

**Village of Misenheimer**  
**Council Meeting - Community Building**  
**Monday, November 13, 2023 6PM**

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

**Staff:** Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk  
Erik McGinnis, Police Chief  
Sean Epperson, NCDOT  
Lee Snuggs, RRRPO  
Cindy Aldridge, Sweets & Eats  
Sabrina Fleischman, EDP Renewables  
Tony Brewer, 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 welcomed visitors.

**5. Approval 11/13/23 Council Meeting Agenda:** Peter Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

**6. Approval of 10/09/23 Council Meeting Minutes:** Peter Edquist moved to approve the 10/09/23 Council Meeting Minutes as presented. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

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

Sabrina Fleischman left at this time.

**8. Audit Report Presentation & Acceptance – Tony Brewer, CPA, PC:** Mr. Brewer gave an overview of the audit. He reported that the Village received an unqualified (clean) opinion which means the financials fairly represent the books and records of the Village and there were no material findings or misstatements. Overall, revenues increased \$101,000 from increased local option sales tax, police contract fees, investment earnings, and the solar farm. Expenses increased \$102,000 due to the purchase of a police vehicle, radios, and an all-terrain vehicle. At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$837,392 or 127% of total general fund expenditures.

Auditors are now required to report to the governing body “Financial Performance Indicators.” There were no indicators of concern.

Jamie Hammill moved to approve the acceptance of the FY 2022/2023 audit. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Tony Brewer left at this time.

**9. NCDOT - Lee Snuggs (RRRPO), Scott Miller & Sean Epperson (NCDOT) -**

**Traffic Roundabout - Highway 52N & Merner Terrace Resolution** – Lee Snuggs reported an opportunity to provide a roundabout to ease congestion and promote safety related to Gray Stone traffic. In addition, there is an opportunity to continue the sidewalk that ends at the Village limits of Misenheimer on to Richfield.

Anita Blair presented and read a Resolution in Support of North Carolina Department of Transportation Project for the Construction of a Traffic Roundabout at the Intersection of Highway 52 North and Merner Terrace.

Councilman Micah Edquist presented opposing arguments regarding the proposed roundabout.

Jamie Hammill moved to approve the resolution in favor of the proposed roundabout. Jeff Watson seconded the motion. The motion passed 3/2 with Micah Edquist and Peter Edquist opposing.

**Misenheimer Sidewalk Continuation to Richfield Resolution – RRRPO** – Anita Blair presented and read a Resolution in Support of Rocky River Rural Planning Organization Project for the Construction of the Sidewalk Continuation from Misenheimer, North Carolina to Richfield, North Carolina.

Jamie Hammill moved to approve the Project resolution in favor of the sidewalk to Richfield. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Lee Snuggs and Sean Epperson left at this time.

**10. Food Truck Request – Cindy Aldridge – Sweets and Eats** – Cindy Aldridge approached Council about operating a food truck at the Village Square. She reported that she has a 28-foot-long food trailer with a full-service kitchen operated by a generator. She has the necessary Health Department inspection, is fully insured, and is ready to operate immediately in Misenheimer when Council approves. She feels that the Village Square would be the best area that would cause the least traffic issues.

The Village Administrator reported that the City of Albemarle and City of Locust allow food trucks if they are on privately owned, commercially zoned, property. Health department inspections are required. The City of Albemarle requires various permitting/licensing depending on where the food trucks are located.

Council was very receptive to the idea but needed time to find out the necessary actions that need to be made to allow food truck activity and to work on a policy and/or permitting.

**11. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 10/31/23:** Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 10/31/23 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 825,017
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 128,183
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 10,082 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

**12. Health Insurance Renewal – BCBS:** Anita Blair reported that the current grandfathered health insurance plan cost is increasing 35%. All other comparative Affordable Care Act plans were substantially more expensive with higher deductibles. A comparison of plans was presented for Council. Micah Edquist moved to approve the current grandfathered plan. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**13. Police Report – October, 2023:** Council reviewed the October, 2023 Police Report. The report reflected 33 traffic stops, 21 total charges, 12 warnings, no arrests, 79 total calls, 195 details and 358 security checks. There were 3 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff's Office.

Chief McGinnis reported that a software flash is needed for the mobile radios in the cars in order to stay current and continue communication. Although this is not needed until 2025, Motorola is only selling this through the end of the year. The cost is \$469 per radio. Four updates are needed for a total of \$1,876. Micah Edquist moved to approve the cost of the software flash. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**14. Village Square Plan Review:** A preliminary draft of the Village Square plan from Nature’s Vision Landscaping was presented. The draft was created with feedback from the October, 2023 Council meeting. Modifications suggested by Council were noted and will be communicated to Nature’s Vision for a revision.

**15. Friends of North Stanly Trails & Parks, Inc. – Reappointment – Chief McGinnis – 3 years –** Micah Edquist moved to approve the reappointment of Erik McGinnis to the “Friends” board. Jamie Hammill seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

**16. Other Business:** None

**17. Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 8:32 pm.

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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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