

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Village of South Amherst Meeting
REGULAR COUNCIL
September 11, 2023

Call to order:

7:00 p.m. – The council meeting was called to order by Mayor David Leshinski and opened with the Lord's Prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The roll was called:

Councilmember Michele Jeffers	P
Councilmember Scott Jones	P
Councilmember Becky Siesky	P
Councilmember Jeri Leigh Siss	EA
Councilmember David Troike	P
President Pro Tempore Jeanne Maschari	P

Ex officio members:

Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke	P
Records Clerk Laurie Beran	P
Law Director Matthew Mishak	P

(EA – excused absences)

Approve the absence of Councilmember Siss due to work.

Councilmember Jones moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Siss. Councilmember Troike seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss Absent Troike x Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA September 11, 2023

Councilmember Troike moved to approve the agenda as presented. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss EA Troike x Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 28, 2023

Councilmember Troike moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Jeffers seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky Abstain Siss EA Troike x Motion passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 31, 2023

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve the minutes as presented. Councilmember Troike seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky Abstain Siss EA Troike x Motion passed.

VISITORS

Maria Sosa - Municipal Law Observer

SAPD - Chief Frazier, Lt. Harvan, Officer Darnell (*see department report*)

SAFD Firefighters – Robert Becker Jr., Timothy Moore Jr., Aaron Grimm, Alexander Gerakis (*see department report*)

MAYOR

Regionalization

The county administrator met with municipalities to discuss regionalization in order to bring in development to the county. By combining efforts there would be a greater opportunity to receive federal monies for projects. Two key issues for regionalization were water and sewer.

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Life Care

Mayors from Lorain, Elyria, Amherst and Mayor Leshinski met to develop an RFP (Request for Proposal) for other vendors to provide ambulance services.

Ludwig Ditch

County has completed surveying of the ditch and the next step is for the engineer to develop a plan for cleaning out.

Traffic Monitoring

Has been completed and have not been informed of the purpose of the study.

FISCAL OFFICER

Payment Listing 8/25 – 9/7/23

Presented to council.

August Financial Statements

Fund Summary, Revenue Summary, and Appropriation Summary were presented to council.

August Bank Reconciliation

Presented to council.

August Mayor's Court

Gross Receipts	Ohio Reparations	City of Oberlin	Total net Receipts to SA	Computer Fund Clerk	Computer Fund Court	General Fund
\$13,075.0	\$2,957.50	\$115.50	\$10,002.00	\$820.00	\$240.00	\$8,942.00

RECORDS CLERK

2023 CURRENT BUILDING PERMITS - August

ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
110 Annis Rd	Roof
5906 Russia Rd	New House – structural, electric, plumb, HVAC, drive, Occ
317 E Main St	Alteration, siding, window
317 E Main St	Plumbing
219 Oakdale Dr	Roof
710 S Lake St	Fence
588 S Lake St	Roof
317 E Main St	Electric
311 Elm St	Fence
205 E Main St	Porch Roof

2023 CURRENT ZONING PERMITS - August

Address	DESCRIPTION
710 S Lake St	Fence
5906 Russia Rd	House
206 E Main	Pole Barn
311 Elm St	Fence

Visioning Update

Total surveys collected as of today are 67. Surveys are due by September 22 and Asilinn Consulting will tabulate and analyze the results. Steering Committee members will be decided on at the September 25th council meeting.

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Website Update

In the process of updating the current site. If you have any pictures or additional information that you would like on the updated site, please have to the Records Clerk by September 22nd.

2024 Calendar Approval

Discussion was held concerning the time proposed for Trick-or-Treat. The consensus was that the weekend is better than a weekday, but the actual time was undecided.

Councilmember Jones moved to table the 2024 Trick-or-Treat start time until the September 25th meeting. Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss EA Troike x

Motion passed.

DEPARTMENTS

Service

Councilmember Jones inquired of the status of the downed branches still remaining. Mayor Leshinski stated that the branches at Wallu and W Main, plus Annis Rd will be taken care of by a contracted tree service.

Fire

August Call Reports

Fire	EMS	MVA	Mutual	Other
4	13	1	3	5

Two are enrolled in school.

Mayor Leshinski stated that at this time there are three applicants for the chief position.

Lawrie Back Pay

The fiscal officer stated that she received a call from Andrew Lawrie regarding back compensation for June, July, and August. Mr. Lawrie feels that if the suspension was not just, then he should receive back pay.

Councilmember Maschari stated that, "Council never said the suspension was not just, we stated the termination was not just." Councilmember Jones said Mr. Lawrie was in attendance when the motion was made, so he should understand it and we are doing what is correct.

Helmets

Firefighter Grimm and Gerakis asked for clarification on if they were allowed to use their helmets that meet NFPA standards. Lt. Urig via Interim Fire Chief stated that "Council" was not allowing them to use their helmets because they were not issued by the department. Mayor Leshinski and the council were unaware of the issue. Councilmember Maschari will research the issue and have an answer in the next few days. Ms. Maschari inquired of the law director if the Village would have any liability in the case of an accident in the meantime. The Law Director stated that there would not be liability because the helmets meet NFPA Standards.

