

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO
Monday, June 19, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Mayfield Village Civic Hall-Mayfield Village Civic Center**

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Regular Session on Monday, June 19, 2023 at Mayfield Village Civic Hall at the Mayfield Village Civic Center. Council President Schutt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Council President Schutt asked, Mrs. Betsa, may I have a Roll Call, please?

ROLL CALL: Present: Mr. Arndt, Mr. Marquardt, Mrs. Jurcisek, Mr. Meyers,
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Schutt and Mr. Williams

Also Present: Mayor Bodnar, Mr. Wynne, Ms. Calta, Mr. Cappello,
Asst. Chief Libens, Chief Matias, Mr. Marquart,
Mr. McAvinew, Mr. Russell, Mr. Tierney,
Ms. Wolgamuth and Mrs. Betsa

Absent: None

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you. Before we get to business, I would like to turn it over to Mayor Bodnar who would like to introduce a special guest tonight.

Mayor Bodnar stated, thank you Council President. I had the pleasure of running into our State Representative Dan Troy on Saturday. Dan said he might stop by this evening just to go over with us what's going on down in Columbus. Dan I know you have been working really hard on the State budget in trying to make sure that local governments get their share. I would like us to please welcome Dan. Dan if you could take the podium and talk to us about what's going on and take any questions if you would like to. Thank you.

Comments by State Representative Daniel Troy

Thank you for the opportunity to be here Mayor. I am Daniel Troy. I have been your State Representative since the 1st of January. I represent the 23rd District which includes this wonderful community of Mayfield Village. We have been fairly busy this year. The main thing with the odd year on a two year cycle is it's budget year. We are about ready to wrap up work on the State budget which has to be in place by July 1st. We have a couple of weeks. I thought we passed a very good budget in the House. I didn't agree with everything but then that's the way budgets are, you win some, you lose some. It was a very bipartisan vote in the House. Unfortunately we have two Houses in the State legislature. It went over to the Senate and the

Senate sent something back with a vote not to concur with it because of many of the changes they made, then what happens it goes to a 6-member conference committee, 3 members from the House, 3 members from the Senate.

I have been lucky to be a member of the Finance Committee and our House Ways and Means Committee. The concern of local governments obviously are things dealing with the local government fund. It's at 1.66% of all State revenue. The budget actually brought that up to 1.70%, so don't spend that all in one place. Unfortunately the Senate has taken \$900 million worth of tax cuts in the House budget and increased that to over \$3 billion. That is the piece of pie which the local government applies to.

The one great thing we did in the House was we really brought up these reimbursements for home health care aides. We are an aging state. We have a lot of people who need home healthcare. We have a lot of people with developmental disabilities in mental health facilities. It's been tough to get people to do that type of work for \$12-13.00 an hour. We were able to get it up to \$17 the first year of the budget and \$18 the next year of the budget. I would have liked to have gotten it up to \$20.

We are trying to address some of the unmet needs in the State of Ohio. That's where we are at with the budget process right now. The Senate has rolled a lot of philosophical stuff in the budget regarding allegedly reforming higher education. I don't agree with it. I will be speaking on the floor Wednesday saying let's get back to what you are supposed to be. You folks know what a budget is. A budget is what you pass every year to say this is where we are going to spend the money; this is how much we are going to put into the Police and Fire Department or Service or Recreational programs. We need to keep these cultural philosophical things out of the budget which unfortunately there's quite a few. These things should be legislated as separate pieces of legislation, not a part of the budget.

That's where we are at. I have certainly enjoyed being on the front line in being on the Finance Committee. I know there was concern earlier in the year about a measure called House Bill 1 that I know local governments were upset about because they were going to pay for a tax cut by changing the property tax system and eliminating the 10% rollback and changing some other things in terms of property. We were able to kill that in the Ways and Means Committee. It really was bad public policy. We still need new property tax reform. I have been a strong advocate for that. We don't have a lot of people in the State who understand our property tax system. I think we need to have a comprehensive study to figure out how our property tax system can be more uniform and more fair and more simplified. Fair to those least able to pay. One out of 4 people in this state are considered senior citizens. A lot of them have a difficult time with their property taxes. I have really been trying to get the Homestead exemption increased to try and help with property taxes. We know that our local government in many cases with many of your services depend upon property taxes. We want to make sure we don't have an adversarial relationship between the people you need to approve those necessary dollars and the entities spending those dollars.

That's just kind of a quick update on where we are at. We will have committees tomorrow and then Wednesday we will be in session probably not to concur with the Senate version of the budget and probably a couple of other issues on the floor of the House which ought to make for some very interesting and possibly nasty debates on Wednesday.

I would be happy to answer any questions you might have on any issues. One of the important issues with Mayfield Village is the municipal income tax because of the presence of Progressive Insurance. Just trying to kind of play goalie on some of these bills that come into the Ways and Means Committee that would really put you folks in a disadvantage in terms of municipal income tax. We did pass one last week which deals with the exposure of remote workers basically saying that companies would rather not do a lot of bureaucratic analysis to where the net profits are generated because people are working at home. It would allow businesses to designate a particular location. As I said on the floor, we are not going to reduce the taxes these businesses have to pay but we are just going to make it a little bit more streamlined and easier for those taxes to be paid. Obviously, if there are any concerns coming from Mayfield Village in terms of how the municipal income tax system which you folks run and you folks administer it's like a lot of other things, for those of us down in Columbus who don't depend on this revenue, we get to make the rules. I need your input in terms of where we are. We are listening to the folks on the front line dealing with the administration in the collection of municipal income taxes to make sure we are addressing your concerns and not applying our philosophical beliefs on these things.

