

WEDNESDAY

JANUARY 3

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IN WAVERLY PD TRAINING ROOM  
201 WEST NORTH STREET  
WAVERLY, OHIO 45690

**MINUTES**

The Waverly Village Council met in Regular session Wednesday, January 3, 2024, at the Waverly PD Training Room.

In attendance: Barney Goodwin, Tim Hughes, Bret Bevens, Jonathan Claytor, Chief Winfield, Chief Minshall, John Gedeon, Angel Glass, Mike Patterson, Judge Moraleja, Raymond Lett, Amanda Blakeman, Vicki Rider

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Tom Patterson, roll call was taken with the following Elected Officials and Council Members in attendance: **Councilwoman Christina Sheridan; Councilmen Forest Blakeman; Skymr Bevens and Brian Blakeman; Auditor Debra Whaley.**

The meeting was opened at 7:00 p.m. with Councilman Blakeman leading Council and guests in the pledge of allegiance to the American Flag.

The meeting started with nominations for Council President. Both Tom Patterson and Brian Blakeman were nominated. The vote was taken first for Mr. Blakeman, the roll was called with Forest Blakeman, Aye; Skymr Bevens, Nay, Christina Sheridan, Nay; Brian Blakeman, Aye, and Tom Patterson stated Aye and asked to change his vote as he misspoke. Mr. Forest Blakeman stated it was not allowed. Judge Moraleja was present and confirmed that Mr. Patterson could change his vote. Mr. Forest Blakeman proceeded to state that Ms. Sheridan and Mr. Bevens had not been sworn in and their votes did not count. Mr. Forest Blakeman and Mr. Brian Blakeman were previously sworn in the week before. Discussion on they both were re-elected council members and without their votes there is no quorum. Village Attorney Andrew Pfeifer was called on the phone to verify if the agenda could be changed and the re-elected council members could be sworn in and then proceed with the meeting; and if Mr. Patterson could change his vote. Mr. Pfeifer confirmed that if Mr. Patterson was mistaken and wanted to change his vote it was allowed. Mr. Pfeifer also stated the agenda could be changed and the re-elected council members be sworn in and then proceed with nominating a Council President as there is not a quorum without Bevens and Sheridan.

Judge Moraleja proceeded to swear in Councilwoman Sheridan, Councilman Bevens and Auditor Whaley who were re-elected in the November Election.

*Councilwoman Sheridan made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bevens to appoint Tom Patterson as Council President.*

**ROLL CALL: 3 Ayes, 2 Nays, F. Blakeman and B. Blakeman**

*Councilman Forest Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilman Brian Blakeman to appoint Brian Blakeman as Council President.*

**ROLL CALL: 2 Ayes, 3 Nays; Patterson, Bevens & Sheridan**

*Councilwoman Sheridan made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bevens to appoint Angel Glass to the open At-Large council seat.*

**ROLL CALL: 3 Ayes, 2 Nays, F. Blakeman and B. Blakeman**

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*Councilman Bevens made a motion, seconded by Councilman B. Blakeman to appoint John Gedeon to the open Ward 2 council seat.*

**ROLL CALL: 4 Ayes, 1 Nay; Patterson**

*The minutes of the Regular Meeting, Wednesday, December 20,2023, meeting was approved on a motion by Councilwoman Sheridan and seconded by Councilman Bevens.*

**Roll Call:** 3 Ayes, 1 Nay, F. Blakeman

**Council President Patterson announced the 2024 Committee Assignments**

<b>Personnel Committee</b>
John Gedeon – Chair Angel Glass Brian Blakeman
<b>Public Service Committee</b>
Angel Glass – Chair Brian Blakeman John Gedeon
<b>Zoning Committee</b>
Brian Blakeman – Chair Christina Sheridan Forest Blakeman
<b>Public Safety Committee</b>
Forest Blakeman – Chair Christina Sheridan Skymr Bevens
<b>Parks &amp; Recreation</b>
Skymr Bevens – Chair Forest Blakeman John Gedeon
<b>Finance Committee</b>
Christina Sheridan – Chair Skymr Bevens Angel Glass

**GUEST SPEAKER: NONE**

**MAYOR’S REPORT:**

Mayor Henderson opened his report with a thanks to the citizens of Waverly for this opportunity and welcomed Councilman Brian Blakeman. Mayor Henderson hopes to communicate well and work with all the departments.

1. 7<sup>th</sup> Street Sewer project is set to begin the week of January 15<sup>th</sup>.
2. Sherre Kinnison with Pike Outreach will have the trees and decorations down in Canal Park by the end of the week.
3. Mayor Henderson would like to hire a Safety Director. He would like to hire Randy Armbruster as the Safety Director. Mr. Armbruster has the experience and expertise and will bring a lot of value to the Village. Councilman Bevens would like to postpone a vote until all council members are aware of what the job entails. Councilwoman Glass asked if there have been any changes to the job description since the position was last filled. Mayor Henderson stated none. Councilwoman Sheridan stated she was not aware a Safety Director was going to be hired tonight.

