

**Village of Misenheimer**  
**Council Meeting - Community Building**  
**Monday, June 8, 2020 6PM**

**Council Present:** Michael "Frizbee" Herron, Mayor  
Jeff Watson, Mayor Pro Tem  
Micah Edquist, Finance Officer  
Mike Burrage  
Peter Edquist

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

**1. Call to Order:** Mayor Herron called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

**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 members present may have 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. Introduction of Visitors:** No visitors were present.

**5. Approval 06/08/20 Agenda:** Peter Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

**6. Approval of 05/11/20 Council Meeting Minutes:** Micah Edquist moved to approve the 05/11/20 Council meeting minutes as presented. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

**7. Consideration and Approval of FY 20/21 Budget Ordinance & Pay Plan Presentation:**

**Public Hearing (Open, Hold, Close):**

Peter Edquist moved to open the public hearing. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Anita Blair reported that no changes were made to the proposed budget ordinance or pay plan presented at the May, 2020 Council meeting. A correction was made to the death benefit previously reported on the proposed May, 2020 Budget Memorandum for LOCG & LOCL.

Mayor Herron expressed concern that no pay increases were budgeted this year although it was understandable with the economic factors at hand. Peter Edquist commented that salaries could be reviewed during the year if the financial picture improves.

Jeff Watson moved to close the public hearing. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**Approval:**

Micah Edquist moved to approve the budget, memorandum, and pay plan as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**8. Public Comment Period:** No public comments were offered.

**9. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 05/31/20:** Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 05/31/20 as follows:

General Fund	\$544,764
Powell Bill Fund	\$101,816
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 4,187 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

- FY 19/20 Budget Amendments – Micah Edquist moved to approve the budget amendment as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

#### 10. Approve FY 20/21 Contracts:

The following contracts were presented for approval for FY 20/21.

- **NCLM Worker's Compensation** – Micah Edquist moved to approve. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.
- **NCLM Property/Liability/Auto/Crime** – Micah Edquist moved to approve. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.
- **Audit Contract for 6/30/20 with William R. Huneycutt, CPA, PLLC** – Peter Edquist moved to approve. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.
- **LEO Separation Allowance Contract** – Mike Burrage moved to approve. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**11. Police Report – May, 2020:** Chief McGinnis reported 132 traffic stops, 116 total charges, 16 warning citations and 3 arrests. There were 17 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and State Highway Patrol. There were 63 citations and 16 warnings written on Highway 49.

Nathan Crist is a part time (limited service officer). Chief McGinnis asked for approval to move him to reserve officer and look for another limited service employee that is more available to work. Micah Edquist moved to approve moving Nathan Crist from part time to reserve. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Chief McGinnis asked for approval to use \$500 from the tuition expense line item within the Police budget this year to buy tires for one of the police cars. Council unanimously agreed.

**12. Tuition Policy:** Anita Blair noted that upon adoption of the Personnel Policy on April 13<sup>th</sup>, the proposed new Tuition Policy was tabled. This left the old Tuition Policy in force. A discrepancy was later realized between the old Tuition policy and the newly adopted Personnel Policy regarding the time period for an employ to pay back the Village if they left employment after taking classes. The old Tuition Policy was changed to reflect a 12-month payback period to mirror the Personnel Policy. Micah Edquist moved to change the existing Tuition Policy wording to 12 months to match the Personnel policy pay back period. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**13. Solar Farm Update:** Anita Blair reported that an inquiry was made from a legal firm regarding the expiration date of the Special Use Permit (SUP). After consultation with our legal counsel the expiration date was determined to be two years. Peter Moritzburke contacted the Village Office to give an update. He stated they are currently in tranche 2 of the Duke Energy bid process. The final decision will be made in July. He said the legal firm that made the inquiry was representing a company that is looking to partner with Orion on this project. Mr. Moritzburke also stated that Orion would be applying for a two-year extension of the SUP in the fall of 2020.

**14. Misenheimer Resident Concerns:** Anita Blair reported that resident, Sherry Day, had been in contact about their property flooding. Her concern was that the culvert underneath the railroad is not large enough and has been damaged. Council commented that it is a low area with nowhere for the water to go. Discussion was held regarding contacting Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSRC) to see what they could do. Some concern was expressed contrary to this action. No final decisions were made on how to handle this situation.

Mike Wangler has complained about the littering in front of his house. He has inquired about a "No Littering" sign. Chief McGinnis noted the sign would be in the Department of Transportation right-of-way and permission would need to be sought out. It was noted that sometimes signs pose as a target to be hit, thus encouraging littering. Council felt that a sign was not necessary, but efforts to pick up before mowing should be implemented. Citizens are encouraged to keep the shoulders of the road clean.

**15. Other Business:** Mayor Herron encouraged all Council Members to register for the Census if they had not done so. Anita Blair reported that the Village Census response rate was 26.4% as of 6-8-20. She noted that she has been in contact with Pfeiffer University and is staying abreast of their response actions. They are currently awaiting instructions from the Census Bureau on how to administratively submit their Census numbers.

**16. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm.

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Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

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Date

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Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

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Date