

**VILLAGE OF PLEASANTVILLE
COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING**

November 14, 2024

Jason Henderson, Mayor	Absent
Michelle Dumolt, President	Present
Bob Pangborn, Councilman	Present
Bill Mason, Councilman	Present
Korry Harrier, Councilwoman	Present
Sarah Wharton, Councilwoman	Present
Katie Henry, Councilwoman	Present

CALL TO ORDER:

President Dumolt called the meeting to order at 7:01 pm.

Pledge of Allegiance recited by all. Roll call taken.

In addition to council in attendance, Samantha McCreery, Administrative Assistant and Penny Marquart, Fiscal Officer were present. Also present was Courtney VanDyke of 305 N. Main St., and Melissa Connor, Barb and Frank Martin, and George and Betty Bennett with Citizens for Fair Fields.

MINUTES:

A motion was made by Councilwoman Henry to table the Regular Council meeting minutes of October 10, 2024 and the Special Council meeting minutes of October 22, 2024 for clarification and editing. Second by Councilman Mason.

President Dumolt – yes
Councilman Mason – yes
Councilman Pangborn – yes
Councilwoman Harrier - yes
Councilwoman Wharton – yes
Councilwoman Henry - yes
Motion carried.

BUSINESS OF GUESTS / PUBLIC INPUT:

Melissa Connor with Citizens for Fair Fields addressed council regarding the Eastern Cottontail solar project. When her group attended the September and October meetings of council, they asked council to write a letter in opposition of the Eastern Cottontail Solar project supporting Walnut Township/Thurston and denying support of the project. Deadline for letter submission is December 13th. President Dumolt informed her that the Village of Pleasantville and council as a whole would remain neutral in the matter. Ms. Connor explained that the project is thousands of acres big and that this area is too

(Business of Guests / Public Input, continued...)

populated for "industry". She says that because solar is a public utility, they don't have to adhere to zoning rules. She also says that within one mile of the project, over 1,000 homes will be affected.

COUNCIL REPORTS:

FINANCE

President Dumolt shared that the October documents were in order and indicates there is one item on the agenda for this evening.

ZONING/PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

President Dumolt has nothing new to report.

RECORDS, RULES AND LAW

Councilwoman Harrier has nothing new to report.

RECREATION, COMMUNITY CENTER, AND POOL

Councilwoman Wharton has nothing new to report.

SAFETY/SERVICE

Councilman Pangborn has nothing new to report.

COUNTY BOARD OF REPRESENTATIVES REPORTS

Regional Planning – President Dumolt has nothing to report.

Board of Health ADHOC – President Dumolt has nothing to report.

GRANT UPDATES:

Applied for Projects:

OPWC (2023) Funding – Walnut St. Improvements. \$486,900. Local contribution is \$23,345.

CDBG (2024) – Otte Park Playground Equipment. \$98,800. Grant - \$83,600; Local Contribution - \$15,200. Not funded.

Funded Projects:

NRG Funding – Hickenlooper Paving, E. Columbus Storm Lines (Spires Paving), Otte Park Restrooms (sent out for re-bid), Pville Park Baseball Diamond (Rodney Nash Construction). \$818,000. Grant - \$717,900; Local Contribution - \$32,100; Funds Available - \$750,000 + CDBG - \$68,000. In Process. Added Pearl St. storm lines to this project.

(Grant Updates, continued...)

CDBG Funding – Pool Concrete. \$100,000. Grant - \$82,700; Local Contribution - \$17,300. Self-Fund Pool System Repair – Approx \$20K – Cooper Concrete awarded project. In Process. Added Otte Park dugouts and work on t-ball field at Otte Park to this project.

OPWC (2022) Funding – Summit St Storm Lines. Funds Available \$450,000. Grant Amount - \$288,000; Local Contribution \$49,500; Loan Amount - \$112,500; Self Fund \$175,000. In Process.

Water Meter Replacement. In Process.

ARPA County Level Funding – Water Tower Refurbishment. Funds Available - \$650,000; \$175,000. *Need \$200K loan for additional work. In Process.

FC Land Bank Mini Grant – Door Replacement/Concrete Work. \$25,972. Grant - \$15,000; Local Contribution - \$10,972. COMPLETED.

