

PRESIDING OFFICER, THOMAS J. GARDNER, MAYOR

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: Joe Bourne, Brandie Bourne, John Little, Ed Steffek, Steve Adams, Nate Penrod

ABSENT: N/A

OTHER ATTENDEES: Rick Swiger, Donna Meek

VISITORS: Glenn & Margie McMullen

MOMENT OF SILENCE/PLEDGE

The meeting was opened with The Pledge of Allegiance led by Mayor Gardner.

PRIOR MEETING MINUTES

Motion was made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Ed Steffek to dispense with the reading of the minutes and accept the minutes from regular meeting held January 16, 2024. All council members present were in favor.

VISITORS

* Residents/Visitors Glen & Margie McMullen voiced complaints concerning speeding traffic through the village on Main Street. Complaints about junk vehicles and semi trucks using jake brakes also was heard. McMullen indicated that there has been a junk vehicle sitting for two years along Main Street – across from the Tony Mart. Mayor Gardner stated that he will address the issues brought to council with the police dept.

*Glenn McMullen also inquired about the possible leasing of an unnamed alley to Salem Township in order for the township to build a salt bin building on the property. Mayor Gardner stated that surveying the unnamed alley has been completed but no other action has been taken for the leasing of the property. McMullen indicated that the unnamed alley should be vacated and each property owner should get one half of the unnamed alley. Council stated that vacating the alley was originally considered by the township and village; however, the adjoining property owners would not respond when contacted in attempting to do so. McMullen indicated that he had spoken with the property owner and forwarded the property owner's name and phone number to Mayor Gardner to contact. Solicitor Perlaky indicated that he needs a description of the property and would like to contact the Salem Township's attorney on the issue of leasing/vacating the unnamed alley before moving forward.

PAY BILLS

***Motion made by Brandie Bourne** and seconded by Steve Adams to pay bills from respective funds. Roll call as follows: Joe Bourne yay, Ed Steffek yay, Brandie Bourne yay, John Little yay, Steve Adams yay, Nate Penrod yay.

POLICE

*Mayor Gardner reported that the camera system for the cruiser has been repaired. Was reported that Chief Dusenberry has contacted Joe Krockner concerning issues with the police dept computer. Heard that the police dept. reported 153 hours of patrolling for January.

STREET

*No Reporting

ZONING/MAYOR'S ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

*Absent - No Reporting

SOLICITOR PERLAKY

*No Reporting

INCOME TAX ADMINISTRATOR

* No Reporting

MAYOR

*Heard that the Little League will be using the village hall for baseball sign up on Feb 24th from 10-12pm.

*Was reported that St. Paul's UCC Church will be holding an Easter Egg Hunt at Belden Park on Saturday, March 16th at 2 pm – for ages 1-12 years old. Rain date would be Sunday, March 17th.

*Gardner reported that an upgrade project for the South St Clairsville Rail Road Crossing will begin possibly in 2026. The upgrade would include new lights, bell system, electrical system and bars for the crossing. This project is in conjunction with a Dennison project.

*Heard that there was a sewer backup problem at Glasgow and Arch Street. The Tuscarawas County Water and Sewer is handling the issue of a blocked main line.

*Set Spring Clean Up for April 27 & 28th. The village will order two roll off refuse containers. More details for spring clean up will be posted at a later date.

JOE BOURNE

*Bourne reported 2 calls for the Delaware Volunteer Fire Dept for the month of January.

*Heard that there is a new candidate for the fire dept. Once the student graduates he will become a member of the fire dept. (Austin Dyer).

NATE PENROD

*No Reporting

BRANDIE BOURNE

*Bourne reported that the police dept needs a new battery pack for the cruiser's AED machine. The cruiser also needs a new first aid kit. **Motion made by Brandie Bourne and seconded by Steve Adams** to approve the purchase of any safety equipment needed for the police dept. Roll call taken and all council members present were in favor.

*Reminder – next breakfast – Feb. 10th from 8-11am.

*Heard that there will be a Spaghetti Dinner on March 17th at 12pm hosted by the Fire Dept. The Fire Dept. will not have any breakfast events in March.

STEVE ADAMS

*No Reporting

JOHN LITTLE

*No Reporting

ED STEFFEK

*Steffek reported an excellent job of renovations on the 2nd floor of the Historical Society Building. All renovations of the Historical Society Building are handled by the Historical Society Group.

Next meeting will be February 20, 2024 at 7:00pm.

Meeting Adjourned

_____ Date
Thomas J. Gardner, Mayor

_____ Date
Darissa R. Lute, Fiscal Officer