

**COUNCIL MINUTES**  
**JUNE 27, 2023**

Attendance: Lanny Hammitt, Jan Grieshop, Pauline Miller, Veryl and Marilyn Sheets, Blake Frank, Kendra Butler, Bill and Jackie Cox, Denny and June Dorsten, Matt and Lisa Dorsten, Tim and Anna Steele, Leslie Gartrell, Seth Seibert, Bruce Rickard, Lucas Crouch, Brian Webb, Claude Coffman, Terry Seibert, Pete Van Arsdel, Kristina Boroff

Meeting was called to order at 7:00pm followed by the pledge.

Denny Dorsten spoke with Kyle Gray the township zoning inspector. He is willing to help us get the village cleaned up. He can be hired by the hour and he is self-employed. He will hopefully be able to attend the next meeting to tell us what he does. Denny asked about approaching the county commissioner for grant money to help clean up the town. Terry said we can ask our engineer if there are grants available for cleanup. Denny asked if he could help us find grants. Yes, of course.

There was a discussion about Mr. Speelman's pigs and the letter not being signed. Pete stated that the letter does not need to be signed.

Lenny Hammitt would like to know if council took an oath to uphold the village law, he is not seeing it upheld. Terry Seibert said that they are doing their best.

Kendra Butler asked about a person who is supposed to drive around and see if there are violations. Asked about how many residences, there are 280 utility bills.

Jackie Cox asked if the letter goes to the landlord or tenant? Pete stated that it needs to go to the landlord. Then Pete takes it to George Moore to see if it needs legal action.

Pete feels that the rental situation is part of the problem. The renter doesn't take responsibility for the property and the landlord won't fix things. Pete says it will take time to get the letters processed.

Tim Steele asked what council does, what is their job?  
Pete quit and walked out.

Lisa Dorsten volunteered to help find addresses. Kristina said that she will send letters to the people that council received complaints about.

Kendra Butler does not envy any of the councilmen's position. She wanted to know why we hadn't addressed these issues sooner? Terry said we are working on these issues.  
We have a zoning inspector that issues zoning permits. He does not drive around town and look for violations.

Seth questions why the crowd is putting this attitude toward this sitting council? It isn't entirely fair to treat this council this way. They are all relatively new in this position.  
Denny stated that he is not attacking council, he is trying to get their help.

Lanny asked why we don't write tickets to people? Terry stated that we have written letters to people and that has worked in the past.

Grants are available through the county for tearing down houses. Yes, someone was eligible but they denied it.

We will check with community development and access engineering.

There was a question about the general fund balance? \$49,000 is the current balance.

Marilyn Sheets called the health department on her neighbors. There may be other places that we can call the health department for help. Jackie Cox has called the health department before on her neighbors.

Buildings on Main Street were discussed. Health Department is a possibility for this. Safety issue.

**Health Department** - Terry stated that he may need to contact the health department to see what falls under their jurisdiction.

**Access Engineering and Community Development** - Terry will call them with questions about grant money.

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Brian to waive the reading of the minutes, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce – yea, Brian – yea, Seth – yea, Claude – yea. There was a motion by Lucas with a second by Seth to approve the minutes, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce – yea, Brian – yea, Seth – yea, Claude – yea.

Legislation:

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Brian to vote on passage of Amended Resolution 2023-03 to place the 2.5 mil levy on the ballot, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce – yea, Brian – yea, Seth – yea, Claude – yea.

There was a motion by Brian with a second by Seth to vote on emergency on Resolution 2023-04 for the tax budget for 2024, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce – yea, Brian – yea, Seth – yea, Claude – yea. There was a motion by Seth with a second by Brian to vote on passage of Resolution 2023-04 for the 2024 tax budget, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce – yea, Brian – yea, Seth – yea, Claude – yea.

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Lucas to approve the April and May checks and purchase orders, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce – yea, Brian – yea, Seth – yea, Claude – yea. There was a motion by Claude with a second by Lucas to approve the April and May financial statements, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce – yea, Brian – yea, Seth – yea, Claude – yea.

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Brian to approve the April and May mileage, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce – yea, Brian – yea, Seth – yea, Claude – yea.

Council discussed the upcoming Sunshine Law sessions. Kristina will send a link to the sessions so that council members can get registered. She will also send an updated Ohio Sunshine Law manual.

Council will check on the status of the pigs on Market Street.

Brian asked about the donation from the fairgrounds for the park. A security camera would be a great addition to the park. There was a motion by Claude with a second by Brian to move forward with the installation of a security camera at the shelter house and park as long it comes in under \$1,000, roll call: Lucas – yea, Bruce – yea, Brian – yea, Seth – yea, Claude – yea. Any other amount needs to be approved by council first.

There was a motion by Lucas with a second by Seth to adjourn.

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Terry Seibert – Mayor

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Brian Webb – President

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Kristina Boroff – Fiscal Officer