

COUNCIL MEETING

December 18, 2024

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

Ms. Van Dike asked everyone to join her in a moment of reflection on 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: Van Dike, Raddish, Tonsic, Bauer, and Miller were present. McDowall arrived afterward. Yoho was excused.

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

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

Motion by Van Dike second by Raddish to adopt the minutes from the November 20, 2024, and December 4, 2024, Council meetings. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON PENDING LEGISLATION – None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

UTILITIES – Mr. Bauer had no report.

SAFETY – Mr. Yoho was not present.

PARKS – McDowall was not present.

PLANNING AND ZONING – Ms. Miller, the Zoning Appeals Board approved a variance for a 4-foot picket fence for a property on Argonne Street at last night's meeting.

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

STREETS – Mr. Tonsic has no report.

Mayor Rick announced the January Work Session will be held Wednesday, January 22nd at 5:30 p.m. with all committees reporting.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS –

Ms. Van Dike presented Ordinance 2024-89 sponsored by Finance Committee as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Ordinance 2024-89; a second was made by Tonsic. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Van Dike presented Ordinance 2024-90 sponsored by the Finance Committee as follows:

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING THE HOLIDAYS FOR ALL NON-BARGAINING EMPLOYEES OF THE VILLAGE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Ordinance 2024-90; a second was made by Bauer. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2024-91 sponsored by Mayor Rick as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENTS OF CHRISTINA DEIBEL AND JIM MOORE TO THE VILLAGE'S PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2024-91; a second was made by Bauer.

Mayor Rick thanked Christina Deibel and Jim Moore for agreeing to volunteer for three more years.

Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2024-92 sponsored by Mayor Rick as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT ED FABIAN TO THE VILLAGE'S BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2024-92; a second was made by Miller.

Mayor Rick thanked Ed Fabian for agreeing to volunteer for three more years.

Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2024-93 sponsored by Mayor Rick as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF KRISTA ADOLPH AND PAM SCHMIDT TO THE VILLAGE'S PARK AND RECREATION BOARD FOR A TERM COMMENCING ON JANUARY 1, 2025, AND ENDING ON DECEMBER 31, 2027, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2024-93; a second was made by Miller.

Mayor Rick thanked Krista Adolph and Pam Schmidt for agreeing to volunteer for three more years.

Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2024-94 sponsored by Mayor Rick as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE A FIRST RENEWAL TO SUMMIT COUNTY-AKRON REGIONAL RADIO SYSTEM USER AGREEMENT TO EXTEND THE TERM OF THE SAME UNTIL APRIL 30, 2029, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2024-94; a second was made by Bauer.

Law Director, Mr. Dodson stated this piece of legislation is for the radios that are used by both Police and Fire Departments. The fee is \$20.00 per month per radio. The agreement expired back in April of this year. This is a renewal agreement for five years and the fee will stay the same for five years.

Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2024-95 sponsored by Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION CONFIRMING THE RE-APPOINTMENT OF SCOTT K. VARNEY AS CLERK-TREASURER OF THE VILLAGE, AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT WITH VARNEY, FINK & ASSOCIATES, INC. TO PROVIDE ACCOUNTING SERVICES FOR THE VILLAGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2024-95; a second was made by Miller.

Mayor Rick reminded Council members this is only for the first three months of 2025.

Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Mr. McDowall presented Resolution 2024-96 sponsored by the Parks and Recreation Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION REVISING THE FEE SCHEDULE FOR GREENWOOD CEMETERY, EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by McDowall to adopt Resolution 2024-96; a second was made by Tonsic.

Mayor Rick thanked Rachel Osborne, June Long, and the rest of the cemetery board for their help.

Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

Ms. Van Dike presented Resolution 2024-97 sponsored by the Finance Committee as follows:

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND TO THE STREET FUND AND THE PARK AND RECREATION FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

A motion was made by Van Dike to adopt Resolution 2024-97; a second was made by McDowall. Vote. Unanimous ayes. Motion carried.

COMMENTS from the Public: *Carl Housley, 67 First Avenue*, asked what percentage of Phase 1 is done with the infrastructure.

Law Director, Mr. Dodson stated all the infrastructure in Phase 1 is done, and all or most of the underground in Phase 2 has been done.

Housley asked if all the work had been tested, approved, and ready to connect to.

Dodson, yes.

Jon Mencer, 242 South Cleveland Avenue, Mencer asked if soliciting permits are still required. Mencer stated a young man wearing a Spectrum hat was soliciting early today. When asked if he had a permit from the Village, he stated he did not need one and took off running.

Mayor Rick confirmed a permit is required to solicit in the Village and he would let Police Chief Higgins know to be aware of.

COMMENTS from the Council: Mr. Tonsic, Christmas in the Village was great!

Mr. McDowall, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Ms. Van Dike, wishing everyone a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Raddish wishes everyone a happy holiday and he is glad to be back.

COMMENTS from the Law Director: No comments.

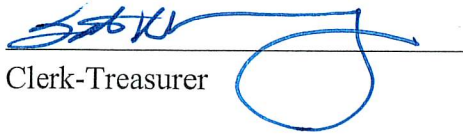
COMMENTS from the Village Engineer: No comments.

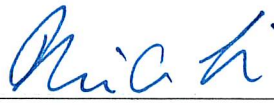
COMMENTS from the Clerk-Treasurer: Scott Varney thanked the Council for renewing his contract.

COMMENTS from Mayor Rick: Mayor Rick stated Christmas in the Village was a success. A reminder that the first Council meeting in January will be held on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. Wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Attest:


Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor

1-2-25

Date