

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
JEFFERSONVILLE COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION**

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THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF JEFFERSONVILLE CONVENED IN REGULAR SESSION FROM 7:00 PM to 8:25 PM AT THE VILLAGE OFFICE, 8 N. MAIN ST, JEFFERSONVILLE, OHIO 43128. MAYOR ROBERT KINZER CALLED THE MEETING TO ORDER WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS AND VISITORS PRESENT:

SUE BURNSIDE	LATE	MARY GARRINGER	ABSENT
ROGER SPAHR	PRESENT	JACOB DAWSON	PRESENT
ERIKA WOLFE	PRESENT	ROBERT MINSHALL	PRESENT

EMPLOYEES: BRYAN RILEY, PRESENT, STEPHANIE STEWART, LAW DIRECTOR DAVID KIGER ABSENT

MOTION TO EXCUSE BURNSIDE, GARRINGER, STEWART AND KIGER WOLFE/DAWSON 4-0
BURNSIDE ARRIVED AT 7:38 PM

MINUTES: 23 MARCH 2023 MOTION TO APPROVE, MINSHALL/DAWSON 4-0

FINANCIALS: 2023 MARCH RECEIVED AND REVIEWED, DAWSON/MINSHALL 4-0

NEW BUSINESS:

- CT CONSULTANT MEETING, 11 APRIL, 2023
SPAHR, MINSHALL, RILEY, STEWART AND MAYOR KINZER MET WITH BARB ANDERSON AND WES HALL OF CT CONSULTANTS. RILEY: GOOD MEETING, SOUNDS LIKE THEY CAN DO SAME SERVICES SAME AS WOOLPERT AND OHM. KIGER RECEIVED AN ESTIMATE FROM WOOLPERT AND OHM
SPAHR: WE NEED TO KNOW THE SCOPE OF THEIR PLAN. ANDERSON NEEDS TO WORK FOR US AND NOT THE COUNTY.
DAWSON: ARE WE GOING TO GET FIGURES? RILEY: THEY WILL HAVE A QUOTE TO US AT THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. DAWSON: WHICHEVER COMPANY IT IS, ARE THEY GOING TO LOOK FOR THE FUNDING AND WRITE THE GRANTS FOR US?
RILEY: THAT IS SUPPOSED TO BE APART OF THE SERVICES. TABLED UNTIL NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.
- FINANCIAL COMMITTEE MEETING, 3 APRIL, 2023
SPAHR: PRESENT RATE WE ARE OPERATING IN THE RED DUE TO THE PRICE INCREASES AND CHEMICALS WE ARE HAVING TO USE. RILEY: THE SEWER PLANT IS OUR BIGGEST ELECTRIC EXPENSE FOR THE VILLAGE, THE PUMPS RUN 24/7.
RILEY: PHOSPHORUS HAS WENT UP \$3000 IN 3 YEARS.
SPAHR: RATE INCREASES ARE TO TRY TO GET THROUGH 2023 WITH A SMALL CUSHION. TFO HAS 15,000 GALLONS OF WATER TRUCKED IN EACH MONTH AND WE HAVE NOT BEEN METERING THAT, SO THEY HAVE NOT BEEN CHARGED FOR SEWER ON THAT. RILEY: WE HAVE TO PUT AN ORDINANCE IN PLACE. DAWSON: CAN WE PUT IN A SEWER METER? SPAHR: THEY ARE EXPENSIVE.
SEWER EXPENSES AND REVENUE: 2021 REVENUE \$633,000 AND EXPENSES \$440,000
2022 REVENUE \$638,000 AND EXPENSES \$595,000. DAWSON: I HAVE A PROBLEM INCREASING BILLS IF SERVICE IS NOT GOING TO GET MUCH BETTER. I KNOW THAT WE ARE LINING AND THAT IS EXPENSIVE.