Police

August 14 - September 10

Traffic Citations Written

51 Speed, 2 Stop Sign, 1 Right on Red, 1 DUS, 1 No license

Total Stops

72

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Location: 28 Russia, 24 W Main, 6 S Lake, 5 N lake, 3 N Quarry, 2 E Main, 2 Annis, 2 Leonard
Calls for Service: 7
LCSO: 2

State Audit will be held September 20th for the use of OHLEG. Annual handgun training is scheduled for October.

Chief Frazier expressed his displeasure with an email that had circulated amongst the councilmembers regarding one of his officers. Chief Frazier felt that it was a direct malicious attack against the officer. The reason why the officer uses the PD physical address is because he can. According to ORC 4501.271 a Peace Officer, Juvenile Officer and a Corrections Officer may use the address of their employment for the simple reason that personal information on the officer is not publicly known in case of retaliation. Any concerns regarding any of the officers should be directed to Chief Frazier personally, not in an email to the council. Councilmember Troike acknowledged that he had written the email in question and stated that there was no malicious intent against the officer, apologized and stated that he was informed of ORC 4501.271 and it will not happen again.

BOARDS

Cemetery (Mayor Leshinski presented.)

There is currently a clerk in training and the fence is being installed at Pioneer Cemetery. A letter was sent to Board Member Andrew Johnson saying that his services were no longer required on the board seeing that he was only at one of the last seven meetings. Councilmember Maschari inquired as to the delay in termination. Mayor Leshinski replied that he (Johnson) had a lot going on personally, he was getting married.

Park (Councilmember Jeffers presented.)

The Wellstone flowerbed is to be finished in October. Park Board meetings will now be held back at village hall for the winter and the date of the official winter closing will be weather dependent.

SABPA (Mayor Leshinski presented.)

One valve and one hydrant are scheduled to be replaced.

COMMITTEES

Bldg.& Grounds (Councilmember Troike presented.)

Curb stops

Councilmember Troike moved to purchase five to seven curb stops, not to exceed \$300.00. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

Discussion: Mayor said he knows someone that has some and would see if they would donate. Councilmember Troike mentioned that he was recommending seven curb stops in the event of people damaging the concrete. The ultimate decision will be the Street Supervisor's.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss EA Troike x Motion passed.

Bollards

Councilmember Troike moved to purchase two bollards to be placed around the generator at the fire station. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Troike mentioned that the generator should be raised.

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Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss EA Troike x

Motion passed.

No Parking Signs

Councilmember Troike moved to purchase parking signs for the north and east sides of the water tower. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

Discussion: The law director recommended that the examples of the signs that were passed around be notated in the minutes.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss EA Troike x

Motion passed.

Two examples of no parking signs were passed amongst council. The final decision will be left to the Street Supervisor.

SAFD HVAC Unit

The following quotes were received for replacement of the HVAC unit that is in the front half of the building: Giddich \$10,900.00; Gross \$9,000.00; Shagovac \$13,800.00. The reason for the \$4000.00 difference has to do with the addition of a curb adapter that would maintain the integrity of the roof. A crane would be required to lift a unit in place.

Councilmember Troike moved to table the vote until clarifications are made on the quotes. Councilmember seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss EA Troike x

Motion passed.

Safety (Councilmember Jeffers presented.)

NIMS

The training session will be held off until the beginning of 2024.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 710 First Responder Recognition

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve Resolution 710-23. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss EA Troike x

Motion passed.

Resolution No. 711-23 (Second Reading) Solid Waste Management Plan for the
LCSWMD

Resolution No. 712-23 (Emergency)SAPD 2009 Ford Crown Victoria and SAFD 2011
Ford Crown Victora Unfit for Public Use

Councilmember Troike inquired as to why one of the vehicles could not go to the BPA. The fiscal officer replied that the two vehicles in question could not pass E-check and will just be kept for parts. There is still one other vehicle that would be able to go to the BPA and that board is aware that they would have to pay to have the equipment and decals removed.

Councilmember Maschari moved to suspend the rules for Resolution No. 712-23.

Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss EA Troike x

Motion passed.

Councilmember Maschari moved to pass Resolution No. 712-23. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

Discussion:

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Motion passed.

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation No. 303

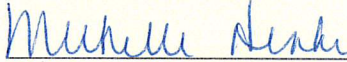
Councilmember Jones moved to pass Appropriation No. 303. Councilmember Troike seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Jones x Maschari x Siesky x Siss EA Troike x

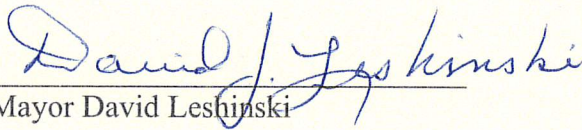
Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT Time 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke



Mayor David Leshinski