

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, Tom Casimir

VISITORS: Nancy Bourne, Jamie Wince

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 Nate Penrod to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held September 05, 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

*Fiscal Officer reviewed with council; the proposed budget for year 2024. Total expenditures for budget year 2024-for the General Fund is expected to be \$313,296, Street Construction Fund is \$41,200, State Highway Fund is \$3,400, Cemetery Fund is \$5,000.

Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Nate Penrod to submit the proposed budget to the county auditor. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

POLICE

*No Reporting - Absent

STREET

*Heard that the bobcat has been repaired by the dealership. A new hydraulic and filter was installed.

*Street Supervisor Rick Swiger indicated that he has been using the new John Deere Gator for brush removal and trash removal. **Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Nate Penrod to approve the purchase of signage for the John Deere Gator. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*No Reporting - Absent

COCHRAN-SOLICITOR

*No Reporting - Absent

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

*No Reporting - Absent

MAYOR

*Mayor Gardner reported that the proposed revitalization grant for a street light project was denied. Councilmember Nate Penrod inquired whether the street light project could be added to the proposed sidewalk project. Mayor Gardner will check with DJ Meek on the possibility of adding the street lights to the sidewalk project.

*Gardner indicated that approval to open the cemetery for burning of brush/tree trimmings is needed. **Motion made by Nate Penrod** and seconded by Steve Adams to allow village residents to dump brush and tree trimmings in the cemetery. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor. The Delaware Fire Dept. will handle the burning. Residents should only dump brush/tree trimmings. No thrash or other items will be accepted for burning.

JOE BOURNE

*Bourne expressed gratitude to Council Member Ed Steffek on the designing of the art for the Tusc. Love Art Sculpture Project. The sculpture is currently on display in the village square. Council member Nate Penrod inquired whether any more names could be added to the art sculpture. Steffek indicated that it may be a possibility; but would need to review the names before committing to anymore additions.

*Bourne indicated that new paint lines for parking is needed in front of the Post Office. Street Supervisor Rick Swiger will handle.

*Discussed the Trick or Treat Event. Set Trick or Treat for Tuesday, Oct. 31st from 5:30 to 7:00pm.

*Heard that the porta john at the ballfield will be removed at the end of September.

STEVE ADAMS

*No Reporting

NATE PENROD

*Penrod inquired whether elevations would be changed when the proposed sidewalk project is completed. Mayor Gardner indicated that ODOT personnel would have handled any elevation changes that would be needed for the project.

*Heard that the gates at the ballfield on Arch Street are falling off. Street Supervisor Rick Swiger will handle the repair.

*Penrod inquired whether the Speed Shop has been zoned for business. Mayor Gardner indicated that the zoning for the Speed Shop is "Business".

*Penrod indicated sweeping of some loose gravel along streets is needed. Street Supervisor Rick Swiger will handle the clean-up of loose gravel.

*Penrod indicated that he attended a Tri-County EMS meeting recently. Heard that the EMS organization is facing a financial emergency. The EMS organization has lost a large amount of revenue from "transfer calls". The transfer calls have decreased due to the amount of additional calls to the Village of Newcomerstown and other entities. The EMS organization has not been able to have squads available for transfer calls as in the past. An emergency financial meeting will be called to discuss options of increasing revenue.

BRANDIE BOURNE

*Heard that the Breakfast at the Delaware Fire Dept. for October is tentatively set for Oct. 14, 2023 from 8 to 11am.

JOHN LITTLE

*No Reporting

ED STEFFEK

*Steffek expressed gratitude to Salem Township Trustees – John Bourne and DJ Meek for the help in installing/setting the Tusc. Love Art Sculpture.

TREASURER’S REPORT

* **Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Nate Penrod to accept the June Treasurer’s report with the following: \$524,714.17 General Fund, \$31,871.96 Street Construction, \$2,199.98 State Highway, \$2.38 Cemetery Fund, \$5,579.62 Permissive Vehicle Tax, \$3,012.63 Capital Project, \$0 Mayor’s Court, 2,207.37 Local Fiscal Recovery/ARPA Fund. With a total of all funds \$569,588.11. Reports included the Bank Reconciliation Report, bank statements, payment listing, receipt detail report, fund status report, appropriation status report. All council members present were in favor.

Meeting Adjourned.

Next meeting will be October 3, 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 Steve Adams approving the amendment of the 2024 Revenue Budget on an emergency basis. **(RESOLUTION 20-2023)** Additional revenue was added for the purchase of the New John Deere Gator. 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 Brandie Bourne and seconded by Nate Penrod to pass and enact said **RESOLUTION 20-2023**. 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 Ed Steffek accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and certifying them to the county auditor on an emergency basis. **(RESOLUTION 21-2023)** 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 21-2023**. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Nate Penrod yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Ed Steffek yay, Steve Adams yay.

