

**Village of Misenheimer**  
**Council Meeting - Community Building**  
**Monday, May 9, 2022 6PM**

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

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

**Visitor:** Johnny Honeycutt, Resident  
Peter Ascitutto, Stanly County  
Commissioner

**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 Johnny Honeycutt.

**5. Approval 05/09/22 Agenda:** Mike Burrage moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

Peter Ascitutto arrived 6:02 pm.

**6. Approval of 04/11/22 Council Meeting Minutes:** Mike Burrage moved to approve the Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4 /0 vote.

**7. Public Comment Period:** Peter Ascitutto reported that Stanly County is not participating in the \$10,000 matching grant program for Parks & Recreation in fiscal year 22/23. He noted that COVID hospitalizations are rising and to be aware and continue public safety guidelines. He commented about County Commissioner Chairman Jordan attempting to halt the four-way stop sign proposed for Hwy 73 and Millingport at the gas station.

Micah Edquist arrived at 6:06 pm.

Mr. Ascitutto reported that someone else will be owning Vac n Dash as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. He is going to start teaching at Anson County High School starting August 8, 2022. He is not teaching in Stanly County so as not to have a conflict of interest being a County Commissioner.

**8. 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	\$718,545
Powell Bill Fund	\$121,315
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 12,940 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

Anita Blair reported that the American Rescue Plan (ARP) report was completed and funds were used for salaries. This in turn freed up the restricted portion of the first tranche of ARP funds on the monthly unaudited financials. Although, the reporting has been done and funds available, they are still earmarked for sewer at this point in time.

**9. Present Proposed 22/23 Budget Ordinance, Budget Memorandum & Pay Plan:** Micah Edquist reviewed the pay plan noting that it was conservative. Anita Blair commented that the recent North Carolina League of Municipalities survey reflected a proposed Cost of Living (COLA) increase of 4.6% for the municipalities that participated in the survey.

Modifications to the budget presented were to remove the \$8,000 expenditure for Gladstone engineering. Council will make a budget amendment when the times comes for engineering services. In addition, Council wanted to remove financing for one of the vehicles from the budget and pay for one vehicle outright.

**10. Lawn Care Contract – Revision:** Anita Blair requested a revision to the monthly lawn care contract increasing the monthly expenditure \$75 (\$40 for Gladstone, \$25 for Community Building). This was due to a language barrier despite follow up confirmations. This increase still yields a \$1,200 per year savings over the competitor’s quote for the current year. Micah Edquist moved to approve the \$75 per month increase retroactive to March, 2022. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**11. Police Report – April, 2022:** The police report reflected 67 traffic stops, 36 total charges and 31 warning citations for the month of April, 2022. There were six mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office and State Highway Patrol.

**12. Other Business:** Micah Edquist reported that the lease agreement with David & Pat Drye for parcel identification number 661304633864, the lot across from Lloyd’s Antiques, has been fully executed and is now complete. Police Chief Erik McGinnis was directed to write a letter to the owners of the “for profit” clothing drop off notifying them to remove the bin by May 30<sup>th</sup>. Plans are to clean up the area and make a community space.

Anita Blair reported that she received a call from a realtor in Mint Hill regarding the 1.69 acre vacant lot in the name of Ralph Warren Mabry, Jr. on Lions Club Road. She wanted to know if the Village might be interested in purchasing the property.

Micah Edquist moved to have the Village Administrator contact the realtor to find out the asking price. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

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

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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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