

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, August 14, 2023 6PM

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

Staff: Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Visitors: Peter Ascitutto, County Commissioner
Lanny Secrest, Misenheimer Resident

Council Absent: None

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 Peter Ascitutto, Stanly County Commissioner.

5. Approval 08/14/23 Council Meeting Agenda: Peter Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

6. Approval of 07/10/23 Council Meeting Minutes: Micah Edquist moved to approve the 7/10/23 Council meeting regular session minutes as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 4/0 vote.

Jamie Hammill arrived at 6:03 pm.

Micah Edquist moved to approve the 7/10/23 Council meeting closed session minutes as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

7. Public Comment Period: Peter Ascitutto, Stanly County Commissioner, wanted to inform the Village Council about current Stanly County activities which included examining lot sizes for zoning, a text amendment regarding prurient interests, and school facilities. The County recently voted to give Stanly County schools 3.7 million dollars with 1 million dollars going to Endy Elementary School.

Council members took the opportunity to remind Mr. Ascitutto about the need for sewer in the Village.

Mr. Ascitutto also commented that he is still advocating for the sidewalk to Richfield to be completed.

8. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 07/31/23: Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 07/31/23 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 822,254
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 130,094
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 10,197 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

9. Village Square Clearing Discussion: Mayor Herron reported that the wooded area at the Village Square, leased from David and Patricia Drye by the Village, was erroneously cleared by the EDP Renewables contractor, IEA. Communication

with EDP Renewables by the Village Administrator and Village Attorney resulted in a commitment letter from EDP Renewables to rectify the situation by 1) covering the costs to develop a plan for revegetation and/or other improvements; and 2) reimbursing the Village of Misenheimer for reasonable costs to be agreed upon between the parties for implementing the plan.

Micah Edquist made a motion to move forward with the purchase of the Village Square property for \$5,000 as set forth in the Lease Agreement between the Village and David and Patricia Drye and to contact Nature’s Vision to develop a Village Square plan. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Council directed the Village Administrator to have the property surveyed for the property purchase.

10. Pfeiffer University Sidewalk Quote: Micah Edquist move to approve the Lucas Concrete quote in the amount of \$48,600. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

11. Carolina Thread Trail Crossing: Anita Blair presented a spreadsheet of costs to complete the Carolina Thread Trail crossing at Wesley Chapel Road. The maximum project amount was \$109,127.50. The Village budgeted \$60,000 of Powell Bill funds toward the project this year. A Stanly County Municipal Recreation Capital Grant in the amount of \$10,000 was awarded for the project in FY 21-22.

Peter Edquist moved to use remaining Powell Bill funds (after the Pfeiffer sidewalk project) and a maximum of \$34,402 from Fund Balance to complete the Wesley Chapel Railroad crossing project. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

12. Community Building Kitchen Quotes: Anita Blair presented the costs for the Community Building kitchen upgrade. Micah Edquist moved to approve up to \$23,000 for the kitchen cabinetry, countertops, necessary electrical, plumbing and painting the interior of the building. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

13. Police Report – July, 2023: Council reviewed the July, 2023 police report. The report reflected 10 traffic stops, 3 total charges, 7 warnings, 1 arrest, 40 total calls, 149 details and 378 security checks. There were 3 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office and State Highway Patrol.

It was reported that the Pfeiffer Place sign was stolen very soon after a new one was erected. Council directed to order two and install another one promptly.

14. Convention Visitors Bureau (CVB) Appointment & Alternate: Jamie Hammill moved to appoint Anita Blair to the CVB Board and Micah Edquist as the alternate. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

15. Other Business: Anita Blair reported that Seth Cain accepted the Planning Board Alternate appointment.

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

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date