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Councilman Bevens asked Chief Minshall and Chief Winfield who are in attendance if they had any input on the position. Chief Winfield stated having Mr. Armbruster in that position would be extremely beneficial to himself and Chief Minshall. Chief Minshall agreed. Council Clerk Anderson read the job description for Safety Director from the Village Charter.

*Councilman F. Blakeman made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Glass to hire Randy Armbruster as the Safety Director at a pay rate of \$349.43 per month effective 1/3/2024.*

**ROLL CALL: All Ayes**

- 4. Mayor Henderson shared the Village has received a liquor license transfer from one local business to another. Council and the Mayor have requested a hearing on the transfer of the license for more information. Councilwoman Glass asked if a hearing date was set. No hearing date has been set at this time. Council President Patterson asked the

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Businesses involved in the liquor transfer. Mayor Henderson stated he did not want to share that information right now.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Personnel Committee Report:** Councilman Gedeon stated Bristol Village is looking for someone to fill the vacant Adena office building.

**Public Service Committee Report:** No Report

**Zoning Committee Report:** No Report

**Public Safety Report:** No Report

**Recreation Committee Report:** No Report

**Finance Committee Report:**

Councilwoman Sheridan shared the General Fund Balances. General Fund \$739,767.20; less \$100,000.00 transfer to Bridge, Street & Parks; less 2% Capital Improvements \$168,661.41; General Fund Balance \$471,105.79.

*Councilwoman Sheridan made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Glass to approve an additional five cell phone lines.*

**ROLL CALL: 6 Ayes, 1 Nay, F. Blakeman**

Councilman Blakeman stated all Dept. Heads already had cell phones. Discussion on the needed cell phones and a few Dept. Heads that do not have cell phones. Mayor Henderson will also need a new cell phone and number.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Ordinance #85-2023 -- (Third of Three Readings)**

Purpose: to eliminate Park’s monthly maintenance position and move salary to the Parks Line

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Councilman Blakeman would like to table #85-2023 as it has no purpose. Councilman Blakeman stated this ordinance is not necessary as the park maintenance position was already eliminated in the approved 2024 Wage Ordinance on December 6<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Bevens stated it has several key points to update the department and is needed to proceed with the next legislation. Mr. Bevens stated Council is being thorough and it will be covered with this ordinance and the wage ordinance.

*Councilwoman Glass made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to read #85-2023 by title only as the third reading.*

**ROLL CALL: 5 Ayes**

Councilwoman Sheridan read #85-3023 by title only as the third reading and made a motion to approve #85-2023, seconded by Councilman Bevens.

**ROLL CALL: 4 Ayes; F. Blakeman, Nay**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Ordinance #1-2024 -- (EMERGENCY)**

Purpose: To change the name of the Bridge & Street Dept. to Bridge, Street & Parks Department.

*Councilwoman Glass read Ordinance #1-2024 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bevens to approve #1-2024 as an EMERGENCY.*

**Roll Call:** 6 Ayes; B. Blakeman Abstain

**Ordinance #2-2024-- (Second and Third Dispensed)**

Purpose: to amend Ordinance #77-2023, the Proposed Wage Ordinance for the year 2024.

*Councilman Bevens read Ordinance #2-2024 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to approve #2-2024.*

**Roll Call:** 5 Ayes; 2 Abstain, B. Blakeman & F. Blakeman

**Resolution #3-2024-- (Second and Third Dispensed)**

Purpose: to move appropriations between lines within the individual funds budget appropriations.

*Councilman B. Blakeman read Resolution #3-2024 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Bevens to approve #3-2024.*

**Roll Call:** 6 Ayes; 1 Abstain B. Blakeman

**Ordinance #4-2024-- (Second and Third Dispensed)**

Purpose: to amend Ordinance #76-2023, the Proposed Budget Appropriations for the year 2024.

*Councilman Gedeon read Ordinance #4-2024 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to approve #4-2024.*

**Roll Call:** 5 Ayes; 1 Nay F. Blakeman; 1 Abstain B. Blakeman

**Resolution #5-2024-- (Second and Third Dispensed)**

Purpose: to authorize the Auditor to transfer \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Bridge, Street & Parks Fund

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*Councilwoman Sheridan read Resolution #5-2024 in its entirety and made a motion, seconded by Councilman Gedeon to approve #5-2024.*

**Roll Call:** 6 Ayes; 1 Abstain B. Blakeman

**Auditors Report:** Auditor Whaley requested a motion to pay the bills.

*Councilwoman Glass made a motion, seconded by Councilwoman Sheridan to pay the bills.*

**Roll Call:** All Ayes

**President read announcements:**

**\*Next Council meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m.**

**\*Planning Commission Meeting: Wednesday, January 17, 2024, at 9:00 a.m.**

Motion to adjourn by Councilwoman Sheridan, seconded by Councilwoman Glass.

**ROLL CALL: All Ayes**

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

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President of Council Tom Patterson

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Clerk of Council, Shelly Anderson

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Date