

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, July 19, 2021 6PM

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Peter Edquist
Jeff Watson
Mike Burrage

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

Council Absent: Micah Edquist

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 07/19/21 Agenda: Peter Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

6. Approval 06/21/21 Council Meeting Minutes: Mike Burrage moved to approve the Council Meeting Minutes as presented from the 06/21/21 Council Meeting. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

7. Public Comment Period: No public comments were offered.

8. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 06/30/21: Anita Blair reported the following reconciled bank balances at 06/30/21 as follows:

General Fund	\$607,134
Powell Bill Fund	\$107,543
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 12,937 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

9. Resolution – Accepting American Rescue Plan Act Funds: Anita Blair presented the “Resolution to Accept the American Rescue Plan Act Funds.” Mike Burrage moved to approve the resolution as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

10. Police Report – June, 2021: The Police report reflected 99 traffic stops, 101 total charges, 7 warning citations and 2 arrests for the month of June, 2021. Ten motorists were issued citations with multiple charges. There were 10 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office and State Highway Patrol. There were 37 citations written on Hwy 52 and 48 on Hwy 49. The highest speed cited on Hwy 49 was 103 mph.

Chief Erik McGinnis presented a request for promotion for Phil Burdge to Captain. Mike Burrage moved to approve the promotion, effective July 5, 2021. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0. Chief McGinnis reported that he has interviewed one candidate for the full-time vacancy.

11. Written Consent Policy Discussion: Mayor Michael Herron brought before Council a “Memorandum on Written Consent Procedures” from the Greensboro Police Department for discussion. Mike Burrage noted the article stated that if you have probable cause, you do not need written consent. Chief McGinnis stated that written consent searches pose officer safety issues if the officer is alone and they typically make people mad. Chief McGinnis stated that the

Misenheimer Police Officers understand that any searches should be executed only if there is probable cause. Mike Burrage moved to table the discussion. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

12. Lions Club Road – Maintenance Agreement Discussion: Anita Blair reported numerous communications related to who owns/maintains Lions Club Road. She reported that Marc Morgan at NCDOT stated that it isn't a matter of who owns the road, it is who maintains it. Village Legal Counsel, Mac McCarley stated that the solar developer should determine who has title to the road and whether it has ever been dedicated for public use. This information has been communicated to Emily Hughes with EDP Renewables and Calvin Wood, a land agent, for EDP Renewables. They have also been told that the Village currently maintains the road. The Village Council had no opposition to boring underneath the road, if necessary, but any damages that occur at any time should be repaired.

13. Planning Board Appointment: Regina Simmons, Planning Board Member, resigned due to moving out of the Village for a new job. Erik McGinnis reported that Emily Carella, VP recruitment/enrollment, with Pfeiffer University is willing to serve. It was suggested to check with Ahren Burrage, the 5th alternate, to see if he was interested in moving onto the full Planning Board and appointing Emily Carella to the 5th alternate position. The Village Administrator with check with Mr. Burrage.

14. Other Business: Mayor Herron revisited his communications with Spectrum and his continued initiative to bring internet service to everyone in Misenheimer.

Anita Blair updated Council on a meeting with the Stanly County Economic Development Director, Candice Lowder. Ms. Lowder suggested getting the Gladstone Academy certified as a historic building through the State Historic Preservation Office with the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources in order to leverage building codes. Ms. Lowder feels that making Gladstone available to the public would be a good placemaking project for Misenheimer.

15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:11 pm.

Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date