

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:

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

ABSENT: Steve Adams

OTHER ATTENDEES: Rick Swiger, DJ Meek, Donna Meek

VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, Paul Harvey

PLEDGE

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

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Ed Steffek to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held July 18, 2023. All council members present were in favor.

SEALED BIDS

Fiscal Officer Lute opened sealed bids for the vacant property located at 113 N. High Street. This was a property that the village acquired through a Sheriff's Sale Process. The village razed the home and cleared the lot. The village had previously tried selling the property with the home in tact; but did not receive a bid to cover the requirements of the sell.

Heard that tentatively the high bidder for the lot is Robin & Mike Waits of Port Washington for \$8000. The village will wait a few days to see if any other bids will come through the USPS with a postmark before August 1st; as the bid advertisement in the newspaper indicated that bids would be accepted with a postmark of July 31, 2023.

VISITORS

*No Reporting

PAY BILLS

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

FISCAL OFFICER

*No Reporting

POLICE

*Chief Dusenberry was absent – but Mayor Gardner addressed council on behalf of Dusenberry. Chief Dusenberry inquired about hiring two more part time patrolmen in order to cover more hours in the village. No names were given, but he has two prospects in mind. One is a full-time officer with the New Philadelphia Police Dept. The other person is a retired Columbus police officer who has moved to the Port Washington Area.

Brandie Bourne made a motion to proceed with the hiring of two part time officers and supply them with all equipment and clothing that is needed. Motion was seconded by Nate Penrod. Roll taken and all council members present were in favor.

STREET

*Heard that the street department truck will be serviced at Ford Lincoln Mercury for three recalls.

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*No Reporting

COCHRAN-SOLICITOR

*No Reporting – Absent

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

*Tax administrator Donna Meek reported that she acquired some good knowledgeable information from the recent tax seminar that she attended through the Ohio Municipal League

MAYOR

*Heard that Mayor Tom Gardner and Mayor's Assistant DJ Meek met with ODOT and The Thrasher Group (engineering firm) for the proposed sidewalk project walk through. The final placement of the sidewalks was determined. Heard that there will be numerous trees through the village that will be removed during the sidewalk project. If a resident is not in agreement of removing a tree that would be situated on their property; they would have the option to keep the tree. However, the resident would be responsible for any damage that the tree may cause to the sidewalk.

JOE BOURNE

*Bourne reported the Delaware Volunteer Fire Dept handled 8 calls for the month of July.

*Bourne reported that there is a brush on School Street that has overgrown about 4 foot into the roadway. Street Supervisor Rick Swiger will contact the property owner before trimming the brush.

STEVE ADAMS

*No Reporting-Absent

NATE PENROD

*No Reporting

BRANDIE BOURNE

*Heard that Brandie Bourne contacted a couple of beekeepers concerning the removal of Italian Honey Bees from the cemetery. She found no takers for the bees.

*Bourne reported the month of June for The Tri County EMS squad; in which there were 6 calls and 4 transfers for Port Washington. There were 5 calls and 4 transfers for Salem Township. There were 94 calls to Newcomerstown Village. Heard that the increased amount of calls for Newcomerstown will affect Tri County EMS financially. The EMS acquires revenue through the hospital transfer process. However, due to the high amount of calls to Newcomerstown Village, the EMS dept cannot take a squad out to accommodate transfers, which means a loss of revenue for Tri-Cty EMS.

JOHN LITTLE

*No Reporting

ED STEFFEK

*No Reporting

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be August 15, 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 16-2023)** Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay,

Motion made by Nate Penrod and seconded by Brandie Bourne to pass and enact said **RESOLUTION 16-2023**. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay

