

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, January 10, 2021 6PM

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Micah Edquist – arrived at Agenda item #7
Jeff Watson
Peter Edquist

Staff: Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk
Erik McGinnis, Police Chief – arrived at Agenda item # 9

Council Absent: Mike Burrage

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: Mayor Herron introduced William Huneycutt, CPA.

5. Approval 01/10/21 Agenda: Jeff Watson moved to approve the agenda. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

6. Approval 12/13/21 Council Meeting Minutes: Jeff Watson moved to approve the 12/31/21 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

7. Audit Report Presentation & Acceptance – William R. Huneycutt, CPA, PLLC: Micah Edquist arrived at this time.

Wil Huneycutt distributed copies of the FY 2020/2021 audit and reviewed for the Village Council. He reported an unmodified (clean) opinion meaning there were no material findings or misstatements. At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$553,434 or 107.8% of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year. He also stated that the net pension and total pension liability are balances accrued by actuaries related to the Local Government Employees’ Retirement System (LGERS) and the Law Enforcement Officer’s (LEO) Separation Allowance. These are potential future liabilities but not a liability that can actually be paid. The long-term consolidated debt schedule reflected a decrease in debt of \$22,886. At year end, there was a positive change in fund balance of \$63,764. Mr. Huneycutt stated he had no issues with controls that are in place. He concluded that the financial position of the Village is strong and healthy.

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

9. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 12/31/21: Finance Officer, Micah Edquist, reported the following reconciled bank balances at 12/31/21 as follows:

General Fund	\$710,623 (General Fund \$590,155 + ARPA \$120,468)
Powell Bill Fund	\$125,250
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 12,939 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

Micah Edquist commented on the upcoming office renovation. The original budget of \$25,000 was an estimation for budgeting purposes. After obtaining pricing on portions of the project, he feels that the project may take more than originally estimated.

Micah Edquist moved for a budget amendment to increase the renovation budget \$10,000 for a total renovation budget of \$35,000. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Micah Edquist stated the importance of deciding on the final use of Gladstone before funds are budgeted and further renovations are pursued. He encouraged the Village Council to do their due diligence to determine the use. He expressed his personal desire for Gladstone to become a cultural and historical display of who we are as a community while allowing others to use the grounds as well. He suggested that the Village Council go to Gold Hill together to explore and discuss possibilities.

Mayor Herron inquired about the status of the National Historic Registry Nomination Consultants. Anita Blair recapped the recent Council discussion in December, 2021 regarding the applicants. Input from Pfeiffer University and their grant writer is desired before a decision is made on an applicant.

During the Gladstone discussion, the Village Administrator, Anita Blair, confirmed that the North Carolina Department of Natural and Cultural Resources State Historic Preservation Office approved the Gladstone Academy Building Code Certification under the criterion that Gladstone Academy is now included on the State Study List as of October, 2021.

Police Chief, Erik McGinnis, arrived at this time.

10. 2022 Election Filing Fees: Micah Edquist moved to set the 2022 Election Filing Fees at \$5. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

11. Police Report – December 2021: The police report reflected 91 traffic stops, 33 total charges, 58 warning citations and 1 arrest for the month of December, 2021. There were 3 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office and State Highway Patrol.

12. Other Business: Micah Edquist expressed disapproval regarding the clothing drop-off located at the corner of Hwy 52 and Wesley Chapel Road becoming a dumpster. He will speak with the property owner about having the drop-off bin removed.

13. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date