

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, July 10, 2023 6PM

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Peter Edquist
Micah Edquist, Mayor Pro-Tem
Jamie Hammill

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

Visitors: Mike Riemann, CTT
Dale Carter

Council Absent: Jeff Watson

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 welcomed Mike Riemann and Dale Carter.

5. Approval 07/10/23 Council Meeting Agenda: Micah Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

6. Approval of 06/12/23 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 4/0 vote.

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

8. Carolina Thread Trail Crossing – Mike Riemann: Mike Riemann reviewed the Wesley Chapel Railroad Crossing Estimate. The estimate incorporated the Norfolk Southern Railway (NSR) Contract and a quote from NJR Contractor for approximately 140 feet of sidewalk and asphalt crossing the railroad track. The high-end estimate was \$99,127.50 with an estimated low end of \$83,512.50, both of which included the \$10,000 Stanly County Capital Grant that was awarded in FY 21/22.

Mr. Riemann stated the advantage of doing the project now is that the North Carolina Department of Transportation (NCDOT) does not require a pedestrian light at this time which could potentially cost \$30,000 more. We currently have NCDOT and NSR approval for the project. These approvals can be extended per Mr. Riemann, probably for no longer than 2 years with DOT and with NSR, it is a matter of communication. He cautioned that requirements could possibly change with NSR. Mr. Riemann was not asking for a vote at this point. He stated that if it is not the current need, we need to move on to something else.

Peter Edquist moved to approve the funding but later withdrew the motion.

Jamie Hammill moved to continue exploration with the intent to approve pending the Pfeiffer sidewalk quote that is being obtained. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Mike Riemann left at 6:27 pm.

9. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 06/30/23: Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 06/30/23 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 843,522
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 137,885
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 10,197 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

Budget Amendment(s): Micah Edquist moved to approve the budget amendment proposed:

To decrease Public Safety Capital Outlay \$43,000 and decrease Fund Balance Reserve \$43,000 to correct Budget Amendment Section 1 on June 12, 2023.

Jamie seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

10. Pfeiffer University Sidewalk Review: A map was presented of the proposed Pfeiffer sidewalk design from Chambers Engineering for Council review. Council agreed with the sidewalk design. The Village Administrator will proceed with getting Pfeiffer University's approval of the sidewalk design and a quote for the sidewalk for Council's approval.

11. Police Report – June, 2023: Chief McGinnis reviewed the police report for Council. The June, 2023 police report reflected 21 traffic stops, 11 total charges, 10 warnings, 1 arrest, 29 total calls, 136 details and 244 security checks. There were 2 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office and State Highway Patrol.

12. Planning Board Alternate Appointment: Micah Edquist recommended Seth Cain to fill the vacant Planning Board position. Village Administrator, Anita Blair, suggested that alternate positions 2-4, which are held by Council members, shift to positions 3-5, appointing the new alternate in position 2. This would allow a greater opportunity for the alternates who are not Council members to be seated for meetings. Council agreed.

13. Other Business: Anita Blair reported that Sabrina Fleischman with EDP Renewables met with her on July 7, 2023. Ms. Fleischman stated the pile driving would be complete in 2-3 weeks and the solar module delivery had been received. The next step after the pile driving would be the racking system and then the solar panels. Duke is connected and there is power to the substation. The landscape plan is in the works.

Closed Session:

Peter Edquist moved to go in to closed session regarding personnel matters as allowed by NCGS 143-318.11(a)(6). Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Micah Edquist moved to reinstate Markus Lambert to a full-time police officer retroactive to 6/28/23, the date of his return, and to promote Mr. Lambert to Sergeant, effective immediately.

14. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 6:58 pm.

Mayor Michael "Frizbee" Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date