

**Village of Misenheimer  
Council Meeting - Community Building  
Monday, October 11, 2021 6PM**

**Council Present:** Michael "Frizbee" Herron, Mayor  
Jeff Watson  
Mike Burrage

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

**Visitors:** Clyde Malone "Kip" Cupples, Limited-Service Police Officer Candidate

**Council Absent:** Micah Edquist  
Peter 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:** Chief McGinnis introduced limited-service police officer candidate, Kip Cupples.

**5. Approval 10/11/21 Agenda:** Jeff Watson moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

**6. Approval 08/09/21 Council Meeting Minutes:** Jeff Watson moved to approve the Regular Session Council Meeting Minutes as presented from the 08/09/21 Council Meeting. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

Jeff Watson moved to approve the Closed Session Council Meeting Minutes as presented from the 08/09/21 Council Meeting. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

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

**8. Police Report – August & September, 2021:** Chief McGinnis introduced Clyde Malone "Kip" Cupples for a limited-service (part-time) police officer position. He retired from Charlotte Mecklenburg Police Department (CMPD) after 20 years. He worked for 10 years on the west side of Charlotte and ten years as a community officer.

Kip Cupples left at 6:06 pm.

Chief McGinnis reported that Officer Matt Flanagan submitted a two week notice of resignation. Officer McGinnis stated that he would like to keep him as a limited-service employee and move Officer Danny Belcher to Reserve.

Officer McGinnis noted that he has talked with the Basic Law Enforcement Training (BLET) personnel and learned of three to four potential prospects.

The August Police report reflected 66 traffic stops, 47 total charges, 19 warning citations and 1 arrest for the month of August, 2021. There were 13 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and State Highway Patrol. Nineteen written warning citations were issued.

In September, 2021, there were 45 traffic stops, 29 total charges 16 warning citations, and no arrests. There were 4 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and State Highway Patrol. Sixteen written warning citations were issued.

**Portable Radios** - Officer McGinnis informed the Village Council that the City of Albemarle and Stanly County are joining together for a discounted rate on portable Motorola radios through October 31, 2021. The price is \$6,306.02 per radio which is approximately a \$2000 discount per radio. He would like to order 6 for the department for a total of \$37,837. The radios come with a 5-year warranty. Payments can be deferred for 3 years, if desired. If new radios are not purchased, each existing radio will need to be updated at \$650 per radio beginning in 2022. The current radios are eight years old and future repair of the current radios remains uncertain.

Mike Burrage moved to purchase 6 radios in 5 equal payments. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

**9. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 09/30/21:** Anita Blair reported the following reconciled bank balances at 09/30/21 as follows:

General Fund	\$728,492 (General Fund \$608,024 + ARPA \$120,468)
Powell Bill Fund	\$113,615
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 12,942 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

Included in the financials are accounts payable of \$5,320.61 which belong in the previous fiscal year. Once the adjusting journal entries are received from the auditor and posted, this will positively affect the net general fund balance. The upcoming October, 2021 financials should reflect the adjusting entries.

**10. Health Insurance Renewal:** The current Village plan can remain on the BCBS grandfathered plan. The plan will realize an overall increase of 15%. The health insurance increased 15.15%, dental 13.03%, and no increase on the life insurance. Three other options on the Affordable Care Act (ACA) platform were offered but were much higher than the grandfathered plan. The grandfathered plan was the most cost-effective plan presented.

Jeff Watson moved to approve the BCBS grandfathered plan. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

**11. Stanly County Municipal Recreation Capital Grant Request FY 21-22:** Stanly County is offering a \$10,000 matching grant for municipal recreation. Mike Riemann, Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) Grant Manager, requested that the Village Council consider applying for the \$10,000 grant to be applied to the CTT railroad crossing on Wesley Chapel Road. The Village has already agreed to commit \$35,000 in Powell Bill funds to this project which is estimated to cost approximately \$50,000. The Friends of the North Stanly Parks & Trails will participate in the funding of this effort as well. Since Misenheimer does not have a park, Council felt this would be a good application for the grant funds.

Mike Burrage moved to approve applying for the \$10,000 County grant for the Wesley Chapel railroad crossing. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

**12. Misenheimer Code Enforcement Review & Revision Consideration:** Village Attorney, Mac McCarley, informed the Village Administrator that he and a colleague recently updated code enforcement provisions for a nearby town. The updates included enforcement letters, forms and procedures to comply with the newly adopted 160D zoning regulations. He reached out to see if the Village would be interested in the review and revision of the Misenheimer code enforcement process. He projected the cost would be \$5000 or less.

Jeff Watson moved to have the Village Attorney review and update code enforcement provisions along with applicable forms, procedures, and letters. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

Mr. McCarley also informed the Village Administrator about a December 1, 2021 deadline which modifies local governments' authority to enforce ordinances criminally. Each ordinance must be reviewed, specifically those that Village wants to continue to enforce criminally while complying with prohibitions under GS 160A-175(b1). Council was made aware that Mr. McCarley may need to assist with this compliance.

**14. Other Business:** Mayor Herron expressed his concern about barely having a quorum for the meeting after not having a quorum in September.

**15. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 6:58pm.

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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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