

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
VILLAGE OF GREENFIELD – July 17, 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 Chairman Phil Clyburn called the July 17, 2023 meeting to order at 4:45 p.m.


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

MINUTES: Mrs. Hunter made a motion to accept July 3rd work session meeting minutes as presented. Mrs. McMurry seconded. Vote – yea 4, nay 0, abstain 1. Mrs. Losey abstained. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: The Chairwoman of the Finance Committee, Mrs. McMurry reported on the 7/3/23 meeting. The Meeting commenced at 3:30 p.m. and the items discussed were finance reports presented by Finance Director Lewis Ordinances which included encumbrances (i.e. new purchase orders) and Chairwoman McMurry asked for the encumbrances to be removed so they could just see the budget year – to – date.

Chairman Clyburn 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. Carol Grate. Mrs. Grate was nominated by a citizen this month for her character and years of volunteerism on several Greenfield projects. Mrs. Grate is also a highly accomplished runner competing in several marathons all over the U.S. She is also full of positive energy and has a positive outlook on life. Mrs. Grate thanked Council Members for the recognition.

REPORTS OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS: Finance Director Lewis provided the report for the State of Cash Position and the Bank Report for June to Council Members. At the end of June the Village had \$3,365,563.09 in our bank accounts and dispersed among our various funds. The largest amount is in our General Fund at a little over \$900,125.06 followed by our Sewer Fund at a little over \$886,000.00 plus. The Water Fund has \$369,667.15. During the Finance Committee Meeting we discussed the fact that the Water Fund will be bumped up by approx.

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\$300,000.00 more as we have a reimbursable grant for the Water Pumping Station due to the Brownfield feasibility Study. We have already submitted for our first reimbursement which should be about half of that (\$150,000.00). It is also June which means it is Tax Budget month which is completed and on this evening's Agenda for your approval. That is all I have for you this evening.

City Manager Wilkin reported on the following: (1) *Employee of the Month* – Mr. Rob Hamilton. Recently, we held an internal Weight Loss Competition with 12 of our employees and they lost approx. 150 pounds collectively. Mr. Hamilton was the overall loser, but also the winner. We wanted to recognize Mr. Hamilton for his hard work and his commitment to get healthier. (2) *Quarry* – we did meet with the Army Corp. of Engineers last week with the intent of that meeting was to discuss the development of the Quarry. We are starting to hold Steering Committee Meetings as it relates to the creation of our Parks District which includes Felson Park and the Quarry. We were fortunate to receive a planner (OHM) from the state to help. During our last meeting with OHM they showed the development of Felson Park, the Quarry, and the potential “Pine Street Park” as well as Mitchell’s Park. We wanted to meet with the Army Corps. of Engineers to specifically see if we can develop our quarry to include a campground,/campsite along Paint Creek. Thirty campsites with the availability to hook up was discussed as well as a catwalk bridge across the creek. (3) *Madison Township* – We have recently contracted with Madison Township Trustees to provide police protection for the township and these efforts started on July 1, 2023 (just a few weeks ago). We have made significant strides in removing crime from the streets and neighborhoods of Madison Township. Chief Oyer has requested that all 911 calls for Madison Township be transferred to our department, but this has not yet occurred, and this is very unfortunate. Prior to Greenfield PD contracting with Madison Township our Police Officers have been called out numerous times to homes in Madison Township because the Sheriff’s Department would not respond to the call(s). Our goal with this contract is to provide a service to citizens of Madison Township and keep drugs out. The Madison Township Trustees plan to put this to vote on the ballot in November. A short discussion was held.

Mrs. Losey asked if/when Council Members can visit the quarry. City Manager Wilkin stated that we are planning to visit the quarry at our next Work Session Council Meeting.

LEGISLATION: Mrs. Losey provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 14-2023 – An Ordinance to authorize certain adjustments to the 2023 budget, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Hunter moved to receive Ordinance No. 14-2023. Mrs. McMurry seconded. Vote – yea 5, Clyburn, Hunter, Losey, McMurry, Taylor; nay

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0. Motion carried. Mrs. McMurry moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mr. Taylor seconded. Vote – yea 5, Hunter, Losey, McMurry, Taylor, Clyburn; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 14-2023. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 5, Losey, McMurry, Taylor, Clyburn, Hunter; nay 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 14-2023 was duly adopted.

Mrs. Losey provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 15-2023 – An Ordinance to increase appropriations of the 204 Park Fund of the Village of Greenfield and within the 2023 budget, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. McMurry moved to receive Ordinance No. 15-2023. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 5, McMurry, Taylor, Clyburn, Hunter, Losey; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Hunter moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 5, Taylor, Clyburn, Hunter, Losey, McMurry; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 15-2023. Mr. Taylor seconded. Vote – yea 5, Clyburn, Hunter, Losey, McMurry, Taylor; nay 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 15-2023 was duly adopted.

