

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, February 14, 2022 6PM

Council Present: Michael "Frizbee" Herron, Mayor
Micah Edquist, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jeff Watson
Mike Burrage

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

Visitor: Mike Riemann, CTT Representative
Johnny Honeycutt, Resident

Council Absent: 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: Mayor Herron welcomed Mike Riemann.

5. Approval 02/14/22 Agenda: Micah Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

6. Approval 01/10/22 Council Meeting Minutes: Mike Burrage moved to approve the 01/10/22 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

7. Review Proposed Watershed Protection Ordinance & Subdivision Ordinance Amendment

Public Hearing (Open, Hold, Close):

Mayor Herron opened the Public Hearing.
Resident, Johnny Huneycutt, arrived at this time.
No public comments were heard.
Mayor Herron closed the Public Hearing.

Micah Edquist moved to approve the Watershed Protection Ordinance and the Subdivision Ordinance Amendment as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

8. Public Comment Period: Micah Edquist reported that he spoke with David Drye about the clothing bin located on his property that has become primarily a waste receptacle. Mr. Drye was in agreement that he wanted the bin removed. Mr. Edquist asked Mr. Drye if he would be interested in leasing the vacant lot at the corner of Wesley Chapel Road and Hwy 52 to the Village of Misenheimer. This would enable the Village to maintain and beautify the area.

Mayor Herron expressed concern that most of the property lies in the Norfolk Southern Railroad right-of-way. Mr. Edquist felt that if the Village could legally occupy the area, the Village could legally enforce. He suggested ideas of beautification and potential uses of the area for the public. Mr. Edquist sought Council's endorsement to have further conversation with Mr. Drye. All Council members were in agreement.

9. Carolina Thread Trail Railroad Crossing – Mike Riemann: Mr. Riemann estimated the cost of the Carolina Thread Trail Railroad Crossing to be less than the estimate of \$57,009 from Norfolk Southern Railway Company (NSRC). He estimates the flagging and associated protective services costs will be much less than the projected 15 days per the agreement. His belief is that the maximum bill from NSRC will be approximately \$40,000. He estimated the sidewalk and asphalt at approximately \$20,000. Mr. Riemann was seeking endorsement from the Village Council for up to \$60,000 for the

project. He stated that if the project goes over \$60,000, he will cover the excess through other means. Council expressed that if it the project does exceed \$60,000 to come back for further discussion.

Council Members were reminded that \$35,000 in Powell Bill funds are in the current year budget for this project. In addition, Stanly County approved a matching grant request of \$10,000 for this project as well.

Micah Edquist moved to approve funds up to \$60,000 for this project. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Mr. Riemann expressed appreciation to the Village Council for their continued support of the Carolina Thread Trail. He left the meeting at this time.

10. Review and Approval of Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement of Local Ordinance with Stanly County: Micah Edquist moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Enforcement of Local Ordinance with Stanly County as presented. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

11. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 01/31/22: Finance Officer, Micah Edquist, reported the following reconciled bank balances at 01/31/22 as follows:

General Fund	\$709,399 (General Fund \$588,931 + ARPA \$120,468)
Powell Bill Fund	\$121,990
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 12,939 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

Micah Edquist moved for a budget amendment to increase the renovation budget \$10,000 for furniture and fixtures for a total renovation budget of \$35,000. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0. This motion was to clarify a motion from last month that the additional \$10,000 would come from fund balance.

12. Police Report – January, 2022: The police report reflected 29 traffic stops, 8 total charges and 20 warning citations for the month of January, 2022. There were 2 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and State Highway Patrol.

Police Chief McGinnis asked the Village Council permission to add a fourth part time (limited-service) position. He stated he had an interested party for the position. The cost for this position would be a few uniforms and minimal cost for workmen's compensation insurance, which is based on salary. The additional position would allow some flexibility while the Police Department is short-staffed.

Micah Edquist moved to add a fourth limited-service position. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

13. Solar Farm Update: Mayor Herron reported that he, along with the Village Administrator and Village Legal Counsel participated in a conference call with EDP Renewables regarding Misenheimer Solar, LLC on February 10, 2022. They are currently negotiating the construction contract with tree clearing beginning in the spring. The engineering design will be finalized this summer with the bulk of construction beginning in 2023. The project should be completed by the end of 2023.

14. Office Renovation Update: Anita Blair reported that painting has been completed. Cabinets are on schedule to be installed in the current week with flooring to follow the next week.

15. Budget Focus/Priorities – FY 22/23: Mayor Herron suggested that we evaluate pay and consider raises. Chief McGinnis would like for Council to consider tasers, bullet proof vests and vehicles. Anita Blair asked for Council to consider record storage by possibly upfitting the storage area in the Community Building.

Council decided unanimously to call a special budget meeting to be held on Saturday, March 5th at 11:00 am. Gold Hill was suggested as a potential location for the meeting. The Village Administrator will seek out a location and notify Council Members and post notification.

16. Other Business: No other business was brought forth.

17. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:10 pm.

Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date