

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE COUNCIL  
OF THE VILLAGE OF HUNTING VALLEY, OHIO**

May 11, 2021

Pursuant to notice given, a regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Hunting Valley was convened at the Hunting Valley Village Hall on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Bruce Mavec presided.

The following members of Council were present:

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| Barbara Burkhart | Jerry Medinger |
| Dan Grajzl       | Bill Mulligan  |
| Nancy Heinen     | Bill O'Neill   |

Also present were Harry P. Hawkes Jr., Clerk, Brian Coughlin, Finance Director, Michael Cannon, Chief of Police, Tim Pickana, Assistant Finance Director, Don Cunningham, Building Inspector/Service Director, Stephen Byron, Law Director, and Joe Ciuni, Village Engineer. There were also several employees of the Village and their families, including Lt. Ben Stankewicz, Sgt. Steve Balaban, Victor Strauss, Richard Neubert and his significant other Alyssa, David James Bakos, and John Thomas. Mayor Mavec presented Resolution No. 2021-1 to Richard Neubert, which was the "Resolution honoring Richard Neubert for his years of service to the Village of Hunting Valley and honoring him on his retirement." After the employees and their families were introduced and thanked, they excused themselves from the meeting.

Council first considered approval of the minutes of the regular meeting of Council held April 13, 2021. Mr. Medinger moved that the minutes be approved as presented, which motion was seconded by Ms. Heinen.

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| Roll Call: | Yeas: | Burkhart, Grajzl, Heinen, Medinger, Mulligan, O'Neill |
|            | Nays: | None  |

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

There was a discussion regarding the bills from April of 2021. Mr. Pickana discussed the basis upon which the list was assembled and there was further discussion regarding the accounting for the Village's expenses. No action was taken by Council.

Council then discussed the Village's investments and financial reports and when reporting can be produced for the Council meeting. Ordinance No. 2021-7 had been prepared and placed on the agenda to permit Council to change the meeting date, if it wanted a current

financial report presented before the Council meeting. Another option would be to have financial reports reviewed one month in arrears. No consensus was reached, and no action was taken. There was a discussion about how much money was kept in the checking account (about two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000), the interest rate of STAR Ohio (about .08%) and the liquidity of the Alliance Bernstein funds. There was also a discussion regarding the method of bookkeeping for the investments, which is dictated by the Ohio Auditor (irrespective of preferences of the administration or council)

**Ordinance No. 2021-5** “An Ordinance amending the appropriations for current expenses and other expenditures of the Village of Hunting Valley during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021” was read for the first time. Ms. Heinen moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2021-5 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Medinger.

Roll Call:      Yeas:      Burkhart, Grajzl, Heinen, Medinger, Mulligan, O’Neill  
                     Nays:      None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Ms. Heinen then moved that Ordinance No. 2021-5 be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Medinger.

Roll Call:      Yeas:      Burkhart, Grajzl, Heinen, Medinger, Mulligan, O’Neill  
                     Nays:      None

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2021-5 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2021-6** “An Ordinance amending and restating the compensation of Village employees and declaring an emergency” was read for the first time. Ms. Heinen moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2021-6 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Medinger.

Roll Call:      Yeas:      Burkhart, Grajzl, Heinen, Medinger, Mulligan, O’Neill  
                     Nays:      None

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

After discussion, Ms. Heinen then moved that Ordinance No. 2021-6 be adopted as read, which motion was seconded by Mr. Grajzl.

Roll Call:      Yeas:      Burkhart, Grajzl, Heinen, Medinger, Mulligan, O'Neill  
                     Nays:      None

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2021-6 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2021-7** “An Ordinance amending Section 121.01 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Hunting Valley to change the regular meeting date of the Village Council and declaring an emergency” was discussed. No action was taken.

Mayor Mavec asked Mr. O'Neill to report on the Hunting Valley Foundation. Mr. O'Neill indicated that with a recent testamentary pledge, based upon a “second to die” scenario, the Foundation had raised over one million dollars (\$1,000,000). The Foundation has received three hundred twenty-four (324) gifts from one hundred twelve (112) households (approximately forty percent (40%)). The Foundation has provided eight grants to the Village in the amount of about four hundred thirty-nine thousand dollars (\$439,000). Peter Hellman, Brian Coughlin and Mr. O'Neill were founding trustees, and the Mayor appoints the trustees and serves on the Board ex officio, without a vote. Mr. O'Neill thanked all involved, who volunteered their time and served without compensation. The total expenses of the organization, since inception, have been about eighteen thousand dollars (\$18,000).

Chief Cannon reported that in addition to his report, he wanted to report on the work of Sgt. Steve Balaban in obtaining grant funding on behalf of the Village, and Lt. Ben Stankewicz good work on keeping the police department's policies and procedures up to date with the assistance of the Lexipol service. This is an important line of defense for the Village from claims against the Police Department.

Mr. Cunningham reported that the Cemetery Committee had met and discussed the possible acquisition of a columbarium for the cemetery, noting that the cemetery itself was not able to sell any additional grave space. The columbarium would have 46 niches and would cost about fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000), plus and additional twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for a foundation and sidewalks. There was an extended discussion regarding the pricing model for the columbarium, and the costs of maintaining the cemetery. No action was taken.

Mr. Hawkes, Jr. discussed the recycling survey that will be sent out in June and the investigation the Committee is doing regarding how other communities are handling recycling. No action was taken.

There being no further Council business, Mayor Mavec adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Harry P. Hawkes, Jr. Clerk

APPROVED:



Bruce Mavec  
Mayor/President of Council

Dated: 6/15, 2021