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RILEY: IF WE DO NOT DO SOMETHING TO START CORRECTING THIS THEN WE CAN NOT GET THINGS FIXED. STEWART IS TRYING TO BUDGET \$100,000+ A YEAR FOR LINING. DAWSON: DOES THAT COME OUT OF THE SEWER BUDGET? RILEY: YES DAWSON: CAN WE TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND? RILEY: YOU WILL BANKRUPT THE GENERAL FUND IF WE CONTINUE TO DO THAT. A GRANT CAN TAKE A YEAR OR TWO. KINZER: I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT A GRANT, I'M TALKING ABOUT A LOAN. WE SHOULD BE SETTING ASIDE MONEY FOR MAINTENANCE EACH YEAR. THAT WAS AN AGREEMENT COUNCIL MADE WITH THE EPA IN 2006 THAT THEY NEVER STARTED. SPAHR: FOR SEVERAL YEARS THERE WERE NEVER ANY INCREASES. RILEY: CORRECT, NONE SINCE 2012. SPAHR AND BECAUSE OF THAT, AND WITH THE CONTINUED MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION COSTS THAT HAVE EATEN AWAY AT ANY CUSHION THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN, WE ARE GOING TO BE OPERATING IN THE RED WITHOUT AN INCREASE. RILEY: THE BIG SEWER LOAN IS DUE TO BE PAID OFF IN 2026. THAT WILL FREE UP AROUND \$100,000 PER YEAR, IF WE DON'T TAKE OUT OTHER LOANS OR IF COSTS DON'T CONTINUE TO GO UP. WOLFE: I AM MORE CONCERNED ABOUT THOSE ON A FIXED INCOME THAT HAVE PROBLEMS PAYING THEIR BILLS NOW. RILEY: IT'S A CATCH 22, WE DISCUSSED THAT TOO IN THE MEETING, IF WE WERE TO DO SOMETHING FOR THOSE ON A FIXED INCOME, TO CAP THEM OR SOMETHING, WE WOULD GO BROKE IN THREE YEARS BECAUSE THE MAJORITY OF OUR CUSTOMERS ARE FIXED INCOME. RILEY: BELIEVE ME, I HATE DOING INCREASES BECAUSE ME, STEPHANIE, CHELLE AND BOB ARE THE ONES THAT TAKE THE BRUNT OF IT. WE ARE HERE IN THE OFFICE DEALING WITH CUSTOMERS EVERYDAY. BUT, I AM NOT ELECTED, YOU GUYS ARE. YOU HAVE TO TAKE THE PERSONAL OUT OF IT, YOU WERE ELECTED TO DO WHAT IS BEST FOR THE VILLAGE. YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE INCREASES, YOU HAVE TO MAKE THE HARD DECISIONS TO KEEP THE VILLAGE RUNNING. SPAHR: THE PROBLEM IS, IF WE DON'T DO THE JOB WE WERE ELECTED TO DO THEN EPA WILL DO IT FOR US AND THEY WILL TAKE OVER THE MANAGEMENT OF IT. DAWSON: WHERE DO WE STAND IN COMPARISON TO OTHER VILLAGES? RILEY: WE ARE IN THE BOTTOM ONE THIRD OF 60 SOME COUNTIES IN THE STATE FOR WHAT WE CHARGE. KINZER: REMEMBER OUR ELECTRIC RATE IS LOCKED IN AT \$.04/KWH UNTIL DECEMBER 2024 AFTER THAT EXPECT A \$.10/KWH INCREASE. RECOMMENDATION OF COMMITTEE \$15 (28%) INCREASE OVER MINIMUM (FROM \$53.43 TO \$68.43). MOTION BY SPAHR SECOND BY BURNSIDE TO MOVE FORWARD WITH INCREASE. MOTION CARRIED 5-0. DAWSON: NEXT TIME IS THERE A WAY TO GET AHEAD SO THAT THERE IS NOT SUCH A HUGE INCREASE AT ONE TIME? KINZER: OPTION IS TO GET A 30 YEAR LOAN LIKE WE DID ON THE WATER PLANT. BURNSIDE: THE COST OF STUFF JUST KEEPS GOING UP. SPAHR: WE NEED MORE CUSTOMERS. DAWSON: CAN WE PUT ON LETTER TO CONTACT COMMUNITY ACTION FOR ASSISTANCE? SPAHR: LETS CONTACT COMMUNITY ACTION AND MAKE THEM AWARE THAT THIS IS GOING TO IMPACT ALL OF OUR CUSTOMERS, 80% OF WHICH ARE LOW INCOME, AND SEE IF THEY WOULD BE AVAILABLE TO COME TO THE OFFICE A FEW TIMES TO MEET WITH THESE INDIVIDUALS AND HELP SET THEM UP WITH ASSISTANCE. LETTER TO BE SENT OUT PRIOR TO NEXT COUNCIL MEETING.

