

## **COUNCIL MINUTES**

### **June 25, 2024**

Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm, followed by the pledge.

**Attendance:** Terry Seibert, Seth Seibert, Bruce Rickard, Brian Webb, Chelsea Wilsey, Bryan Selhorst, Amanda Crouch, Kristina Boroff, Pete Van Arsdel  
Scott Cisco-Waste Management, Rob Egbert-Waste Management, Dave Buschur- EMS, Kara Smith- EMS, Blake Frank, Lanny Hammitt, Marge Trisel, Erin Gardner -The Daily Standard

#### **Scott Cisco and Rob Egbert Auglaize County Waste Management:**

Gave a presentation about the recycling program in Auglaize and Mercer County. All locations are 24-hour drop offs. It is costly to start a drop off location. It must be maintained by the municipality. Carla at the county has Ohio EPA grant opportunities for the recycling containers. He would say ballpark estimate of \$8,000 to get started. If we were awarded a grant, our cost would be 25% of the total cost. Since we have nothing currently, it makes us desirable for a grant. He would have to get approval from the county commissioners to give us permission to proceed. Council should write a letter to the commissioners asking them to help us and take care of our containers. They do have locations setup in Mercer County now, including at Parkway. They do a very good job at processing the recyclable items with very little waste. There are no monthly charges for them to pickup our recycling. They pickup the recycling every week. It would need to be somewhere that has light and that a large truck is able to drive on. We need to monitor it to be sure that we are not getting unacceptable items. Council is considering the old school grounds parking lot as a recycling location. Two 8-yard containers for cardboard, two 8-yard containers for aluminum and plastic, two 8-yard containers for paper, a bag roll off, and a glass roll off. We would need a place 48-50 foot wide. We would install cameras as well. We would get the word out about what is allowed and how everything works. We do not want to spread the word before we have total approval that the project is moving forward. Waste Management will give us brochures when we are ready to start.

#### **Dave Buschur and Kara Smith Emergency Management:**

The county EMS advisor meeting was held last week. Dave Buschur spoke about the staffing issues in Emergency Management. Funding was always done per capita, not through a levy. The per capita amount is not enough to run the department. For the last 18 months, they have been working on this issue. They felt that if they could collect 1 mil from a levy, then they could afford to pay the EMS volunteers a reasonable amount. They need to create a joint ambulance district in order to be able to put this levy on the November ballot. There is a time crunch to get everything done. If the levy passes, we would not have to pay the per capita amount any more. They are planning to get enough full-time people on staff to cover 24/7. It will cost \$610,000 in payroll and the volunteers to implement this plan. Through the course of the last five years there has been a lot of turnover in staffing. It is harder to get volunteers in the current economy. We need to maintain our EMS to have protection for our citizens. Right now, the bulk of the ambulance runs are being done by six people. This agreement will alleviate this strain. We need our squad to be strong for our protection. The advisory board will decide the millage for the levy once the board is formed.

Council will appoint a person to serve as the representative of the Village of Mendon, Ohio to the Mercer County Joint Ambulance District. They need this name by Monday, July 1. The meetings would be held quarterly after the initial meetings for getting the levy on the ballot. Amanda Crouch volunteers to sit on the advisory board as the village representative.

**Mayor:**

**Solicitor:**

**Minutes:** There was a motion by Seth to waive the reading of the minutes, seconded by Bryan Selhorst, roll call: Brian Webb-yea, Bruce- yea, Amanda – yea, Chelsea- yea, Seth-yea, Bryan Selhorst-yea. There was a motion by Brian Webb with a second by Chelsea to approve the minutes, roll call: Brian Webb-yea, Bruce- yea, Amanda – yea, Chelsea- yea, Seth-yea, Bryan Selhorst-yea.

**Street Commissioner:** Nothing to discuss.

**Zoning:** Nothing to discuss.

**New Business:**

- The Mayor thanked everyone for their help with the water tower that was overflowing due to the Wi-Fi going down. Josh Kinney did an amazing job of getting to town and taking care of the issue.
- Pete will be retiring at the end of the year. Council will discuss this at the July meeting.
- The Fiscal Officer position will be discussed at the July meeting.

**Old Business:**

**Legislation:**

- Resolution 2024-01 to approve the 2025 tax budget. Seth motioned to vote on emergency resolution 2024-01, seconded by Bruce roll call: Brian Webb-yea, Bruce- yea, Amanda – yea, Chelsea- yea, Seth-yea, Bryan Selhorst-yea. Brian Webb motioned for passage of resolution 2024-01, seconded by Bryan Selhorst roll call: Brian Webb-yea, Bruce- yea, Amanda – yea, Chelsea- yea, Seth-yea, Bryan Selhorst-yea.
- Resolution 2024-02 to create and participate in the Mercer County joint ambulance district. Bryan Selhorst motioned to vote on emergency resolution 2024-02, seconded by Brian Webb roll call: Brian Webb-yea, Bruce- yea, Amanda – yea, Chelsea- yea, Seth-yea, Bryan Selhorst-yea. Bryan Selhorst motioned for passage of resolution 2024-02, seconded by Seth, roll call: Brian Webb-yea, Bruce- yea, Amanda – yea, Chelsea- yea, Seth-yea, Bryan Selhorst-yea.

**Guests:**

Mr. Hammitt asked about the zoning inspector position and the job requirements. Mr. Hammitt is interested in a possible position of adjunct zoning inspector. Pete will work on a job description for next month.

There was a motion by Bruce with a second by Bryan Selhorst to approve the checks and purchase orders, roll call: Brian Webb-yea, Bruce- yea, Amanda – yea, Chelsea- yea, Seth-yea, Bryan Selhorst-yea. There was a motion by Bryan Selhorst with a second by Amanda to approve the financial statements, roll call: Brian Webb-yea, Bruce- yea, Amanda – yea, Chelsea- yea, Seth-yea, Bryan Selhorst-yea.

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Amanda to approve the mileage, roll call: Brian Webb-yea, Bruce- yea, Amanda – yea, Chelsea- yea, Seth-yea, Bryan Selhorst-yea.

The Fiscal Officer stated that the audit was complete for 2022-2023. It went well.

Brian Webb asked if a council member had been harassing a citizen about their yard. No council member has spoken with this address. There is no signed complaint on this property and that is not the job of an individual council member. An address on South Main Street was discussed concerning the vehicle parking situation.

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Bryan Selhorst to adjourn.

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Terry Seibert – Mayor

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Seth Seibert – President

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Kristina Boroff – Fiscal Officer