

Bowerston Village Council

Regular Meeting Tuesday, January 16, 2024

Village Officials Attendance: Karen Donovan, Jon Humphrey, Polly Wolf and Juliet Bryant for Council. Mayor Paula Beamer, Income Tax Administrator/Utility Billing Manager Janeen Scott, Fiscal Officer Jacquie Humphrey, Solicitor James J Ong, Village Administrator Bart Busy and Utility Operator Jeremiah Warner

Visitors: Erin Wright from OMEGA. Joel Bender of Whitaker-Myers Insurance.

Donovan made motion to go into executive session at 6:01pm to discuss possible litigation, Bryant seconded the motion, unanimous.

Bryant made motion to enter back into regular session, Wolf seconded, unanimous, 6:28.

Action Taken From Executive Session:

1. Bryant made motion to terminate EL Robinson as engineering firm for the Village, Humphrey seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
2. Donovan made motion to advertise for new firm, Bryant seconded, unanimous by roll call vote.
3. Erin Wright updated Council on new funding opportunities that she has applied for on the Village's behalf for both the water and wastewater projects.

Annual Organizational Items

1. Set meeting date/time for 2024 regular session meetings for the third Tuesday of each month at 6pm, Bryant made motion, Wolf seconded, unanimous.
2. Approve Ohio Basic Code, Ordinance 2024-01 will be provided by Ong, 2024 revised version, Humphrey made motion to suspend rules and pass as an emergency measure, Bryant seconded, unanimous. Bryant made motion to approve ordinance, Donovan seconded, unanimous
3. Approve Unified Bank as Financial Institution for 2024, Humphrey made motion, Bryant seconded, unanimous
4. Accept current IRS mileage reimbursement rate for 2024, Donovan made motion, Bryant seconded, unanimous.
5. Set 2024 Committees as follows: Finance Julie, Karen and Jon, Personnel, Polly, Jon and Juliet, Utilities, Karen, Polly and Jon, Heath Department Polly, Records, Paula, JJ, Janeen, Jacquie and Marie Harris. Engineer Review Committee, Julie, Polly and Jon
6. Elect 2024 Council President: Donovan nominated Bryant, Wolf seconded, Donovan and Wolf voted yes, Humphrey and Bryant abstained.

Regular Agenda Items

1. Easement Update, Ong reported that he has received multiple calls to get these complete thanks to the efforts of Busby and Beamer.
2. Update on hydrant in Leesville, Ong advised that the check for this is being sent to his office
3. Update on contract with Leesville Fire Department: Ong reported that this agreement has been approved.
4. Property acquisition with Conotton Valley: Ong advised that this is still on hold.
5. Contract with Harrison County Water & Sewer: Ong advised that he has spoken to Busby and Beamer after their recent meeting with Harrison County and he is working on the agreement.
6. Donovan made motion to accept Solicitor's report, Wolf seconded, unanimous

Joel Bender of Whitaker-Myers Insurance reported that he has been speaking with FO recently regarding how the premium is calculated and why the premium has raised.

Joel presented information for Council's review, 2024 premium \$5,811.00, \$480 higher than 2023. Bryant made motion to pay this expense, Humphrey seconded, unanimous by roll call.


Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Adjournment: Bryant made motion to adjourn, Donovan seconded, unanimous, 7:04pm.


Fiscal Officer


Mayor