Village of Misenheimer Council Meeting - Community Building April 8, 2019

Council Present: Michael "Frizbee" Herron, Mayor Staff: Anita B

Jeff Watson, Mayor Pro Tem

Peter Edquist Mike Burrage Micah Edquist Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk Erik McGinnis, Police Chief

1. Call to Order: Mayor Herron called the meeting to order at 6:02 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 04/08/19 Agenda:** Peter Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.
- **6. Approval of 3/11/19 Council Meeting Minutes:** Jeff Watson moved to approve the 3/11/19 Council meeting minutes as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.
- 7. Public Comment Period: No public comments were heard.
- **8. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 3/31/19 –** Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 3/31/19 as follows:

General Fund \$ 466,837 Powell Bill Fund \$ 84,477

Carolina Thread Trail \$ 8,131 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

Micah Edquist reported that a preliminary meeting was held regarding the Pfeiffer University contract with another meeting scheduled for April 17, 2019.

9. FY 19/20 Budget Discussion: Micah Edquist reviewed the following possible budget expenditures for next year: Cultural/Recreational – Fall BBQ-\$2,500, Pfeiffer Homecoming Sponsorship-\$1,000, and Arts Council-\$250, General Government – Website, Personnel Policy Update, Sign Ordinance Update, Install Water Tap at Gladstone and Powell Bill Money, Public Safety – 2 Police Department Computers-\$2,800, Car Radio-\$5,100 and Spare Taser-\$1,200.

Peter Edquist moved to budget for all of the public safety requests. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

Council discussed spending Powell Bill funds on sidewalks. The focus was for a sidewalk on Highway 52 from Lloyd's Antiques to the Post Office. Council concurred that the sidewalk should be at least 60 inches wide. More information will be collected before budgeting.

Council also expressed a desire for the "sidewalk to nowhere" to be completed. This is the sidewalk that ends at the southern boundary of the Village of Misenheimer. The adjoining property is in Stanly County and Richfield city limits adjoins the Stanly County property. It is the desire of both Misenheimer and Richfield for this sidewalk to continue to Richfield.

It was noted that grant funding could possibly be obtained since this section was identified as the #3 priority in the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan recently completed among the New London, Richfield, and Misenheimer communities.

Council was in favor of moving forward with the personnel policy review, a new website, a water tap at Gladstone and gravel for Lions Club Road. After reviewing the proposed expenses, Council decided to postpone the Fall Community BBQ another year.

- **10. Police Report March, 2019:** Erik McGinnis reported 176 traffic stops, 135 total charges, 1 vehicle crash, and 7 arrests.
- **11. Planning Board Term Expirations:** Lane Peeler and Jon Byers Planning Board terms expire June 30, 2019. They are both willing to serve again. Peter Edquist moved to re-appoint Lane Peeler and Jon Byers for 3-year terms expiring June 30, 2022. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.
- **12. Spring Litter Sweep Waiver Approval:** Micah Edquist moved to table the Spring Litter Sweep planned for April 13, 2019. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

The cancelation was due to Pfeiffer University Student Acceptance Day scheduled for the same time coupled with a lack of public response and potential rain.

Council chose to move forward with approving the Waiver Form for future use. Mike Burrage moved to adopt the Waiver Form. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

13. Resolution in Opposition of SB179 & HB278 – The North Carolina League of Municipalities recommended opposing SB179 and HB278 which is a proposed benefit for firefighters called a "special separation allowance," without a state funding source. Municipal taxpayers would be forced to pay the entire cost of this new retirement benefit.

Micah Edquist moved to approve the "Resolution in Opposition of Senate Bill 179 and House Bill 278 Parity for First Responders. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

- **14. Other Business:** Anita Blair presented sample signage for feedback from Council regarding a sign for Historic Gladstone. She will obtain a draft and pricing.
- **15. Adjournment**: The meeting adjourned at 8:09 pm.

| Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron | Date | Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk | Date |
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