

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

**March 12, 2024**

Prior to the Council meeting, Mr. Byron administered the oaths of office to Mayor Mavec, Barbara Burkhart, Harry Hawkes, Jr., and Jerry Medinger.

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 12, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. with Council President Pro-tem Nancy Heinen presiding.

The following members of Council were present:

Don Bullock  
Dan Grajzl  
Nancy Heinen

Jerry Medinger  
Harry Hawkes

Also present were Mayor Bruce V. Mavec (via Zoom) Brian Coughlin, Finance Director (via Zoom), Michael Cannon, Police Chief, Tim Pickana, Assistant Finance Director, Michael Clements, Building Inspector, Joe Cuini, Village Engineer, Sherri Gambrell, Assistant Village Administrator, Victor Strauss, Service Director, Stephen Byron, Law Director, John Slagter and Tony Vacanti of Tucker Ellis LLP, and those persons whose names are listed on the attached attendance sheet.

The minutes of the Regular Meeting of Council held January 9, 2024 were previously distributed to Council. Mr. Medinger moved to approve the Minutes as presented which motion was seconded by Mr. Bullock.

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

Motion carried  
Minutes approved

Council reviewed and discussed the Village's bills for January and February of 2024.

Council reviewed and discussed the Village's investments for the same period.

**Ordinance No. 2023-11** - "An Ordinance amending Chapter 1156, U-3 Institutional District, of the Codified Ordinances of Hunting Valley to authorize Cell Towers to be constructed in the U-3 District of the Village" was read for the final time. There had been a public hearing on the matter held during the January 9, 2024 Council Meeting. Mr. Slagter, on behalf of Geobob, LLC, a neighboring property owner, again presented the objections that the neighbor had regarding the Ordinance.

After discussion, Mr. Medinger moved that Ordinance No. 2023-11 be adopted. Mr. Bullock seconded the motion.

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2023-11 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2024-2** - "An Ordinance authorizing all actions necessary to accept Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) 2024 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. 2024-2 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Medinger.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2024-2 adopted

**Ordinance No. 2024-3** - "An Ordinance authorizing an agreement with Chagrin Valley GIG, LLC., to provide high-speed broadband services, granting an easement to Chagrin Valley Gig, LLC., authorizing the Village to take all actions that are necessary in furtherance of the agreement, 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. 2024-3 be placed on its third and final reading, which motion was seconded by Mr. Medinger.

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

Motion carried  
Rule suspended

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

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

Motion carried  
Ordinance No. 2024-3 adopted

After discussion, Mr. Bullock moved to confirm the appointment of Peter L. Drago as Clerk of Council for the Village of Hunting Valley, which motion was seconded by Mr. Hawkes.

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

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

Mr. Byron then administered the oath of office to Mr. Drago.

After discussion, Mr. Hawkes moved to confirm and ratify the appointment of Steve Crandall as successor Escrow Agent for the purposes of the agreement between and among the Chagrin Falls Suburban Volunteer Fireman's Association, Inc., dba Chagrin Valley Fire Department, the Village of Hunting Valley, and other area political subdivisions. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bullock.

Roll Call: Yeas: Bullock, Drago, Grajzl, Hawkes, Medinger  
Nays: None

Motion carried  
Appointment confirmed

There was discussion regarding the status and procedures of the Conservation and Open Space Commission. Mr. Hawkes presented information regarding these organizations which is appended hereto. There will be further proceedings to refine and clarify the authority of the commissions.

Police Chief Cannon submitted his report, and also noted that the Village will celebrate its centennial anniversary on Sunday June 23, 2024. Village picnic vendors, and tents are being chosen and ordered, respectively, and seventeen thousand dollars (\$17,000) will be allocated to fund the celebration.

Building Inspector Michael Clements met with the Chagrin River Watershed Partners in an effort to seek grant funding for projects. Mr. Clements also noted that the current owner of the old Wolstein property is seeking consolidation of the four lots that have frontage on County Line Road into two lots. One lot will be ten acres and the other will be combined with the five acres that had been reserved for barn usage to create a fifteen-acre lot. The restriction that the old lots could only be developed by Mr. Wolstein's children has been lifted by the Western Reserve Land Conservancy, presumably in exchange for the decreased amount of permitted development.

Service Director Victor Strauss noted that the Fairmount east field survey is commencing. The mill and fill for Fairmount east, west, and Old Kinsman Road is commencing. The sewer on County Line Road (south of Fairmount) has been jetted, and further repair of that sewer line must be pursued. Mr. Hawkes announced that the Village had received a recycling grant to enhance communications with Village residents.

Mr. Grajl then 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. Bullock seconded the motion.


Roll Call:      Yeas:      Bullock, Drago, Grajzl, Hawkes, Medinger  
                     Nays:      None

Motion carried  
Meeting adjourned to executive session  
at 6:09 p.m.


Council President Pro-tem Heinen reconvened the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

There being no other matters before the Council, President Pro-tem Heinen adjourned the meeting at 6:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Peter Drago,  
Clerk

APPROVED:

  
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Nancy Heinen,  
Council President Pro-tem

Dated: 4-19, 2024