycle some old railroad ties that are no longer used legally to help create a fund and pay for this celebration. We have also found some grants that we will be applying to help with the birthday celebration as well. This is a milestone we will all be able to take part in next year, so start thinking of ideas.

LEGISLATION: Mrs. Hunter provided the second reading of Ordinance No. 18-2023 – An Ordinance to give the approval and granting consent to the Director of the Ohio Department of Transportation authority to, apply, maintain and repair standard longitudinal pavement markings and erect regulatory and warning signs on state highways inside village corporate limits, and giving consent of the village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to remove snow and ice and use snow and ice control material on state highways inside the village corporation limits, and giving consent of the village for the Ohio Department of Transportation to perform maintenance and/or repair on state highways inside the village corporation.

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Mrs. Hunter provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 19-2023 – An Ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager, or his designee, to advertise for bids to lease for agricultural use ± 175.7 acres of land located in the Greenfield Industrial Park and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Hunter moved to receive Ordinance No. 19-2023. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 4, Taylor, Hunter, Losey, McMurry; nay 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hunter provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 20-2023 – An Ordinance authorizing and directing the City Manager, or his designee, to advertise for bids to lease for agricultural use ± 11.00 acres of land located in Ross County, commonly known as Greenfield Farm 4409 and declaring an emergency. Mrs. McMurry moved to receive Ordinance No. 20-2023. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 4, Hunter, Losey, McMurry, Taylor; nay 0. Motion carried.

Mrs. Hunter provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 21-2023 – An Ordinance to increase appropriations of the 412 ARPA Fund of the Village of Greenfield and within the 2023 budget, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Losey moved to receive Ordinance No. 21-2023. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 4, Losey, McMurry, Taylor, Hunter; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 4, McMurry, Taylor, Hunter, Losey; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 21-2023. Mrs. McMurry seconded. Vote – yea 4, Taylor, Hunter, Losey, McMurry; nay 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 21-2023 was duly adopted.

Mrs. Hunter provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 22-2023 – An Ordinance to increase appropriations of the 101 Operating Supplies Fund of the Village of Greenfield and within the 2023 budget, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. McMurry moved to receive Ordinance No. 22-2023. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 4, Hunter, Losey, McMurry, Taylor; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Hunter moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 4, Losey, McMurry, Taylor, Hunter; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 22-2023. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 4, McMurry, Taylor, Hunter, Losey; nay 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 22-2023 was duly adopted.

Mrs. Hunter provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 23-2023 – An Ordinance to increase appropriations of the 209 Drug Enforcement Fund of the Village of Greenfield and within the 2023 budget, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Losey moved to receive Ordinance No. 23-2023. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 4, Taylor, Hunter, Losey, McMurry; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Hunter moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 4,

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Hunter, McMurry, Taylor, Losey; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Hunter made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 23-2023. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 4, Losey, Taylor, Hunter, McMurry; nay 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 23-2023 was duly adopted.


Mrs. Hunter provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 24-2023 – An Ordinance to transfer funds from the Mill Street OPWC Fund and to increase appropriations of the 201 Street Fund of the Village of Greenfield, and within the 2023 budget, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Losey moved to receive Ordinance No. 24-2023. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 4, McMurry, Taylor, Hunter, Losey; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 4, Taylor, Hunter, Losey, McMurry; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 24-2023. Mr. Taylor seconded. Vote – yea 4, Hunter, Losey, McMurry, Taylor; nay 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 24-2023 was duly adopted.

NEW BUSINESS: Mrs. Losey noted that “BZA Member” was on the Agenda for this evening’s meeting. City Manager Wilkin stated that Council still needs to appoint one more member to the BZA if anyone happens to know of anyone interested in the volunteer position. A short discussion was held.

ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. McMurry moved to adjourn. Mr. Taylor seconded. Vote – yea 4, nay 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Council this 11th day of
September 2023



Sherry Parker, Clerk of Council



Mary Ellen McMurry, Council Member