

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

March 14, 2023

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, March 14, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. Mayor Bruce V. Mavec presided via telephone.

The following members of Council were present:

Don Bullock	Barbara Burkhart (via phone)
Dan Grajzl	Harry P. Hawkes, Jr.
Nancy Heinen (via phone)	

Also present were Brian Coughlin (via phone), Finance Director, Michael Cannon, Police Chief/Acting Clerk, Tim Pickana, Assistant Finance Director, Don Cunningham, Building Inspector/Service Director, Stephen Byron, Law Director, Nick Fini, Assistant Village Engineer, Michael Clements, Assistant Building Inspector, Sherri Gambrill, Assistant Village Administrator, and Dr. Antonio (Tony) Scarpa.

Dr. Antonio Scarpa was introduced and presented the Annual Report of the Open Space/Conservation Commission for the Village of Hunting Valley. About 46% of the land in the Village has been conserved.

Councilman Jerry Medinger arrived for the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

The Commission has developed an archive, but unfortunately the conserved property has not been monitored or maintained to the extent it should be. There are plans to survey the property, and signs will be installed on the property. The trails are gone, and the bridge has collapsed. These amenities should be maintained. Seventy-five percent (75%) of the property is forested. The balance of open space and conservancy of that space is important to the Village. The Village will be speaking with Ed Meyers, a local real estate attorney, regarding the effectiveness of certain deed restrictions in the Village. Dr. Scarpa excused himself from the meeting at 5:15 p.m.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 10, 2023 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Bullock moved to approve the minutes as presented, which motion was seconded by Mr. Grajzl.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bullock, Burkhart, Grajzl, Hawkes, Heinen, Medinger
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Minutes approved

Regarding the Village's bills for January and February of 2023, six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) will be transferred from the Alliance Bernstein account to the operating account. The Chase Bank account maintains about one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to ensure sufficient liquidity. The Village will be seeking additional interest on the cash account. There was further discussion regarding how much liquidity is necessary. There was also further discussion regarding prospective returns on investments.

Ordinance No. 2023-2 "An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2023 Energized Community Grant(s), and declaring an emergency." was read for the first time. Mr. Hawkes moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2023-2 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Bullock.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bullock, Burkhart, Grajzl, Hawkes, Heinen, Medinger
Nays: None

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Hawkes then moved that the Ordinance be adopted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Medinger.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bullock, Burkhart, Grajzl, Hawkes, Heinen, Medinger
Nays: None

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2023-2 adopted

Ordinance No. 2023-3 "An Ordinance making application to the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District for inclusion within the District of certain territory of the Village of Hunting Valley and an Ordinance authorizing the Village to enter into a sanitary sewer agreement and regional stormwater management program service agreement with the Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District, and declaring an emergency." was read for the first time. Mr. Medinger moved that the rule requiring that legislation be read on three separate days be suspended and that Ordinance No. 2023-3 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Bullock.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bullock, Burkhart, Grajzl, Hawkes, Heinen, Medinger
Nays: None

Motion carried
Rule suspended

After discussion, Mr. Medinger then moved that the Ordinance be adopted, which motion was seconded by Mr. Bullock.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bullock, Burkhart, Grajzl, Hawkes, Heinen, Medinger
Nays: None

Motion carried
Ordinance No. 2023-3 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Medinger moved to award the Chagrin River Road improvements project to Ronyak Paving, in an amount not to exceed a total of four million, two hundred nineteen thousand dollars (\$4,219,000), which motion was seconded by Mr. Hawkes.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bullock, Burkhart, Grajzl, Hawkes, Heinen, Medinger
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Project award confirmed

After discussion, Mr. Medinger moved to approve a then and now purchase order in the amount of forty-three thousand, four hundred seven dollars (\$43,407), to be paid to Tim Lally Chevrolet, Inc., for the purchase of a Chevy Tahoe Police Cruiser, which motion was seconded by Mr. Hawkes.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bullock, Burkhart, Grajzl, Hawkes, Heinen, Medinger
 Nays: None

Motion carried
Purchase Order approved

Mayor Mavec stated his gratitude to Tim Pickana for his work on and completion of the Village’s audit. A one and one-half (1.5) mill levy will be on the ballot this fall for the Orange School District, the fiber optics study, the school tax issue and the audit itself were amongst the items/issues discussed.

Chief Cannon has submitted his report for January. The Chief announced that as Don Cunningham will be retiring, there will be a party given in his honor. This will be an event for the entire Village.

Mr. Cunningham had also submitted his reports for the Service/Building Departments. He reported that the Public Entity Pool, which provides insurance-like coverage to the Village, had conducted an inspection of the Village’s property. The result of the inspection was an A+ rating.

Harry P. Hawkes Jr. stated that the Village had procured a grant for recycling in the amount of two thousand, two hundred dollars (\$2,200).

Mr. Bullock moved to adjourn to executive session to discuss pending or imminent litigation, the possible acquisition or disposition of real property, and the appointment and compensation of employees and Village officials. Mr. Grajzl seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bullock, Burkhart, Grajzl, Hawkes, Heinen, Medinger
Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned to executive session at 6:12 p.m.

Mayor Mavec reconvened the meeting at 6:30 p.m.

There being no other matters before the Council, Mr. Bullock moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Grajzl seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bullock, Burkhart, Grajzl, Hawkes, Heinen, Medinger
Nays: None

Motion carried
Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Chief Michael Cannon
Acting Clerk

APPROVED:


Bruce Mavec
Mayor/President of Council

Dated: 4/11/23, 2023