

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, January 30, 2023 6PM

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Jeff Watson
Mike Burrage
Peter Edquist
Micah Edquist

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

Visitors: Mike Riemann, CTT Representative
Wil Huneycutt, Auditor

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. No conflicts were noted.

4. Introduction of Visitors: Mayor Herron recognized Mike Riemann and Wil Huneycutt.

5. Approval 01/30/23 Council Meeting Agenda: Mike Burrage moved to approve the agenda as presented. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

6. Approval of 12/12/22 Council Meeting Minutes: Micah Edquist moved to approve the Council meeting minutes as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

7. Consideration of Rezoning 48487 Hwy 52 north Property – Tax Record #26784: Mayor Herron reported that the Public Hearing was withdrawn due to an amendment to the application. The amended application will go before the Planning Board at a later date and a Public Hearing will be held at a future Council meeting thereafter.

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

9. Audit Report Presentation & Acceptance – Huneycutt, Parsley & Taylor, CPA’s, PLLC: Wil Huneycutt distributed copies of the FY 2021/2022 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 \$725,910 or 130.2% of total general fund expenditures for the fiscal year. All expenditures were under budget. 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. At year end, there was a positive change in fund balance of \$133,513. He concluded that he did not find any deficiencies or material weaknesses in internal controls. Mr. Huneycutt reviewed the performance indicators required by the Local Government Commission. The Village is in line with other municipalities that have similar general fund expenditures.

Micah Edquist moved to approve the acceptance of the FY 2021/2022 audit. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

10. Carolina Thread Trail Railroad Crossing – Mike Riemann: Mr. Riemann reported that proposed plans for the Carolina Thread Trail on Lions Club Road has changed. Originally, John Pickler was going to allow the trail to run along the edge of the Pickler Property, but that is no longer an option because of the Solar Farm. The trail will now need to run in front of the properties along Lions Club Road rather than the back side of the properties. With this change, Mr. Riemann wanted to make sure that Council was still in agreement for the Wesley Chapel railroad crossing.

Mr. Riemann reported that he has been in touch with a contractor that can handle both the concrete and asphalt for the crossing. He stated that Norfolk Southern Railway (NSR) has very large insurance requirements and we might consider absorbing some of the cost for the additional insurance coverage that is over and above a normal contractor's liability insurance. Micah Edquist commented that the cost would be on the front end if the contractor had that level of insurance coverage, and that either way, we would pay.

Mayor Herron and Micah Edquist both expressed their continued support of the project since Mr. Riemann had achieved this level of success with NSR.

Micah Edquist moved to continue the Wesley Chapel Railroad crossing project. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

11. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 12/31/22: Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 12/31/22 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 792,883
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 136,738
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 11,183 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

Mr. Edquist reported that the American Rescue Plan funds have attributed to the large fund balance.

12. Police Report – December, 2022: Chief Erik McGinnis reviewed the Police Report with Council. It reflected 29 traffic stops, 15 total charges, 14 warning citations, 0 arrests, 72 calls, 181 details and 237 security checks. There were 3 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and State Highway Patrol.

Police Vehicle Update & Budget Amendment Consideration: Chief McGinnis reported that a 2023 Ford F-150 Pick up truck arrived at the dealership for the Village rather than a 2022 that was ordered. There is roughly a \$6,600 difference in price.

Micah Edquist moved to approve the price difference of the 2023 vs. the 2022 Ford F-150, financing the truck only, and paying for the \$6000 upfit separately out of fund balance. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

13. Other Business: Anita Blair reported that Jeff Jacobs, EDP Renewables Development Project Manager, called shortly before the meeting to provide a solar farm update and to alert that a detailed memo was forthcoming. Ms. Blair read the memo to Council.

A key point that Mr. Jacobs pointed out was that according to the Lions Club Road Use Agreement (RUA), a video survey will be conducted to determine the baseline condition of the road. He stated that they also plan to support the video survey with a textual narrative. This narrative is not required per the RUA, but they typically perform this as a best practice. These will be used so that the road can be restored to its original condition after the construction and installation of the underground collection cables that connect the northern and southern areas of the project.

Micah Edquist moved to approved putting gravel on the full length of Lions Club Road. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

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

Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date