

**Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, April 11, 2022 6PM**

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Micah Edquist, Mayor Pro-Tem
Mike Burrage

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

Visitor: Mac McCarley, Legal Counsel

Council Absent: Peter Edquist
Jeff Watson

1. Call to Order: Mayor Herron called the meeting to order at 6:05 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 Village Legal Counsel, Mac McCarley.

5. Approval 04/11/22 Agenda: Micah Edquist moved to amend the agenda to move the closed session to agenda item #8. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

6. Approval of 03/14/22 Council Meeting Minutes: Micah Edquist moved to approve the Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved by a 3/0 vote.

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

8. Closed Session to Discuss Plans to Protect Public Safety Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(9) and Property Acquisition Pursuant to 143-318.11(1)(5). Micah Edquist moved to enter closed session. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

At 7:00 pm, Mike Burrage moved to end the closed session. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

Micah Edquist moved to approve the Lease with Option to Purchase, adding a purchase price of \$5000, effective May 1, 2022 with David & Patricia Drye for parcel number 661304633864. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

9. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 04/30/22: Finance Officer, Micah Edquist, reported the following reconciled bank balances at 04/30/22 as follows:

General Fund	\$722,104 (General Fund \$601,636 + ARPA \$120,468)
Powell Bill Fund	\$121,290
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 12,939 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

American Rescue Plan (ARP) Fund Use Discussion – Per the recommendation of the Village Legal Counsel, Micah Edquist moved to appropriate all ARP funds in the amount of \$240,935.27 to salaries and benefits. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

Budget Amendment – Micah Edquist moved to approve the budget amendment to increase ARP Salaries and Benefits expense \$120,467.64 and decrease Public Safety Salaries \$120,467.64. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

Grant Project Ordinance Amendment - Micah Edquist moved to amend the Grant Project Ordinance to appropriate funds for the expenditure of employee salaries and benefits. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 3/0.

10. Budget Review & Discussion – FY 22/23: Anita Blair, Administrator reviewed the budget highlights and salaries with Council. The proposed budget included two police vehicles, tasers, taser cartridges, vests, rifles, two car computers along with \$10,000 allocated to the Village’s 20th Anniversary celebration. Two salary scenarios were presented. One was with an increase of \$2.50 per hour and another at 5%. Capital Outlay projects were proposed at \$46,300 to include a shelter, parking, stone, an engineer and historic nomination for Gladstone and storage upfit at the Community Building and a proposed Village Square.

After reviewing the salary comparisons, Council directed to move forward with a 5% increase on all pay.

Mac McCarley left at 7:23.

11. Police Report – March, 2022: The police report reflected 95 traffic stops, 59 total charges and 36 warning citations for the month of February, 2022. There were five mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office and State Highway Patrol.

Mayor Herron emphasized the importance of directing Gray Stone traffic stating that if Gray Stone is blocked, Pfeiffer University is blocked. Chief McGinnis noted that at times the officer on duty may be called away and may be unable to direct traffic. He noted that Gray Stone traffic is typically heavier in the afternoon hours.

12. Office Renovation Update: Anita Blair reported that the renovation budget was on target with \$1,235 left. An appreciation luncheon has been scheduled for 4-25-22 to express appreciation to Sodexo and Pfeiffer for their contributions during the renovation. An Open House will be scheduled for the Community at a later date.

13. Surplus Sale: Discussion took place regarding surplus items after the renovation. The idea was presented to sell the surplus at the Community Building and dispose of the remainder at the Bulk Waste pick up day scheduled for May 21, 2022. The consensus of Council was to dispose of the items rather than conducting a sale due to the low value of the items.

14. Lions Club Road Repair: Council discussed various options including potential paving. Chief McGinnis stated that it was an unimprovable road per NCDOT standards. Some felt that it would need to be widened to a two-lane road if paving was an option. Council members present deferred this discussion to another time.

15. Village of Misenheimer – Anniversary Celebration Discussion: Council members present wanted to wait on further discussion until all Council members were present.

16. Other Business: Anita Blair reported that Emily Hughes with EDP Renewables reported that tree clearing will begin within the next two weeks.

17. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:56 pm.

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date