

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Village of South Amherst

REGULAR COUNCIL

April 8, 2024

Call to order:

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

The roll was called:

Councilmember Michele Jeffers	P
Councilmember Robb Koscho	P
Councilmember Michael Sangiacomo	P
Councilmember Becky Siesky	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
Utility Admin. David Valentine	P
<i>(EA – excused absences)</i>	

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve the absence of Councilmember Siesky due to a family obligation. Councilmember Troike seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho x Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky Ex Troike x Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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Amendment: Mower purchase

Councilmember Koscho moved to approve the agenda as amended. Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho x Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky Ex Troike x Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

March 25, 2024

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve the minutes as presented/amended. Councilmember Jeffers seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho x Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky Ex Troike x Motion carried.

VISITORS

Bob & Ann Loosli 210 Annis Rd. plus the immediate family.

Joseph & Cheryl Petty 112 Maroy Dr. – had concerns regarding the property at 110 Maroy Dr. with drainage coming unto their property from the neighbors after trenches were dug and tiles dug-up. Concerns were also raised about numerous vehicles parked in the front yard that block the line of sight to oncoming traffic. Lorain County Public Health will be contacted for possible septic issues, grading of the property, and parking of vehicles in the front yard will be addressed by the appropriate Village departments.

Fire Chief Crawford, Firefighter Deptula, Mrs. Deptula

MAYOR

Proclamation

Bob & Ann Loosli for their 75th Wedding Anniversary.

Swearing in

Firefighter Deptula

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Appointment(s): Park & Planning

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve Jennifer Schlifer to the Park Board. Councilmember Koscho seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho x Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky Ex Troike x Motion carried.

Councilmember Maschari moved to approve Anthony Savage to the Planning Commission. Councilmember Jeffers seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho x Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky Ex Troike x Motion carried.

FISCAL OFFICER

Payment Listing 3/23/24-4/4/24

Presented to council.

Financial Reports

The following reports were presented to council: Fund Summary, Revenue Summary, Appropriation Summary.

March Bank Reconciliation

Completed and awaiting signatures.

March Mayor's Court

<u>Gross Receipts</u>	<u>Ohio</u> <u>Reparations</u>	<u>City of</u> <u>Oberlin</u>	<u>Total net</u> <u>Receipts to SA</u>	<u>Computer</u> <u>Fund Clerk</u>	<u>Computer</u> <u>Fund Court</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
\$6,360.00	\$1437.50	\$55.50	\$4,867.00	\$401.00	\$120.00	\$4,346.00

RECORDS CLERK

2024 CURRENT CONSTRUCTION PERMITS - March

B / Z	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
B	306 E Main	Roof
B	465 Annis	Furnace, Hot Water

UTILITY ADMINISTRATOR

Water Shut Offs

For March there were eleven shut offs. There is still one residence where the water is shut off due to nonpayment.

Hydrant Flushing

Annis, Russia and S. Lake flushing of hydrants will start this week.

Curb Box Project

Four out of the eleven shut offs need to have their curb boxes replaced. A plan will be developed to schedule curb box replacements along with the exercising of valves on a revolving bases that corresponds with EPA regulations.

BOARDS

Cemetery (Councilmember Sangiacomo presented.)

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The board has recommended a price increase on resident lots, it will be presented to the Ordinance Committee.

COMMITTEES

Bldg.& Grounds

Fueling Vehicles

Diesel fuel is being spilled when filling fire trucks. FD is responsible for cleaning up any spilled fuel.

Street-Sidewalk-Service

NOPEC – Exterior Lighting

Has been recommended to increase the lumens in the lights on the exterior sconces instead of replacing the scones and replace the light over the front door.

Mower

Councilmember Troike moved to approve the purchase of a 60” mower. Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

Discussion: Councilmember Maschari inquired as to whom would use the mower. The larger mower will be used by the service department for the larger tracts of property, and it will increase productivity of the department by decreasing mowing time.

Jeffers x Koscho x Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky Ex Troike x Motion carried.

Potholes

Potholes will be addressed next week weather dependent. (April 15th)

Ordinance

Ordinance No. 1802-24 Adopt Cemetery Bylaws (Residential Lot Fees)

Administrative (Councilmember Maschari presented.)

Trash Service Information

There is a \$5000.00 membership fee to join the Trash Consortium. A representative will be here on April 22. Contract examples from Rumpke and Kindle were distributed to council. Republic Services will speak on May 15. Documentation was reviewed by the law director stating that the Village would not have to public bid for residential trash services because no Village funds would be used. The residents would still have their own personal contract with a trash service.

Real Estate Taxes

Residents have asked why potential Amherst Township Trustees were walking around during elections. 85% of the Village is in Amherst Twp. and approximately \$23,000.00 in property tax goes to Amherst Twp. Ms. Maschari reached out to Joe Miller, State Representative, asking advice on how to find out what happens to that money that is paid to the township. Mr. Miller said to just ask. A discussion was held with Neil Lynch, Amherst Twp. Trustee and he did not know the amount of property tax money that was received from the Village. Mr. Lynch made the comment of why you don't just leave the township.

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Further inquiries were made to the law director, Lorain County Auditor's office, etc. regarding leaving a township. Various entities have raised the question, but then the discussion drops. Is Council interested in investigating the issue of leaving Amherst Township further?

Councilmember Maschari moved to further research leaving Amherst Township.

Councilmember Jeffers seconded.

Discussion: The purpose of the further research is to find out the legal cost of leaving the Township and the benefits and losses to the Village.

Jeffers x Koscho x Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky Ex Troike x Motion carried.

Newsletter

Suggestions on articles for the next issue: trash, burning, feral cats, new business – dog grooming.

RESOLUTION

Resolution No. 732-24 (Emergency) 12' Open Trailer Unfit for Public Use

Councilmember Troike moved to suspend the rules and pass as an emergency Resolution No. 732-24. Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho x Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky Ex Troike x Motion carried.

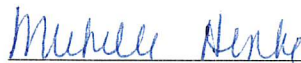
Councilmember Troike moved to approve Resolution No. 732-24. Councilmember Koscho seconded the motion.

Discussion: Sangiacomo asked why we are getting rid of it. The trailer is in bad shape, and it would cost more than it is truly worth repairing plus we have new one that is sufficient for our needs.

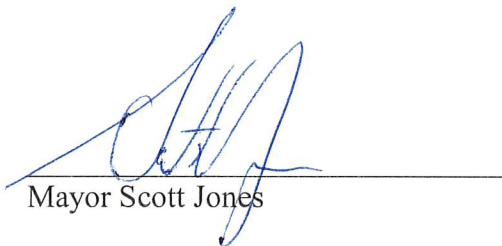
Jeffers x Koscho x Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky Ex Troike x Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT Time 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke



Mayor Scott Jones