

Village of Windham Ohio

Minutes of Regular Council Meeting

Held September 28, 2021

At 7:00 p.m. the Honorable Mayor Scott Garrett called the meeting to order and led in the pledge of allegiance to the flag of our country.

Roll Call: Cheryl Belknap – present Lawrence Cunningham – present
 Terrie Altieri – present Cindy Cale – present
 Cheryl Taylor – present Sherri Pennington – present

Also present were: Tom Reitz, Debbie Blewitt, Elmer Owens, Erik Breiding, Keith Brugmann, and Denise Bly.

Mrs. Cale made a motion to approve the minutes of the August 24, 2021 Regular Council Meeting, which was seconded by Ms. Belknap and carried by 6 – 0 vote.

Fiscal Officer Cheree Taylor gave the Financial Reports as follows: The Income Tax collected year to date August 31, 2021 was \$336,049.24. The expenditures for the month of August 2021 were \$175,133.98 in checks and charges. Check numbers 37217 through 37292 were paid from the primary checking account during August 2021 with no checks voided during the month. Direct Deposit Vouchers 458-2021 through 488-2021 and 494-2021 through 521-2021 were also paid during the month of August 2021. The all funds reconciled balance for August 2021 was \$1,892,803.47.

Village Council President’s report by Lawrence Cunningham – Mr. Cunningham had nothing at the time.

Dispatchers Police, Fire and Rescue Reports for August 2021 by Cindy Cale – Mrs. Cale made a motion to accept the Police, Fire, and Rescue Reports for August 2021, which was seconded by Mrs. Altieri and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Mayor’s Communication by Scott Garrett – Mr. Garrett said he wanted to thank all the Village workers and Council members that put in their time and effort to make the Fall Fest a success. Mr. Garrett suggested having a panel of three judges for the Chili Cook Off next year and to also have the people that buy the chili vote on a People’s Choice award. Mr. Garrett also thanked Keith Brugmann for the \$1,000 donation for Trunk or Treat. Cheree Taylor estimated the Village made a \$700 profit after looking at the preliminary numbers.

Prior requests of guests to speak – None

Finance by Cindy Cale

Mrs. Cale made a motion to approve the Fiscal Officer’s expenditures for the month of August 2021 as reported. Mrs. Altieri seconded this motion and it carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Cale made a motion to approve the all funds reconciled bank balance for August 2021 in the amount of \$1,892,803.47 as reported. Mrs. Altieri seconded the motion which carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Cale read Ordinance O-2021-18 **BEING AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE AMENDING AND/OR SUPPLEMENTING OF THE PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS SET FORTH IN ORDINANCE O-2021-7 ON MARCH 23, 2021 FOR THE VILLAGE OF WINDHAM, AS SET FORTH BELOW AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Mrs. Cale made a motion to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Mrs. Taylor and carried by a 6 – 0 vote. Mrs. Cale made a motion to adopt Ordinance O-2021-18, which was seconded by Mrs. Taylor and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Mrs. Cale read Resolution R-2021-19 **A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY** and made a motion to suspend the rules, which was seconded by Mrs. Altieri and carried by a 6 – 0 vote. Mrs. Cale

made a motion to adopt Resolution R-2021-19, which was seconded by Mrs. Altieri and carried by a 6 – 0 vote.

Safety, Personnel, Rules (SPR) by Terrie Altieri – Mrs. Altieri had nothing at the time.

Utilities by Cheryl Taylor – Mrs. Taylor had nothing at the time.

Service Committee by Cheryl Belknap

Ms. Belknap read Ordinance O-2017-17 **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 555.02, NOTICE TO CUT GRASS OR WEEDS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF WINDHAM.** This was a second read.

Economic Development by Lawrence Cunningham – Mr. Cunningham said he wants to have a few people help with trying to get a grant to extend the water lines out to the trailer park on 82.

Parks and Recreation by Sherri Pennington – Mrs. Pennington had nothing at the time. Debbie Blewitt said a resident that owns property behind the park came to the Fall Fest and asked that we stop it because the noise and music were scaring the deer and it was opening day for hunting. Mr. Cunningham said he politely told him to go back home.

Planning Commission by Scott Garrett – Mr. Garrett had nothing at the time. Cheree Taylor said Tom Brett notified her that there will have to be a Planning Commission Meeting before next month's Council Meeting for some replats, but she was not given a time yet.

Solicitor's Report by Tom Reitz – Mr. Reitz said he has not received any appeal from Rob Neal about his dismissal on his EEOC complaint, so he believes that matter is put to rest.

Guest Recognition – Denise Bly asked about Resolution R-2021-19 and wanted to know if that was a new levy and Cheree Taylor said she believes that is the Village's current income tax rate and nothing has changed it is just something that needs certified each year at this time. Mr. Owens asked if Tom Brett knows what they are allowed to take and wanted something in writing stating what they are allowed to take. Mr. Owens said when the Village clean up his property on Horn Road they took saws and shovels. Mr. Owens asked for pictures of what was taken and where it was taken to because he has stuff missing. Mr. Owens said you should be able to keep things under your awning. Mr. Owens said he wants a book that tells him what he is allowed to have in Windham. Mr. Garrett said he will make sure that Tom Brett sends Mr. Owens a copy of the Ordinance that pertains to this particular subject. Mr. Owens said he doesn't believe that people have the right to take things off your property.

Last Chance of Council to Speak on Any Subject – Cheree Taylor said the Village received \$115,000 from the American Rescue Plan Act, which can be used towards water and sewer improvements. Cheree Taylor said some of the guidelines have changed and she thinks the Village has until December 2024 to use this money. Debbie Blewitt said she will check on the striping for the newly paved streets. The smoke test on the sewer will be sometime next week.

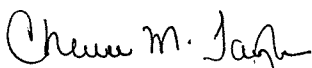
Council looked at the calendar for October 2021. The Committee meetings (Parks & Recreation and Committee of the Whole) will be Tuesday, October 12, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. The Council Meeting will be Tuesday, October 26, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Altieri made a motion to enter into executive to discuss employee compensation. This motion was seconded by Mrs. Cale and carried by a 6 – 0 vote at 7:31 p.m.

Mrs. Cale made a motion to return from executive session, which was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and carried by a 6 – 0 vote at 8:16 p.m.

Mrs. Cale made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Mrs. Altieri and by unanimous vote the meeting was adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Cheree M. Taylor, Clerk of Council

Attest,


Scott Garrett, Mayor

**** NOTE: THESE MINUTES ARE SUMMARY BY DIRECTION OF COUNCIL ****

All Council & Committee Meetings will be held in Windham Council Chambers, unless otherwise noted.