Future Projects:

*Safe Routes to Schools – partner with FULSD – TBD

*Main St. Improvements - \$5-7M (FY 25-26)

- CORPO
- ODOT TAP
- OPWC

*WTP Design - \$450K

*WTP Build - \$2-3M

*100 N. Main St. - \$800K

*S Main St. Sidewalks/Curbs - \$400K

*Richland Rd Sidewalks - \$125K

*W. Columbus St. Sidewalks - \$250K

*Lincoln Ave Phase II - \$400K

*First & Second St. Storm Water – TBD

*High St & Pearl St Storm Water – TBD

*Lincoln Ave Phase III - \$400K

VILLAGE MAINTENANCE REPORT:

Casey Ash, Village Maintenance reports the following for the month of October:

- Worked on water plant and EPA paperwork
- Water plant repairs to waterline: 2 meters replaced; 3 curb box replacements – have more to replace but are waiting on new antennas
- Found two leaks; still trying to track possible leaks
- Pool is winterized for the season and starting on the shelter house
- Servicing vehicles and winterizing equipment in the shop
- Replacing or repairing street/road signs that were damaged
- Set up and tear down Halloween and prepping for Christmas activities
- Continuing GIS mapping

POLICE REPORT:

Chief Garver reports the following:

1. Since October 1, 2024 the police department has handled 182 cases which includes calls for service and traffic.
2. Officer Samuel King has completed his field training and is on his own now. He is a very active young officer and is a valuable asset to the department and the community.
3. We assisted the Village of Bremen with their Octoberfest and we were on patrol during our Trick or Treat.
4. The new K-9 insert has been placed in the Ford to reduce fuel expenditures, the Chevy will be a reserve cruiser, and once the missing components for the Dodge laptop mount are installed it will be the main cruiser the officer's use.
5. Last week we had a traffic stop where the driver was driving under suspension, had fictitious license plates on the vehicle, and was speeding. The passenger had warrants and was in possession of meth and drug paraphernalia.
6. A couple nights ago a thread was started on the Pleasantville Community Facebook Page complaining about the police department. It should be noted that the person doing the posting was not in the vehicle at the time and therefore would have no capacity to know what happened during the stop, however the comments she posted leave that detail out. Nevertheless, the complaint was about another male subject being stopped for running a stop sign but she contends the police officer made it up to write a ticket.
 - a. There is no need for the police department to make up violations, there are plenty of legitimate violations for us to deal with. It should be noted that if we adopted other agency's views on what is ticketable and what is not, we would be on traffic stops all day long. For instance, the City of Heath put in traffic cameras years ago and issued citations by mail for 10 mph over the limit.
 - b. The only time we would even stop a car for that is if it were in a school zone, or some other violation is also happening, such as a DUI (OVI), or the driver is suspended, etc.
 - c. Since the police department has been open - 336 days ago, we have only issued 309 tickets, which is on average less than one per day (0.91/day). I have not taken the time to manually calculate warnings, however we are still on pace for about 50/50 tickets vs warnings.
 - d. 230 of the citations were for speeding. The average speed over the posted limit when averaged is 15.15mph.
 - a. At in a 25 zone, 15 mph over the limit is 40 mph. 40 mph is 58.7 feet per second. The average road frontage for a house in Pleasantville is roughly the same. That means a person traveling at 40 mph passes a house every second. Factoring in braking distance and human reaction time, a person would travel past 3.5 houses before they could get stopped assuming light and dry conditions.
 - b. In a 35 zone, 15 mph over the limit is much worse at 50 mph which is 73.3 feet per second, or 229 feet to get stopped which is about 4.5 houses.
 - c. 47 citations were for stop sign violations. This along with speeding are the most complained about violations in the village.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Resolution 11-14-24-01– Supplemental Appropriations adding \$1,000.00 to the streets fund for operating supplies and materials and \$580.00 to the mayor's court fund for office supplies and materials. A motion approving the appropriations was made by Councilwoman Wharton. Seconded by Councilman Mason.

President Dumolt – yes
Councilman Mason – yes
Councilman Pangborn – yes
Councilwoman Harrier - yes
Councilwoman Wharton – yes
Councilwoman Henry - yes
Motion carried

Ordinance 10-10-24-02 – Water Debt – Second reading

Ordinance 10-10-24-03 – Sewer Debt – Second reading

Cincinnati Circus Contract – Councilwoman Wharton made a motion to table this until next meeting when Mayor Henderson can give a more thorough explanation. Seconded by Councilwoman Henry.

President Dumolt – yes
Councilman Mason – yes
Councilman Pangborn – yes
Councilwoman Harrier - yes
Councilwoman Wharton – yes
Councilwoman Henry - yes
Motion carried.

COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENTS/CONCERNS:

None.


MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS:

Reminder of Lunch with Santa on Saturday, December 14th at noon; parade is at 11am.

Councilman Mason made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Councilwoman Wharton. Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.



Michelle Dumolt, President



Penny Margaret, Fiscal Officer