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CONTINUED BUSINESS:

- LIGHT/RADAR SYSTEM AT SHEETS & AT STATE ROUTES 41, 729 & 734 RILEY: WE ARE TRYING TO PUT IT IN WITH THE OVRDC MONEY. STEWART HAS BEEN LOOKING INTO GETTING LIGHTS PUT UP OUT BY 71 OVERPASS AND MIAMI VALLEY LIGHTING GOT BACK WITH HER TODAY, IT'S PLANNED FOR 6 LIGHTS, 3 OR 4 TIERS. (3 TIER IS \$325/LIGHT & 4 TIER IS \$350/LIGHT). TO INSTALL IS \$446 EACH AND ELECTRIC SHOULD RUN \$8.60/LIGHT/MONTH, SO TOTAL INSTALL WILL BE ABOUT \$20,526. TRY AND INCLUDE THIS WITH OVRDC MONEY.
- INFORMATION ON MR. MABRA'S CONCERNS OVER AGRICULTURAL SPRAYING. THE MAYOR SPOKE WITH KIGER AND HE HAS NOT HEARD FROM MABRA'S LAWYER AND KIGER IS STICKING WITH WHAT IS IN THE MINUTES. THE RESPONSIBILITY DOES NOT LIE ON THE VILLAGE.
- CLOSING ON 12 ACRES MONDAY, 17 APRIL 2023. RILEY: JIM KRATZENBURG WANTS THE WELL CAPPED OFF. APPARENTLY, SNOW DID NOT INFORM THEM OF THIS WHEN THE BID WAS PUT IN, AS KIGER EXPLAINED THAT NIGHT AND SNOW AGREED. RILEY CAN CUT VILLAGE END OFF EASY.
- VACANT LOTS IN VILLAGE. MAYOR KINZER HAS A PERSON WHO WANTS TO BUY. SPAHR: DOES THE VILLAGE OWN THESE OPEN LOTS? KINZER: NO, THEY HAVE TO GO THROUGH THE LAND BANK. HE WILL CONTACT STEVE CREED.
- SUNSHINE TRAINING PLEASE EVERYONE COMPLETE SO THE AUDITORS DON'T DING US.

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR:

- DUMP TRUCK PURCHASE. GOING THROUGH USDA GRANT/LOAN PROCESS. VILLAGE MAY BE APPROVED FOR UP TO \$50,000 IN GRANT AND WE WOULD HAVE TO FINANCE AROUND \$37,000 AT 3.7% FOR 5 YEARS. IT IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED TO NOT START LOAN AND THEN IMMEDIATELY PAY OFF EARLY. PROCESS SHOULD BE COMPLETE BY AUGUST. MOTION TO SUSPEND THE RULES AND READ RESOLUTION 2-2023 BY TITLE ONLY. DAWSON/WOLFE 5-0. MOTION TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 2-2023 DAWSON/WOLFE 5-0.
- WORKING ON E HIGH DRAINAGE ISSUE. DONNIE BURR COMING SOON TO BORE THE LINE.

COUNCIL: MINSHALL: STATUS OF MEDICAL MARIJUANA FACILITY. RILEY: THEY HAVE AN EXTENSION THROUGH MAY.

DAWSON: STATUS OF SEWER PLANT. RILEY: WAITING ON A TRANCENDING UNIT. SMITH SHOULD BE BACK NEXT WEEK TO CONTINUE WORK ON TELEMTRY. RILEY WILL LIGHT OUTAGE AT SHEETZ. RILEY WILL CALL TO GET OTHER MUNICIPALITY TAP FEE RATES SO HE CAN WORK ON INCREASING OURS.

SPAHR: TFO NEEDS TO PAY FOR THEIR SEWAGE. RILEY WILL GET WITH KIGER AND TFO

FISCAL OFFICER: MOTION TO PAY BILLS BURNSIDE/WOLFE 5-0

MEETING ADJOURNED AT 8:25PM DAWSON/MINSHALL 5-0

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FISCAL OFFICER



MAYOR

ALL FORMAL ACTIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF VILLAGE OF JEFFERSONVILLE CONCERNING AND RELATING TO THE ADOPTION OF RESOLUTIONS AND/OR MOTIONS PASSED AT THIS MEETING WERE ADOPTED IN A MEETING OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE LAW, INCLUDING SECTION 121.22 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE.