

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, Tom Casimir

VISITORS: Nancy Bourne

PLEDGE

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

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Joe Bourne and seconded by John Little to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held August 15, 2023. All council members present were in favor.

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, Nate Penrod yay, Steve Adams yay.

FISCAL OFFICER

*No Reporting

POLICE

*Mayor Gardner introduced newly appointed patrolman, Tom Casimir. Casimir is a retired Columbus Police Officer who has relocated to the Port Washington area. Gardner indicated that Casimir was sworn in on August 20th and will be available to begin his duties in the very near future. Also sworn in as a part time patrolman was Darren Avon. Avon is currently a full time New Philadelphia officer and resides in Strasburg.

*It was noted that Mayor Gardner issued a couple verbal clean up notices. If property owners do not comply, the village police dept will issue written clean up notices to the property owners. Council member, Nate Penrod noted that he has seen improvement in several properties complying and cleaning up.

STREET

*Heard that street supervisor Rick Swiger is working on getting several signs replaced.

*Swiger indicated that the Bobcat needs to be serviced for a repair and oil change. **Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Nate Penrod** to approve the Bobcat Dealership to service the equipment as needed. All council members present were in favor.

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*Mayor's Administrative Asst indicated that he has processed some additional paperwork for funding for the proposed sidewalk project.

COCHRAN-SOLICITOR

*No Reporting

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

*No Reporting - Absent

MAYOR

*Heard that the village has received \$23,000 from the Rosenberry Foundation for the purchase of a John Deere Gator for the street dept. The Gator is ready for pickup once the council approves the purchase.

Motion made by Joe Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams to proceed with the purchase. All council members present were in favor of the purchase.

JOE BOURNE

*Bourne reported the Delaware Volunteer Fire Dept handled 5 calls for the month of August.

STEVE ADAMS

*No Reporting

NATE PENROD

*No Reporting

BRANDIE BOURNE

*Heard that the Breakfast at the Delaware Fire Dept. for September has been cancelled. The breakfast was originally scheduled for September 9th; however, the department could not get enough volunteers to host the breakfast. The next breakfast will be tentatively schedule for a date in October.

JOHN LITTLE

*No Reporting

ED STEFFEK

*No Reporting

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be September 19, 2023 at 7:00pm.

	Date
Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor	

	Date
Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer	

RESOLUTIONS & ORDINANCES

Motion moved by Joe Bourne and seconded by Ed Steffek approving the 2024 Public Defender's Agreement at a cost of \$1200 on an emergency basis. **(RESOLUTION 19-2023)** 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 Steve Adams to pass and enact said

RESOLUTION 19-2023. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay, Steve Adams yay.