

Village of Van Buren

Record of Proceedings
Held: April 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m.

Council met in regular session with Mayor Ed May presiding. Roll call was answered by:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ashley Little	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Boston Siferd
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Don Wills	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Natalie Walters
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Eric Heitkamp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Nick DeVore

Minutes of the March meeting were presented and reviewed by council. Motion made by Nick Devore, second by Natalie Walters to dispense with reading of minutes and pass as written. All votes yea, 6-0, motion carried.

Treasurer report, credit card statement and Bank reconciliation were presented to council.

The following bills were reviewed by Council:

Date	Account	Description	Amount
4/10/2024	ED MAY	ZONING	PAYROLL \$ 266.67
4/10/2024	ED MAY	MAYOR	PAYROLL \$ 200.00
4/10/2024	GREG AYERS		PAYROLL \$ 350.00
4/10/2024	ASHLEY LITTLE		PAYROLL \$ 50.00
4/10/2024	BOSTON SIFERD		PAYROLL \$ 50.00
4/10/2024	DON WILLS		PAYROLL \$ 50.00
4/10/2024	ERIC HEITKAMP		PAYROLL \$ 66.67
4/10/2024	NATALIE WALTERS		PAYROLL \$ 50.00
4/10/2024	NICK DEVORE		PAYROLL \$ 50.00
4/10/2024	AEP	STREET LIGHTS	\$ 1,720.96
4/10/2024	AEP	ELECTRICITY	\$ 35.81
4/10/2024	HANCOCK COUNTY SHERIFF	PATROL	\$ 601.08
4/10/2024	PINE LINE	LAWN SERVICE	\$ 270.00
4/10/2024	BALTZ PLUMBING	POST OFFICE WORK	\$ 318.86
4/10/2024	UAN	MEMBERSHIP	\$ 618.00
4/10/2024	CITY OF FINDLAY	HYDRANT FLUSH	\$ 1,156.00
4/10/2024	CITY OF FINDLAY	WATER	\$ 38.16
4/10/2024	ASHCRAFT	TREE SERVICE	\$ 8,125.00

Motion made by Don Wills to pay bills, second by Ashley Little. All votes yea, 6-0, motion carried.

COMMUNITY COMMENTS – Joe Fenimore was present to discuss an upcoming program called Flag City Sluggers.

COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS/OLD BUSINESS

ROB – LAW AND ORDINANCE COMMITTEE: Provides legal advice to the Village Council, the Mayor, and Village's various committees. Additionally, discuss revisions to correct out-of-date ordinances, address requests for changes from the public and Village Administration, and create new ordinances to address new issues as needed:

▪ COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Rob talked about a hunting Ordinance for inside Village limits.
- 204 Market Street will be receiving a letter about a building that needs some attention.

NICK – RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY COMMITTEE: Provides the mayor if any issues communicated from the Village Residents or issues that needs to be address by Council such as abandoned vehicles, tall grass, trash, nuisances, dilapidated structures, and junk on premises:

▪ COMMITTEE UPDATE

- 216 South Main has a couple piles of junk that need to be picked up.

GREG – FINANCE AND AUDIT COMMITTEE: Provides recommendations and reviews the Village's Revenue and Expenditure reports against the annual budget estimates and reports this information to the Council, seek grants, responsible for the compliance of the Village's records policy, and issues Solicitation Permits:

▪ COMMITTEE UPDATE

- SLFRF project and expenditure report has been submitted.

ASHLEY and BOSTON - BEAUTIFICATIONS AND COMMUNITY EVENT COMMITTEE: Provides opportunities to build relationships between neighbors through engagements in beautification projects and entertainment/festival events that showcases the Village as well as making our Village the best it can be:

▪ COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Committee asked local business to post their business on Facebook.
- May 17, 2024 will be the VB community service day.

ERIC –PUBLIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE: Provides and maintains public relations for the Village Council through advocacy, transparency and improvement of communications, media, and policies:

▪ COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Website updated.
- Discussion on an upcoming Eagle Scout project.

DON – INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE: Provides the mayor recommendations or concerns with any trees, streets including striping and signage, sidewalks, curbs deteriorations, water, sanitary, storm water collection systems including manhole/catch basins, street lights and weather siren are malfunctioning, and lane/street vacation:

▪ COMMITTEE UPDATE

- Assessing Village signage, no parking signs need to be placed on May Street near school property.

NATALIE – ASSET COMMITTEE: Provides the mayor with improvements or reports of any damages to Hoadley Park, Village Square, Post Office, and Acquisitions:

▪ **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- Looking to remove landscaping and flag pole on South Main Square and replace with new landscaping and Village sign from North Main Square.

ED – PLANNING AND ZONING COMMITTEE: Provides recommendations to the Village Council on all issues related to the Village's zoning code and subdivision regs including changes to the code and requests to rezone lots:

▪ **COMMITTEE UPDATE**

- No report.

NEW BUSINESS

A third reading for Ordinance 2024-2, AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE CULTIVATION, PROCESSING OR RETAIL SALE OF MARIJUANA FOR ADULT USE PURPOSES WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF THE VILLAGE OF VAN BUREN AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was heard. Eric Heitkamp moved to adopt ordinance 2024-2, with a second from Ashley Little. Roll call was taken, motion passed 6-0.

A first reading for Ordinance 2024-3, AN ORDINANCE TO LEVY SPECIAL ASSESSMENT UPON ALL LOTS AND LANDS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF VAN BUREN, OHIO AT THE RATE OF 2 MILLS OF THE TAX VALUE OF THE PROPERTY ASSESSED TO PROVIDE FOR THE LIGHTING OF THE STREETS, ALLEYS AND PUBLIC WAYS FOR THE YEAR 2025, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was heard.

With no further items on the agenda, Eric Heitkamp moved to adjourn, a second from Nick Devore. All votes yea, meeting adjourned.

Ed May, Mayor

Greg Ayers, Village Clerk