

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## ASHVILLE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Held: OCTOBER 16, 2023

Page 1 of 3

The Council of Ashville convened in Regular Session from 6:31 PM to 7:06 PM in the Council Meeting Room at 200 East Station Street, Ashville, Ohio 43103. Mayor Embrey called the meeting to order with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

The following members and visitors were present:

|                    |         |                   |         |
|--------------------|---------|-------------------|---------|
| Mr. STEVE WELSH    | Present | Mr. COLTON HENSON | Present |
| Mr. ROGER CLARK    | Present | Mr. DAVID RAINEY  | Present |
| Mr. RANDY LOVELESS | Present | Mr. MATT SCHOLL   | Excused |

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING:** Colton Henson moved, seconded by Steve Welsh, to approve the October 2, 2023 minutes for the Regular Session as presented. All votes were yay with the exception of Randy Loveless who abstained.

**MAYOR:** Mayor Embrey responded to the concerns expressed at the previous meeting about using impact fees to update Miller Park and for paving. Embrey stated that the Ohio Revised Code specifies how impact fees can be used and that using the funds to update Miller Park and repair streets would violate the ORC. Embrey emphasized the importance of establishing the NCA as it would provide revenue that could be used for those projects. The mayor closed by reporting that Ohio Police & Fire has proposed increasing the employer contribution from 19.5% to 24% which would be a significant impact on the budget. Embrey suggesting reaching out to our state representative to expression opposition to the increase.

### DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

**POLICE:** Chief George read the department's monthly report and announced that the department is wearing pink badges in support of Breast Cancer Awareness.

**PLANNING & ZONING:** Roger Clark moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to approve the P & Z Administrator's monthly report. All votes were yay.

**TAX:** David Rainey moved, seconded by Colton Henson, to approve the Tax Administrator's monthly report. All votes were yay.

**VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:** Franklin Christman reported that the Rail Street expansion is still under construction, announced upcoming fall events, and said the K of P agreement should be received soon.

### COMMITTEES

**PARKS:** Roger Clark reported that he and the mayor met with the Hodge Group to discuss the plans for Westside Park and they have a general layout but still have some changes to make.

### OLD BUSINESS

**WATER TREATMENT PLANT:** Franklin Christman presented the updated quote from Jones & Henry for the WTP construction and said he is hoping to receive a low percentage loan from OWDA. Steve Welsh said he would like the loan payment broken down into districts so that the northern residents are paying a higher rate than current residents because it's not fair to the current residents who have paid for the construction of the current plan.

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

## ASHVILLE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION

Held: OCTOBER 16, 2023

Page 2 of 3

Mayor Embrey and the VA reminded Welsh that with the NCA and increase to capacity and impact fees anyone moving into the new developments will be absorbing about 70% of the plant costs.

### LEGISLATION FOR FIRST READING

**2023-09 AN ORDINANCE DETERMINING THAT A PETITION TO ESTABLISH THE ASHVILLE NEW COMMUNITY AUTHORITY DISTRICT IS SUFFICIENT AND COMPLIES WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 349.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE (ORC) IN FORM AND SUBSTANCE; SETTING THE TIME AND PLACE FOR A HEARING ON THE PETITION AND AUTHORIZING THE NOTICE BY PUBLICATION OF SUCH HEARING AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.** Colton Henson moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to have the First Reading. All votes were yay. After the reading, Colton Henson moved, seconded by Steve Welsh, to accept the First Reading, suspend the Rules of Council, waive the Second and Third Readings and adopt as an emergency measure. All votes were yay.

### COUNCIL COMMENTS

Steve Welsh said that people are living longer and OP&F is having to pay more out so he understands why they would want to increase employer contributions. Colton Henson asked exactly what the legislation is for and how it impacts the Local Government Fund. Mayor Embrey explained that years ago the state created the LGF to compensate for the reduction in Real Estate Taxes municipalities receive but over the years the state has changed the amounts distributed with local governments getting the short end of the stick. Embrey said that it's strictly a fiscal matter and council needs to consider how they want to proceed.

### MAYOR

Mayor Embrey reminded everyone about the dedication ceremony for Mayor Chuck Wise on Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

### GUEST COMMENTS:

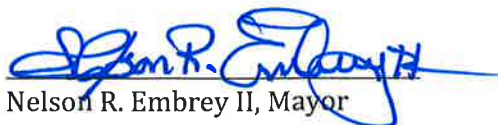
Adam Kehoe asked if it would be ok for the lodge to build up the dirt base for the new building. Council instructed Kehoe to check with Samantha Pemberton but that they don't have a problem with them doing so.

At 7:06 PM, David Rainey moved, seconded by Randy Loveless, to adjourn the meeting. All votes were yay and the meeting adjourned.

APPROVED: November 6, 2023



ATTEST: April Grube, Clerk



Nelson R. Embrey II, Mayor

# **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

## **ASHVILLE COUNCIL REGULAR SESSION**

Held: OCTOBER 16, 2023

Page 3 of 3

---

All formal actions of the COUNCIL of the VILLAGE OF ASHVILLE concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions, ordinances, and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.