

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Joe Bourne, Ed Steffek, Brandie Bourne, John Little, Nate Penrod, Steve Adams

ABSENT: N/A

OTHER ATTENDEES: Rick Swiger, DJ Meek

VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, Erin Wright and Kevin Buettner from OMEGA

PLEDGE

The meeting was opened with The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gardner.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Nate Penrod and seconded by Brandie Bourne to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held June 6, 2023. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS

*Erin Wright & Kevin Buettner from OMEGA informed council that full funding for the proposed sidewalk project has been approved through ODOT TAP Funding and Safe Routes to School. The proposed sidewalk project is expected to be completed in 2025. The project is estimated at 1,017,000. Wright indicated that the village needs to select the Engineering Firm to begin the process and contact Dan Lorenz of ODOT to confirm that the village is moving forward with the project.

PAY BILLS

***Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Ed Steffek to pay bills from respective funds. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Ed Steffek yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Nate Penrod yay, Steve Adams yay.

FISCAL OFFICER

*Lute reported that the Weston Gray family from the Tippecanoe area donated \$20 to the Village Police Dept and \$20 to Delaware Fire Dept. Gratitude was expressed from Mayor Gardner and council for the donation.

*Lute discussed the language needed for the cemetery levy which will be placed before the voters in November. Two current levies exist for the maintaining of Union Cemetery. Each levy is for 0.6 mill. The council agreed to only place one cemetery levy on the ballot for the November election. The language will read as follows:

Replacement of an existing 0.6 mill levy with an increase of 0.4 mill to constitute a tax of 1.0 mill for a continuing period of time. If passage is successful – the 1.0 replacement levy will be continuing without any expiration date. The one mill levy will generate approximately \$9000 yearly. The second cemetery levy will expire and will no longer be collectable for revenue. The taxing millage will go from 1.2 mills (2 levies @ .6 mills each) to 1.0 mills. Council agreed to proceed with the county auditor's resolution to begin the process for the election.

POLICE

*Chief Dusenberry reported that there has been a lady in the village scamming people out of money. This person has targeted an elderly resident who offered her work for payment of \$130. The lady did not complete the work but received the money. The lady also stole a debit card and checks from the resident. Dusenberry indicated that they have located the lady and have camera footage to verify the crime. Charges are expected to be filed.

STREET

*Swiger indicated that dumping of brush at the cemetery is not permitted. A sign has been posted stating as such.

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*Heard that one permit was issued for fencing for an Arch Street resident (Harrison).

COCHRAN-SOLICITOR

*No Reporting - Absent

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

*No Reporting

MAYOR

*Heard that Mayor Gardner met earlier in the day with the Tusky and Newcomerstown Mayors; for discussion and placement of new decorative street lights on Main Street. This project is in the early stages and will take a lengthy time to complete if funded.

*Gardner received a request from Sharon Gilgow for dedicating an unnamed alley after her father, Clyde Tufford. There is an unnamed alley in the area in which Tufford resided years ago. Gardner indicated that Tufford served the Village of Port Washington from the 1960's through the early 1970's. He served as Deputy Chief of Police, Firefighter and Council Member. **Motion made by Joe Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams** to name the unnamed alley from Main to the village corporation limit - "Tufford Lane". Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor

JOE BOURNE

*Bourne expressed gratitude to DJ Meek for the work on the sidewalk project which will be 100% funded.

STEVE ADAMS

*No Reporting

NATE PENROD

*No Reporting

BRANDIE BOURNE

*Bourne reported an estimate from Lute’s Tree Service for \$3000 had been received for removal of a large Maple Tree on the corner of High and Main Street. Removal of brush and wood and grinding of stumps is included in the price. Mayor Gardner indicated that he would like to get two more estimates before a decision is made. Gardner will bring back estimates to the July 5th meeting for a final decision to be made.

JOHN LITTLE

*No Reporting

ED STEFFEK

*Discussed installing a “For Sale” sign at the 113 N. High property which sealed bids will be taken until Aug 1, 2023. Steffek will handle acquiring a sign for the property with Mayor Gardner’s phone information on it for interested parties to contact.

Meeting Adjourned.

*** CHANGE OF MEETING DUE TO JULY 4TH HOLIDAY. Next meeting will be held on Wednesday- July 5, 2023 at 7:00pm.

_____ Date
Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

_____ Date
Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Motion moved by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Ed Steffek for amending the permanent appropriations on an emergency basis. **(RESOLUTION 10-2023)** Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay, Steve Adams yay.

Motion made by Nate Penrod and seconded by Brandie Bourne to pass and enact said **RESOLUTION 10-2023**. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay, Steve Adams yay.

Motion moved by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Nate Penrod to authorize a Then & Now Purchase Order Certificate for Newton Asphalt for a paving project as stated on an emergency basis. **(RESOLUTION 11-2023)** Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay, Steve Adams yay.

Motion made by Nate Penrod and seconded by Brandie Bourne to pass and enact said **RESOLUTION 11-2023**. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay, Steve Adams yay.

Motion moved by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams to declare it necessary to levy a replacement tax for 1.0 mill for the maintaining of Union Cemetery Levy as stated on an emergency basis. **(RESOLUTION 12-2023)** Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay, Steve Adams yay.

Motion made by Steve Adams and seconded by Joe Bourne to pass and enact said **RESOLUTION 12-2023**. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay, Steve Adams yay.

Motion moved by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams to declare it necessary to levy a renewal for 3.8 mill for the current operating expenses as stated on an emergency basis. **(RESOLUTION 13-2023)** Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay, Steve Adams yay.

Motion made by Joe Bourne and seconded by Brandie Bourne to pass and enact said **RESOLUTION 13-2023**. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay, Steve Adams yay.