

# COUNCIL MEETING

November 20, 2024

The Council met in regular session at 5:30 p.m. with Mayor Rick presiding.

Mr. Bauer asked everyone to join him in a moment of reflection for their own intentions. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all.

The Council Meeting was held in the Council Chambers. The meeting was open to the public and was live-streamed on Facebook.

*Roll Call:* Council Members Present: Mr. Yoho, Mr. McDowall, Ms. Van Dike, Mr. Raddish, Mr. Tonsic, Mr. Bauer, and Ms. Miller were present.

*Others Present:* Mayor Rick, Council Clerk Rachel Osborne, Clerk-Treasurer Scott Varney, Law Director Jason Dodson, and Village Engineer Matt Glass.

Motion by Ms. Van Dike second by Mr. Raddish for the approval of the agenda as presented. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Bauer second by Mr. Raddish to adopt the minutes from the November 6, 2024, Council meetings. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON PENDING LEGISLATION** – No comments.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

UTILITIES – Mr. Bauer has no report.

SAFETY – Mr. Yoho has no report.

PARKS – Mr. McDowall reported there was a Parks Board Meeting held on Monday, November 18<sup>TH</sup>. Phase Two of the walking trail has been completed and opened to us. McDowall stated the trail looked nice and encouraged everyone to go down and look. The Park is closing, and the restrooms will be shut down.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Ms. Miller announced new signage was approved by the committee at yesterday's meeting for Konstan Family Dentistry.

Mayor Rick presented the committee members and council with a draft ordinance for the rezoning of Wynstone Properties from R-3 district to R-1 district. There will be a joint public hearing on January 8, 2025.

FINANCE/AUDIT – Ms. Van Dike reported she has two pieces of legislation to read.

STREETS – Mr. Tonsic has no report.

Council President Mr. Raddish announced the November Work Session will be held Monday, November 25th at 5:30 p.m. with all committees reporting.

**OLD BUSINESS** – None

**NEW BUSINESS** – Two pieces of legislation.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2024-73 sponsored by Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE CEMETERY FUND, PARK AND RECREATION FUND AND THE DEBT SERVICE FUND, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Van Dike made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings; Mr. Yoho seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2024-73; a second was made by Mr. Yoho. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Van Dike presented Ordinance 2024-74 sponsored by the Mayor Rick Committee as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

Ms. Van Dike made a motion to suspend the rules requiring three readings; Mr. McDowall seconded the motion. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Ms. Van Dike to adopt Ordinance 2024-74; a second was made by Mr. McDowall. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

**COMMENTS from the Public:** *Joe Henico, 3773 Argonne Street*, referenced the October work session when Mayor Rick mentioned retrieving money regarding the Michelle Shutler case. Henico asked why it took seven years before officials realized the employee was stealing money from the Village.

Mayor Rick stated the employee stealing money was the same person preparing reports. The reports given made them look balanced. Village officials came upon it when they thought there was a cash flow problem and that was when they stumbled upon it. Mayor Rick stated he does not know if the cases go back that far six or seven years when money was taken.

*Jon Mencer, 242 South Cleveland Avenue*, asked if it is possible for a few lights along the sidewalk alongside 532 in front of Synthomer. Mencer mentioned his walk home after the last meeting he could not see with it being dark out sooner and with the bushes right along the sidewalk it makes it harder to see where you're going. It would be nice to have lighting there along that side.

Mayor Rick told Mencer he would speak with Synthomer to see what they could do.

*Edward Plotts, 45 Meadowridge Road*, stated he heard there might be a possible lawsuit being brought against the Village regarding the current feeding ban for the community cats. Plotts asked the council members what they would do if they could not secure food for themselves and their families, what if their food source was cut off. Plotts asked the council to consider giving the dedicated organizations and individuals the opportunity to help the community with what he feels would be the best and most effective long-term solution, a community wide TNVR program. To do so the feeding ban needs to be adjusted or managed. Solutions are what the community needs. Plotts stated he received information about a complaint received for a large number of cats. Plotts worked directly with the organizations who have offered their help and services to the village, and thanks to them all eight cats have been fixed. Plotts stated he wants to be a solution to this ongoing problem.

**COMMENTS from the Council:** Mr. Bauer brought up the netting in the pavilions down at Lions Park. Mayor Rick stated Park Supervisor Ed Fabian is looking into it to see what else can be used or done that will not affect the birds getting caught in them.

COMMENTS from the Law Director: No Comments.

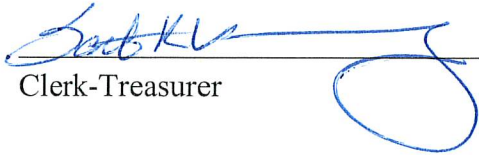
COMMENTS from the Village Engineer: No Comments.

COMMENTS from the Clerk-Treasurer: No Comments.

COMMENTS from Mayor Rick: Reminded residents that the leaf pickup is winding down. If you have leaves in your yard, make sure you get them to the street. Mayor Rick stated they are happy with the crew picking up leaves and have done a great job.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Attest:

  
Clerk-Treasurer

  
Mayor

12-18-24

Date