

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Village of South Amherst Meeting
REGULAR COUNCIL
August 28, 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	EA
Councilmember Jeri Leigh Siss	P
Councilmember David Troike	P
President Pro Tempore Jeanne Maschari	EA

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 Siesky due to vacation.

Councilmember Jeffers moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Siesky.

Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

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

Approve the absence of Councilmember Maschari due to jury duty.

Councilmember Troike moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Maschari.

Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

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

APPROVAL OF AGENDA August 28, 2023

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES August 14, 2023

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

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

VISITORS

SAFD – Interim Chief John Crawford

MAYOR

Local Government Funds

The estimated Local Government Distribution for 2024 for Lorain County is \$12,193,017.00.

The Village will receive 1.435% of that total which will be \$74,516.14. The distribution amount for 2023 was \$78,267.68. Distribution amounts are determined by population.

Trademark

Mayor Leshinski showed a couple of designs for a proposed village logo. The first image was of the WWI Monument and the second image was of the brick planter at the northeast corner of Village Hall. If anyone has suggestions of other ideas, please contact Mayor Leshinski.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Village of South Amherst Meeting

FISCAL OFFICER

Payment Listing 8/11-8/24

Presented.

Financial Reports: Fund Summary, Revenue Summary, Appropriation Summary
Were presented.

NOACA

The fiscal officer reiterated that the engineer thinks it's important to remain a part of NOACA for future road projects. It's not that we could qualify, it is that we would not be considered for grant money unless we were a part of NOACA. The road projects that are presented through this program are long range projects (5 years and more), not like the projects that we have done with OWC. This was the recommendation especially with the possibility of infrastructure projects in the future.

Councilmember Siss moved to approve the annual membership for NOACA. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion .

Discussion: Mayor Leshinski stated that they have also done other projects such as brownfield restoration and infrastructure, not just road projects. Councilmember Jones asked the mayor if he received updates from NOACA. The mayor does not, but are county representative is North Ridgeville Mayor Kevin Corcoran. If there are items that we wish to be presented, we would need to contact Mr. Corcoran. Councilmember Siss asked if it is possible to have our representative come to a meeting to explain some of the benefits that are available, if their our communities like ours that are going through the same issues, and just to give a brief synapse of NOACA.

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

RECORDS CLERK

Committee Schedule

Safety – to be held quarterly, beginning in January on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:00 p.m.

Visioning Update

Community Surveys along with water bills were mailed on August 25th, they are due September 22. Thank you to Councilmember Maschari and water clerk Cindy Knudsen

Councilmember Siss asked if the council still needs to do the ranking for the Steering Committee members. The Records Clerk responded that it would wait until after September 22nd when the surveys are due and if any additional names will be added to the list.

BOARDS

Cemetery

Still looking for a clerk

SABPA (Councilmember Siss presented.)

Clerk

Cindy Knudsen has been hired and is in training.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Village of South Amherst Meeting

Hydrants

SABPA moved to replace the hydrant at Kenwood and East Main.

Water valves

Exercising and GPS mapping of valves was to be completed on 8/22 & 8/23.

Storm

S. Lake St. storm water grate is scheduled to be fixed. Quarry Rd & W. Main St. storm grate was run over and heavily damaged. Both the water operator and the service worker were notified of the incident.

COMMITTEES

Bldg. & Grounds (Councilmember Troike presented.)

The committee needs to meet prior to the Finance meeting to discuss some items that the service worker would like approved and the fire department – a/c.

Mayor would like electric in the storage shed to find items when needed at night.
Councilmember Troike stated that the finance committee made the decision to wait for a year.

Councilmember Siss asked for an update on the holding tanks. Mayor Leshinski responded that we are still waiting on the permit to install from the EPA.

Street-Sidewalk-Service (Councilmember Troike presented.)

Thanked everyone for getting W. Main open last week after the storm. Councilmember Troike would like to have a “Hot Wash” meeting to review the events of last weeks storm and how events were handled. Mayor Leshinski thanked Mr. Hart for removal of debris from the side of the road to get the road cleared.

Ordinance

Next meeting is 9/14. Councilmember Siss recognized the Records Clerk for her extra efforts in researching issues that could conflict with potential ordinances.

Safety

Fire Chief Exam

The exam has been rescheduled to October 7th.

Police

The new vehicle has been delivered, will take about another month to do the detailing and adding the special equipment to the inside of the vehicle.

Community & Economic Development

Halloween Parade

Further discussion to be held with Kyle Urig, SAFD Association President, regarding the particulars of the parade.

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
Minutes of Village of South Amherst Meeting

Newsletter

Articles and important information need to be print ready, images included by October 2nd to Ms. Siss.

Social Media (FB)

Please have posting, print ready with images included, and date to be posted.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 710-23

(Second Reading) First Responder Recognition

Resolution No. 711-23

(First Reading) Adoption of the Solid Waste Management Plan
for the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation No. 303

Lack of quorum, vote to be held September 11, 2023.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilmember Siss moved to enter Executive Session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss personnel legal questions. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

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

Regular meeting was resumed at 8:22 p.m.

Councilmember Troike moved to adopt the Agenda for the Appeals Hearing scheduled for August 31, 2023 at 7 p.m. Councilmember Jones seconded the motion.

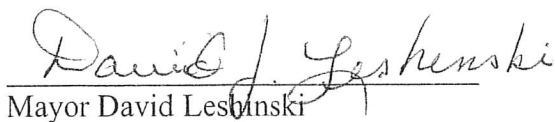
Jeffers x Jones x Maschari EA Siesky EA Siss x Troike x Motion passed.

ADJOURNMENT Time 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke


Mayor David Leschinski