

**Council Minutes**  
**3/28/2023**

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

Attendance: Bruce Rickard, Seth Seibert, Terry Seibert, Lucas Crouch, Brian Webb, Josh Kinney, Kristina Boroff, Niel Loll, Leslie Gartrell, Pete Van Arsdell,

Cody Coffman, Claude Coffman, June Dorsten, Denny Dorsten, Marge Trisel, Jan Grieshop, Veryl and Marilyn Sheets, Gary and Angela Heck, Blake Frank, Carl Frank, Jackie and Bill Cox, Karen Sue Murphy, Marilyn Rhulen, Pauline Miller, Dan Broeing Peoples Bank, Rob Kincaid Mercer Health, Matt and Lisa Dorsten, Tanya & Dennis Stumpf, Bryan Selhorst, Eric and Bonita Welker,

Interest in council seats:

Claude Coffman, Brian Selhorst

There were two people present that were interested in the vacant council seats. Terry Seibert's seat is open due to him filling the Mayor seat. Kayle Heckler resigned on March 28, 2023.

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Lucas to appoint Claude Coffman to fill the seat of Kayle Heckler and to appoint Bryan Selhorst to fill the seat of Terry Seibert, roll call: Brian Webb- yea, Seth Seibert – yea, Lucas Crouch – yea, Bruce Rickard – yea.

Zoning:

Dan Broeing with Peoples Bank and Rob Kincaid with Mercer Health were present to seek the variance to allow the ATM to be placed at the Mercer Health building. The zoning permit was issued and denied due to zoning requirements. Council heard the requested variance in the form of Resolution 2023-01. Resolution 2023-01 for the ATM variance, there was a motion by Seth with a second by Brian Webb to approve the variance resolution, roll call: Brian Webb- yea, Seth Seibert – yea, Lucas Crouch – yea, Bruce Rickard – nay, Brian Selhorst – yea, Claude Coffman – yea. This area is zoned commercial.

Guests:

June and Denny Dorsten were present to express their concern about the village junk problem. June stated that we can make people clean up their properties. She addressed a problem with livestock in the village.

Mayor Terry Seibert stated that we have a pride problem, not trash problem. We will look into the livestock issue.

The village offers a cleanup day twice every year with three dumpsters and people still don't bring their stuff. We do brush clean up the night before the cleanup day.

Lisa Dorsten – If we have ordinances in place, and aren't enforcing them, why did the ATM people have to pay for a variance.

Jackie Cox said she was here two years ago and the problems are the same.

Residents should bring the complaints to council and council can send a letter. The complaint should include the name and addresses of the party that is in violation. Sheriff's department will not enforce our ordinances.

Marge Trisel stated her concerns about offering free dumpsters for cleanup day and the junk in yards. She cited her subdivision regulations.

Income tax was mentioned. We have tried in the past, but it is voted down on the ballot. Bruce Rickard is in favor of income tax.

Matt Dorsten stated his concerns of campers with people living in them and where is the sewer going. Can Josh check into them being hooked up?

Josh said it would be really hard to tell if they were dumping it and then sealing it back up. If they were dumping it on the ground it would be the smell.

You cannot live in a trailer or camper on someone else's property.

There was some discussion about sex offenders. State law dictates where sex offenders can live. Pete encouraged everyone to read the state statute. School and daycare are the things that limit where they can live. We don't have these school and daycare. Pete said that codes change all the time.

When we write a letter, we include the violated ordinance.

These letters work a lot of the time. Some people do ignore them.

Residents can give complaints with names to the council.

Marge – add \$5 to utility bill to clean up the town. Cancel the dumpsters. See how it works out.

Not fair that she has to pay for the dumpster when she isn't using them.

Jackie Cox stated that a neighbor got a letter, cleaned a little, then stopped. He knows that no one is going to do anything about it. He also has bon fires. Lucas gave the regulations for open fire and the proper procedure to report the fire. Call 911 and they will come.

Niel Loll – We have a fine for the people that have to pay if they are in violation. Could we increase the amount? No, Pete said there are caps on the fee amounts.

Pete stated that no citizen has ever filed a complaint in municipal court. We have said for years that this is the process.

Can we go back on the landlords for these violations? Yes, and we have. The landlord and property owner have to care.

Bonita feels that people are bringing in junk because they can.

Marilyn Sheets stated that the owners of the house that burnt beside them refuses to get the house taken care of.

Marilyn Rhulen stated her concerns for the village. It makes her sad to see the town like this.

Pete referenced the junk cars that we settled with the person on Main Street. Council took care of this issue. Please tell us a person that you want us to send a letter to and council will send one.

Terry stated that he understands that people are going to leave this meeting unsatisfied. He is from this town and loves this town too.

Carl Frank says it is a problem and we have to do something about it.

Pete said to pick a project and let's tackle it.

#### Minutes:

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Bruce to waive the reading of the minutes, roll call: Brian Webb- yea, Seth Seibert – yea, Lucas Crouch – yea, Bruce Rickard – yea, Brian Selhorst – yea, Claude Coffman – yea. There was a motion by Lucas with a second by Seth to approve the minutes, roll call: Brian Webb- yea, Seth Seibert – yea, Lucas Crouch – yea, Bruce Rickard – yea, Brian Selhorst – yea, Claude Coffman – yea.

#### Street Commissioner:

The fuse was blown in the weather siren. Josh replaced it. Two fuses were \$50 each. Federal Field service will still come do the annual inspection at a cost of \$500. The weather siren goes off Saturdays at noon. They repaired the lights on the basket courts at the park. Door knob at the shelter house was fixed. There was a motion by Seth with a second by Brian to approve the report, roll call: Brian Webb- yea, Seth Seibert – yea, Lucas Crouch – yea, Bruce Rickard – yea, Brian Selhorst – yea, Claude Coffman – yea.

#### New Business:

There was a motion by Lucas with a second by Bruce to approve the ambulance contract for the year, roll call: Brian Webb- yea, Seth Seibert – yea, Lucas Crouch – yea, Bruce Rickard – yea, Brian Selhorst – yea, Claude Coffman – yea.

#### Old Business:

There was a motion by Brian Selhorst with a second by Lucas to approve the lawncare contract with CJs Lawncare – Cody Coffman, roll call: Brian Webb- yea, Seth Seibert – yea, Lucas Crouch – yea, Bruce Rickard – yea, Brian Selhorst – yea, Claude Coffman – yea.

Police protection was discussed. Pete reviewed costs and had a conversation with the Sheriff's department. They suggest we get security cameras that we would monitor.

We received a \$1,000 donation from the fairgrounds to be used at the park. We discussed getting security cameras at the park. Josh said we can add on to the cameras we already have at the town hall. NuWave can help us with it.

Legislation: The levy legislation was tabled until April.

There was a motion by Seth with a second by Brian Webb to approve the checks and purchase orders, roll call: Brian Webb- yea, Seth Seibert – yea, Lucas Crouch – yea, Bruce Rickard – yea, Brian Selhorst – yea, Claude Coffman – yea.

There was a motion by Lucas with a second by Seth to approve the financial statements, roll call: Brian Webb- yea, Seth Seibert – yea, Lucas Crouch – yea, Bruce Rickard – yea, Brian Selhorst – yea, Claude Coffman – yea.

There was a motion by Bruce with a second by Brian Webb to approve the mileage, roll call: Brian Webb- yea, Seth Seibert – yea, Lucas Crouch – yea, Bruce Rickard – yea, Brian Selhorst – yea, Claude Coffman – yea.

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

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Terry Seibert – Mayor

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Brian Webb – President

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Kristina Boroff – Fiscal Officer