Mrs. Losey provided the first reading of Ordinance No. 16-2023 – An Ordinance to from the General Fund to the 204 Park Fund of the Village of Greenfield and within the 2023 budget, and declaring an emergency. Mrs. Hunter moved to receive Ordinance No. 16-2023. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 5, Hunter, Losey, McMurry, Taylor, Clyburn; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. McMurry moved to amend the word “to” from Ordinance 16-2023. Chairman Clyburn seconded. Vote – 5, Losey, McMurry, Taylor, Clyburn, Hunter; nay 0. Mrs. McMurry moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 5, McMurry, Taylor, Clyburn, Hunter, Losey; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey made a motion to adopt Ordinance No. 16-2023. Mrs. Hunter seconded. Vote – yea 5, Taylor, Clyburn, Hunter, Losey, McMurry; nay 0. Motion carried. Ordinance No. 16-2023 was duly adopted.

Mrs. Losey provided the first reading of Resolution No. 18-2023 – A Resolution adopting the 2024 Tax Budget for the Village of Greenfield, Ohio, authorizing the City Manager to execute said plan and declaring an emergency. Mrs. McMurry moved to receive Resolution No. 18-2023. Mr. Taylor seconded. Vote – yea 5, Clyburn, Hunter, Losey, McMurry, Taylor; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. McMurry moved to suspend the rule requiring three readings. Mrs. Losey seconded. Vote – yea 5, Hunter, Losey, McMurry, Taylor, Clyburn; nay 0. Motion carried. Mrs. Losey made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 18-2023. Mr. Taylor seconded. Vote – yea 5, Losey, Clyburn, Hunter, McMurry, Taylor; nay 0. Motion carried. Resolution No. 18-2023 was duly adopted.

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OLD BUSINESS: City Manager Wilkin stated that Mr. Garrett Taylor attended a recent Council Meeting about his water bill. We were able to actually call the PUCO about the matter. We have since found out that PUCO does mean the utility is a public entity such as water, however in the case of Greenfield's water we are owned by the municipality, and we do not fall under the ORC for publicly owned utilities. We have reached out to Village Solicitor Bivens to have a written report from her for both Council and Mr. Taylor.

Mrs. McMurry asked about the new Felson Park Shelter House and if there was an ETA on when the shelter will be completed. City Manager Wilkin stated that he will need to check in with our subcontractor about the plumbing for the shelter house. I will follow up with you once I receive the information from the subcontractor. Mrs. McMurry also noted that the parking area at Felson Park also needs mowed.

Chairman Clyburn asked for an update about the grant for our Water & Sewer lines. City Manager Wilkin mentioned that we are still waiting for the final signature back from the state of the contract that was signed. The Fourth Street Project is due to start on August 11th and this is an OPWC grant and loan as I mentioned before. We plan on applying for another OPWC grant for Jefferson St. due to its failing infrastructure. Greenfield's overall I&I issues are Jefferson, South, and Mirabeau streets. Once Jefferson St. is fixed, I believe we will have a much better water capacity at the WWTP.

Chairman Clyburn asked about an update about the railroad. City Manager Wilkin was able to catch up with the vegetation cutter (brush cutter) and we were finally able to get Indiana Ohio, the brush cutter, on the same page as our crew. We are likely about a week to a week and a half away from having all of the vegetation cut away from our railroad. We do not have an overall update yet about the railroad and/or when the railroad ties will be replaced.

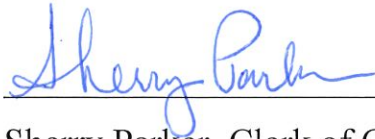
Mrs. Losey asked for an update on the property/building next to where the Elliott Hotel stood. City Manager Wilkin stated that we were supposed to receive a written report from Doug Karnes, his engineer. However, his engineer stated that he was not qualified to make the necessary report. So, we were able to reach out to one of our old contacts in Cincinnati and we are scheduled to meet tomorrow morning to walk through that building. We should be receiving an engineering report shortly, and then we will be putting the work out for bid. Mr. Karnes is supposed to sign the deed over to the village tomorrow. A short discussion was held.

Chairman Clyburn wanted to congratulate the folks who worked on the McClain All Class Reunion that was held this past Saturday. City Manager Wilkin also wanted to thank Ron Coffey for stepping in for him that day to read the proclamation.

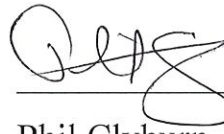
ADJOURNMENT: Mrs. Losey moved to adjourn. Mrs. McMurry seconded. Vote – yea 5, nay 0. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved by Council this 7th day of
August 2023



Sherry Parker, Clerk of Council



Phil Clyburn, Council Chairman