

**Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting via Zoom
Monday, May 11, 2020 6PM**

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Jeff Watson, Mayor Pro Tem
Micah Edquist, Finance Officer
Peter Edquist – joined at 6:10 pm
Mike Burrage

Staff: Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk
Erik McGinnis, Chief of Police

Visitor: Linda Edquist

The Meeting was held via Zoom.

- 1. Call to Order:** Mayor Herron called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. A quorum was present via Zoom.
- 2. Moment of Silence:** Mayor Herron requested that a moment of silence be observed.
- 3. Ethics Statement:** Anita Blair read the Ethics Statement asking if any Council member had any potential conflict(s) of interest or any known or perceived conflict(s) of interest related to the meeting Agenda presented. None were noted.
- 4. Approval 05/11/20 Agenda:** Jeff Watson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.
- 5. Approval of 04/13/20 Council Meeting Minutes:** Micah Edquist moved to approve the 04/13/20 Council meeting minutes as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.
- 6. Public Comment Period:** No public comments were offered.
- 7. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 04/30/20:** Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 04/30/20 as follows:

General Fund	\$517,456
Powell Bill Fund	\$101,806
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 4,187 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

Peter Edquist joined the meeting at 6:10 pm.

- 8. Budget Amendments FY 19/20:** Anita Blair presented the budget amendments for FY 19/20. Micah Edquist moved to approve the budget amendments presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.
- 9. Present FY 20/21 Proposed Budget Ordinance, Budget Memorandum & Pay Plan:** Anita Blair presented the highlights and budget cuts in detail. She noted that a very conservative approach was taken in both revenue and expenditures due to the current state of world affairs with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Revenue projections were modeled primarily by information from the North Carolina League of Municipalities. Sales tax revenue was budgeted at a 30% reduction for 6 months with Utilities Franchise Tax at a 10% reduction and Investment Income at an 85% reduction. The drastic investment income reduction was due to a restructuring at 1/1/20 of the Uwharrie Bank interest payments on public funds combined with the current drop in the federal funds rate.

Many of the expenditures were reduced compared to last year’s budget. Two computers and a spare taser are budgeted for the police department and a new website for the Village. Powell Bills funds are proposed to be used for the railroad crossing at Wesley Chapel Road and a sidewalk from the Falcon Trail sidewalk in Misenheimer to the Misenheimer Post Office.

Mayor Herron expressed concern about employee compensation since pay increases were not proposed. He suggested increasing the Christmas bonuses as a means of some supplementation. Council members want to revisit this again in the fall in order to have a better gauge of the economy at that time.

10. Police Report – April, 2020: Chief Erik McGinnis presented the April, 2020 Police Report. It reflected 19 traffic stops, 18 total charges, 1 warning citation and 0 arrests. There were 12 mutual aid requests, 8 from the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office, and 4 from the State Highway Patrol. Numbers are down due to the pandemic.

11. 2020 Election Filing Fees: Peter Edquist moved to set the election filing fee at \$5.00. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

12. Planning Board Member & Alternate Term Expiration: Jeff Watson, planning board member, and Peter Edquist, planning board alternate, terms are expiring June 30, 2020. Both agreed to be re-appointed. Mike Burrage moved to re-appoint Jeff Watson and Peter Edquist to their respective roles. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

13. Cabarrus Stanly Union Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution: Mike Burrage moved to approve the resolution adopting the Cabarrus Stanly Union Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

14. Other Business: Mayor Herron alerted Council members of new rules for meetings of public bodies during state-level declared emergencies. The new legislation adds a requirement that written comments may be submitted at any time between the notice of public hearing and 24 hours after the public hearing. Since the June 8, 2020 Council Meeting will include a budget public hearing, this would require a second meeting if the public hearing was held electronically. Council unanimously decided to meet in person at the Community Building and practice social distancing.

15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:54 pm.

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date