

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS
MINUTES OF VILLAGE OF BLANCHESTER REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING
AUGUST 8, 2024

The Village of Blanchester Council met in regular session on August 8, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. with President Pro Tempore, Reilly Hopkins, presiding.

All Present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance and had Opening Prayer

Mr. William Garner	Absent
Mr. Don Gephart	Present
Mr. John Hill	Present
Mr. Reilly Hopkins	Present
Mrs. Lynn Lewis	Present
Mr. Josh Parks	Absent

It was moved by Mr. Gephart and seconded by Mrs. Lewis to excuse Mr. Garner and Mr. Parks from the meeting.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
 Nay – None
 Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Agenda

It was moved by Mr. Gephart and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve an amended agenda; after striking discussion item #12 from the agenda.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
 Nay – None
 Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

The Chief of Police, Robert Houghton had the pleasure of swearing in two new officers during this meeting. Both Kristy Thomas and Alex Chmidling were sworn into office and ready to start serving our community.

Guest Speaker

Mr. Thomas Breckel, Director of Clinton County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) spoke on the recent severe weather events in and around the Blanchester area. We have had two storms recently current that resulted in tornados very near Pansy Road and 133 and Dudley Road. One tornado was an EF0 and one was an EF1. It was also discussed how to get alerts instead of relying solely on the tornado sirens. The NOA radio alert is a good alternative.

Public Comment - None

Approval of Minutes and Reallocations

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Gephart to approve the Minutes from the July 11, 2024 Meeting.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hill to approve the Bills and Reallocations for this month.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Committee Reports

Finance Committee – Mr. Gephart reported that they are still working with Perry and Associates to Reconcile 2022. It was recommended that the bill not be paid until the audit is complete.

Safety & Service – Mr. Hill reported they did not have a meeting.

Cemetery – Nothing to report at this time.

BPA – Nothing to report at this time.

Old Business

The second reading for Rezoning of parcels per Ordinance 2024.011 on the zoning maps on N. Broadway from B-4 to B-1.

Mrs. Lewis moved to approve the second reading and Mr. Hill seconded the motion.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

New Business

Ordinance 2024.013 which is titled "An Ordinance to Establish Benefits for Employees responsible for the Safety and Security of the Citizens of the Village of Blanchester." It was moved that this ordinance be moved to the first reading. Mrs. Lewis motioned for this movement and Mr. Gephart seconded.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis,
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Ordinance 2024.012 which is authorizing the Mayor to Execute the H2OHIO River Chloride Reduction State Grant Award Agreement on Behalf of the Village of Blanchester. Per section 3 of this Ordinance, it is declared an emergency. It was moved by Mr. Hill and seconded by Mrs. Lewis.

Vote: Yea – Mr. Gephart, Mr. Hill, Mr. Hopkins, Mrs. Lewis
Nay – None
Absent – Mr. Garner, Mr. Parks

Motion Passed

Department Reports

Solicitor – Nothing to report.

Parks – They had their final Splash days and the next event will be Party in Park.

Police – shared that National Night Out was held and was a huge success. Many thanks to all those that helped make this such a great event. They are also holding the Active Aggressive countywide training which is scheduled for Aug. 9th at the High School. They will be having agencies from all of Clinton County there.

Street – Nothing to report

Zoning – Nothing to report

Fiscal – Informed everyone that we did receive our first reading from RITA. Will need more time to see what the tax will truly generate.

Mayor – The Mayor has asked Reilly Hopkins to attend the Clinton County Development Quarterly Investors quorums on August 20, 2024 so Mr. Hopkins will be attending that.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

It was moved by Mrs. Lewis and seconded by Mr. Hopkins that the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Approved: September 12, 2024

Mayor: John M. Carrman

Attest: Regina Johnson

