

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of Village of South Amherst

November 25, 2024

PUBLIC HEARING 6:46 p.m. 2025 Temporary Appropriations

Mayor Jones called the public hearing to order. The hearing was held in order for the public to ask questions regarding the proposed 2025 Temporary Appropriations (Tax Budget)

ROLL CALL

Councilmember Michele Jeffers	P	Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke	P
Councilmember Robb Koscho	P	Records Clerk Laurie Beran	P
Councilmember Michael Sangiacomo	P	Law Director Matthew Mishak	P
Councilmember Becky Siesky	P	Utility Admin. David Valentine	EA
Councilmember David Troike	P	(EA – excused absences)	
President Pro Tempore Jeanne Maschari	P		

Highlights of the 2025 Temporary Appropriations

- General Fund was increased for Safety Services to reflect the rate of compensation increase.
- Capital outlay of \$50,000.00 for the Ohio Public Works payment.
- Street Fund increase for additional staffing.
- Water Operating Fund increase for additional staffing.
- Storm Fund increase of \$33,000.00 for maintenance projects.

ADJOURNMENT Time: 6:56 p.m.

REGULAR COUNCIL

November 25, 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	P
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	EA
(EA – excused absences)	

APPROVAL OF AGENDA November 25, 2024

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES November 12, 2024

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

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

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MAYOR

2025 Summit

Refreshments for the evening

Councilmember Maschari moved to have refreshments at the Summit for a cost not to exceed \$75.00. Councilmember Koscho seconded the motion.

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

Call to Action

As we look forward to the future, we are excited about bringing more events and special memories to the Village residents and surrounding community. In order to accomplish this goal, we ask if you are able to lend your time to volunteer at events or even to share your ideas, please contact Mayor Jones by emailing mayorjones@southamherst.org or calling 440-714-4247.

FISCAL OFFICER

Payment Listing 11/8-11/21/24

Presented to council.

Financial Reports

The following financial reports 11/8-11/21/24 were presented to council: Fund Summary, Appropriation Summary, and Revenue Summary.

October Bank Reconciliation

Completed and ready for signatures.

October Mayor's Court Financial Report

<u>Gross Receipts</u>	<u>Ohio Reparations</u>	<u>City of Oberlin</u>	<u>Total net Receipts to SA</u>	<u>Computer Fund Clerk</u>	<u>Computer Fund Court</u>	<u>General Fund</u>
<u>\$7,025.00</u>	<u>\$1,467.50</u>	<u>\$58.50</u>	<u>\$5,499.00</u>	<u>\$420.00</u>	<u>\$128.00</u>	<u>\$4,951.00</u>

Commit ARPA Funds

Finance committee has recommended using approximately \$7000.00 of the remaining ARPA Funds for codifying this year's ordinances. Fiscal Officer recommended to use any additional ARPA Funds towards the Fire Departments drainage project.

Councilmember Siesky moved to commit approximately \$7,000.00 of ARPA Funds to codify ordinances. Councilmember Koscho seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Troike moved to commit the remaining ARPA Funds for the floor drains at the SAFD. Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

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

Reimbursement Halloween Celebration

Reimbursement payments to Stephanie Koscho and Erin Viock for the CED Committee Village Halloween celebration.

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Councilmember Maschari moved to approve the reimbursement of \$184.26 to Stephanie Koscho and \$196.22 to Erin Viocok for the Village Halloween celebration. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

Jeffers x Koscho **abstain** Maschari x Sangiacomo x Siesky x Troike x Motion carried.

License Tax Levy

The levy ordinance was forwarded to the State and the levy will start collection in 2026.

Mayors Court Schedule of Cost & Fees

Police Chief is recommending revisions to the Mayors Court Waiver Schedule to be effective January 1. Comparisons of fines were made with surrounding municipalities and the revised schedule was presented to council.

Councilmember Troike moved to approve the Mayors Court Schedule of Cost and Fees effective 1 January 2025. Councilmember Jeffers seconded the motion.

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

RECORDS CLERK

October Construction Report

B/Z	ADDRESS	DESCRIPTION
B	111 White Birch Way	Electrical
B	663 S Lake	Waterproofing
B	109 Annis	Re-roof
B	617 W Main	Door replacement
B/Z	667 S Lake	Addition
B	311 Wlm	Re-roof
B	313 Elm	Re-roof
B	324 Annis	Re-roof

BOARDS

Cemetery

Councilmember Sangiacomo commented that there is still ongoing discussion regarding the pine trees that are to the west of the Memorial Garden. The board wants to knock them all down and replace them with something else. Councilmember Troike stated that Building & Grounds Committee had already made their decision on the issue.

DEPARTMENTS

Fire

Approve Auxiliary Firefighter

Councilmember Koscho moved to approve Alex Bible as an Auxiliary Firefighter.

Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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

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COMMITTEES

Building & Grounds (Councilmember Troike presented.)

Cemetery Board – Columbarium

The committee will meet with the Cemetery Board on December 11 at 6 p.m. for a presentation on the columbarium.

Fire Department Drainage

The engineer has approved the plans to replace the floor drain with an open drain that has been approved by the EPA.

Councilmember Troike moved to have KMU proceed with the SAFD drain project at a cost of \$11,368.24 Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

Discussion: The fiscal officer requested an executive session to discuss two of the contracts after confirmation from the law director.

Councilmember Maschari moved to table the vote until after Executive Session. Councilmember Koscho seconded the motion.

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

ORDINANCE

Ordinance No. 1820-24 (Final Reading) An ordinance fixing the rate of compensation for part-time members of the South Amherst Village Police Department, effective December 1, 2024 and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Koscho moved to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance No. 1820-24 as an emergency. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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

Ordinance No. 1821-24 (Second Reading) An ordinance fixing the rate of compensation for part-time members of the South Amherst Fire Department effective 1 January 2025 and declaring an emergency.

Ordinance No. 1822-24 (Emergency Reading) An ordinance to approve current replacements to the South Amherst Codified Ordinances and declaring an emergency.

Councilmember Siesky moved to suspend the rules and approve Ordinance No. 1820-24 as an emergency. Councilmember Troike seconded the motion.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

ORC 121.22 (G)(3) Litigation

Councilmember Maschari moved to enter executive session to discuss pending litigation in accordance with ORC 121.22 (G) (3) at 7:21 p.m. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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

Returned to regular session at 7:43 p.m.

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Councilmember Maschari moved to remove the motion from the table and bring it back to discussion. Councilmember Siesky seconded the motion.

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

Councilmember Troike moved to have KMU proceed at a cost of \$11,368.24 for the Fire Department drain project. Councilmember Maschari seconded the motion.

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

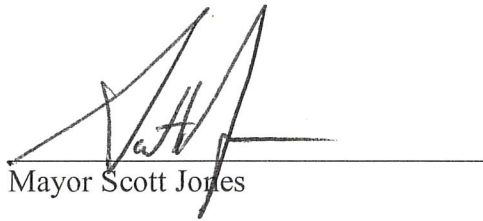
ADJOURNMENT

7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Fiscal Officer Michelle Henke


Mayor Scott Jones