



VILLAGE OF GIBSONBURG

Village Council Meeting – MINUTES

December 16, 2021

6:00 pm

MEETING ROOM – 526 N. WEBSTER ST.

Call to order: Mayor Fought 6:00 pm

The Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Meeting via Facebook Live also.

Roll call: Herman-here, Bowling-here, Kirwen-here, Cantrell-here, Johnson-absent, Gerwin-here.

Kirwen made a motion to excuse Johnson, seconded by Herman.

Roll Call: Herman-yes, Bowling-yes, Kirwen-yes, Cantrell-yes, Johnson-absent, Gerwin-yes.

Motion Passed.

Recognition of Visitors/Special Reports for council meeting. None

Review and Approval of Minutes of Previous Council Meeting:

A motion was made by Bowling to approve December 2, 2021 Council Minutes as written, seconded by Herman.

Roll Call: Herman-yes, Bowling-yes, Kirwen-yes, Cantrell-yes, Johnson-absent, Gerwin-yes.

Motion Passed.

Correspondence: None

Motion to approve payment of invoices reviewed tonight for the Fiscal Officer to pay.

A motion was made to approve payment of invoices by Gerwin, seconded by Kirwen.

Roll Call: Herman-yes, Bowling-yes, Kirwen-yes, Cantrell-yes, Johnson-absent, Gerwin-yes.

Motion Passed.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Mayor's Report:

- Thank you to Ken Cantrell for long service to community. Appreciate all service.
- Christmas is next week, enjoy your families.

Administrator's Report:

- **E. Yeasting/Rodriguez Street Paving Update-** Project completed. There are a few spots near Reino Linen that we have requested them to come back and take care of in the spring.
- **LTCP Project-** Project is completed for the year. B Hillz will be back for the remainder of the work to be completed in the spring.
- **613 E. Madison Street-** The house has been completely demolished and property cleaned up. Big thanks to the Rudinoff Family as they made a significant personal investment in taking care of the issue by purchasing the property from Tax Ease and having the house demolished and property cleaned up.
- **Transportation Alternatives Program-** We are still working on the full application with the assistance of Poggemeyer and will have it submitted by the deadline.
- **EOC/COVID-** We continue to follow the issue and will pass along any information that we receive. The rapid test kits that we received are expired, but it is our understanding that this is a common issue now and EMA and Health Department are working towards a resolution so that even test kits with an expired date on them can still be used. We have them in storage, but will not pass them out until the issue has been resolved.
- **Traffic Light-** As you all are aware there was a malfunction in the control panel on December 7th. This was likely caused by a power surge. Since that time the light has been flashing as a four way stop. Miller Cable has been working with us on the repairs. Unfortunately, due to the supply chain issues and the holidays, it is looking like it may be a four way stop for just a little while longer as they wait on the arrival of the new control panel. Based on the number of comments received about considering keeping it as a four way stop, we have reached out to ODOT for them to weigh in on the ability to do so.
- **Bureau of Workers Comp Inspection-** The area's Safety and Compliance Officer was here last Wednesday for a surprise inspection. He toured: Town Hall, WWTP, Water Plant and Street Garage. There were some minor issues that we will have to address

within six months. Mostly “de-cluttering” some areas and disposing of some older items like paint cans, etc....

- **EPA CSO/NPDES Permit Inspection-** Representatives from the Ohio EPA were in town on Wednesday, December 15th to tour and inspect the CSO’s, our compliance with our NPDES Permit and review some newer guidelines associated with them. No issues to report and with the completion of the first portion of the newest LTCP Project, we are back on schedule with that portion of our permit.
- **Old Fifth Third Bank Building-** No further updates at this time.
- **E. Yeasting/Rodriguez St Annexation-** As a reminder, the Public Hearing for the annexation is scheduled for 9:30am on January 6, 2022, at the Sandusky County Commissioner’s Office on Croghan Street in Fremont. All of the residents in the neighborhood have been notified.
- **Safety Railing-** Safety railing along the west side sidewalk of the railroad crossing on S Main Street will be installed soon.
- **R3 Initiative-** The Steering Committee has met for the final time in 2021 and will begin to meet again in January. There are some exciting things coming up in 2022 associated with the R3 Initiative. As a reminder, there is a Gibsonburg R3 Facebook Page now and I encourage everyone to check it out (“Gibsonburg R3”).
- **Town Hall Holiday Hours-**
 - o Wednesday, December 22nd- Closed 12:00pm to 1:00pm
 - o Friday, December 24th- Closed
 - o Friday, December 31st- Closed
- **Upcoming Events:**
 - o Ugly Christmas Sweater Run and Walk- 9:00am. December 18th at Town Hall

Fiscal Officer’s Report:

- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year’s.

Committee Reports:

Economic Development-Kirwen- nothing

Finance- Gerwin -nothing

Joint Cemetery Board-Cantrell- Many changes in the last 5 years and a lot of improvements made including flag poles, lights, equipment and veterans’ area addition.

Planning Commission- Bowling- Planning committee position filed. Next meeting 1/6/21 at 5 pm.

Public Service Parks- Herman- Nothing

Public Utilities- Gerwin- nothing

Tree Committee-Johnson- N/A

Individual Council Member Report:

Bowling- Thank you to Kenny for helping thru the years. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Cantrell- 50 years of service to community service in various capacities.

Gerwin- Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Good luck to Kenny, we did a lot together thru the years.

Herman- Thank you to Kenny for years of service. Have a safe holiday.

Johnson- N/A

Kirwen- Thank you to Kenny for all service to the community. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year's.

Report of Officials:

Police – Chief Collins- on Vacation

Solicitor– Ruck- N/A

Residence- Open Forum/Comment: nothing

A motion to adjourn at 6:34 pm was made by Cantrell, seconded by Herman.

Roll Call: Herman-yes, Bowling-yes, Kirwen-yes, Cantrell-yes, Johnson-absent, Gerwin-yes.

Motion Passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Holcomb
Fiscal Officer Village of Gibsonburg

Steve Fought
Mayor Village of Gibsonburg