I have heard so many comments about how we need to have more of a separation between what local government does and what state government does and I said no, all local governments basically in Ohio exist because at some point in our history they were authorized by the Ohio Revised Code. We are all serving the same constituents. We are providing basically the same services. Let's make sure we are listening to each other and especially listening to you folks on the front line delivering those services.

With that, I would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

There were none.

Mayor Bodnar stated, Dan, I just wanted to thank you for coming out tonight. We appreciate all of your advocacy for us in Columbus particularly trying to stick up for home rule, looking out for local governments and our financial and other interests and also for our senior citizens. Thank you very much for coming.

State Representative Troy stated, thank you.

State Representative Troy stated, I just wanted to add. The last time I was here was after the redistricting. Unfortunately, they will be redistricting again. I think I gave everyone a card. I was representing the 60th House District. Now I am representing the 23rd House District. As a result of that, my e-mails got changed. I will give these to the Mayor to distribute them to members of Council if they ever need to get a hold of me. Thank you.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you. Thank you for all of the information. We appreciate it.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

. **Regular Council Meeting – May 15, 2023**

Mrs. Jurcisek, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of May 15, 2023 as written.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

ROLL CALL: AYES:	All	Motion Carries
NAYS:	None	Minutes of May 15, 2023
		Meeting Approved as Written

. **Special Council Meeting – June 12, 2023**

Mrs. Jurcisek, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to approve the minutes of the Special Council Meeting of June 12, 2023 as written.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

ROLL CALL: AYES:	All	Motion Carries
NAYS:	None	Minutes of June 12, 2023
		Meeting Approved as Written

Comments From Mayor Bodnar

Thank you again Council President. I have a couple of comments tonight. First I want to wish everyone a Happy Juneteenth. As you know, today marks the day in 1865 where Federal troops arrived in Galveston, Texas to assure any African American who was still a slave was free following the signing of the Emancipation Proclamation. Happy Juneteenth. As everyone knows, Juneteenth is now a Federal holiday so beginning next year, Mayfield Village offices will be closed on June 19th to commemorate the holiday.

I would like to thank Shane and our team Recreation as well as our Service Department, Police Department and Fire Department for a very successful Cruise Night two Saturdays ago. We had a great turnout. The weather was perfect. Everything converged and the night was just wonderful. We got some great posts on Facebook. Again, thanks to all of the departments who participated and also special thanks to all of the volunteer who made the occasion a great one for everyone in the community.

I got an e-mail today from Grace Gallucci, the Director of NOACA. As you recall, we announced quite a while ago that we had been selected as one of their 40 sites to put in an electric vehicle charging station. Grace indicates that on the 9th, the NOACA Board approved the organization to go out and enter into contracts. She anticipates work will begin this Fall. Work will take about a year to a year and a half. I am not sure if that means to get one station done or to do 40 stations in succession. We will keep an eye on that and keep you posted as things change.

We are bringing back our Volunteer Appreciation party after COVID. It is going to be Friday, August 25th. Dan, you are welcome to join us. We will be sure you get an invitation. Hors d'oeuvres will be at 6:00 with dinner at 7:00. It will be held at Parkview Pool at North Commons. We are looking forward to that date. It's going to be a fun occasion. Please mark it on your calendar. We will have a great party that night.

Thank you, Council President.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor Bodnar.

Comments From Council President Schutt

I'd like to echo the Mayor's comments about Cruise Night. Thanks everyone who participated in that. It was another exciting event. People didn't want to leave when it was over at 9:00. Thank you for all of your hard work.

Mayor Bodnar added, thanks Jeff [Piorkowski] for a great article.

Also, I hope everyone had a very Happy Father's Day yesterday. The weather certainly cooperated. It was nice and warm and enjoyable. Hopefully you all had a great Father's Day.

Also, due to the July 4th Holiday, July Caucus is scheduled for Monday, July 10th. The Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday, July 24th.

Open Portion – For Public Comment (5-minute limit)

Council President Schutt stated, if anyone wishes to speak, please come up to the podium and state your name and address for the record.

There were none.

Department Head Reports:

Diane Wolgamuth (Administration) – Thank you Council President. Reporting on Citizen’s Advisory, the Committee met on May 22nd and had an excellent presentation from a representative from the Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District. Much of the information we plan to put in the upcoming *Voice of the Village*. The Committee is meeting again next Monday, June 26th. We haven’t finalized the agenda yet, but we will before the end of the week. Councilman Arndt has made arrangements for the Committee to meet at OMNI. We are going to have a tour of the facility.

Thank you.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Ms. Wolgamuth.

Daniel Russell (Building) – Thank you Council President. I only have one item to report tonight. It’s the May 25th ARB meeting. We received one proposal to install solar rays in front of a house. That was approved at that meeting. That’s all I have.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. Russell.

Tom Cappello (Engineer) – Yes, Council President. Just a quick update on some Village projects. The Grove food truck concrete parking is complete. Also the asphalt parking lot was done. Final restoration is soon to be accomplished also. The road program has begun. As you can see, Seneca, Metropark, Zorn, Highland and White Road have been milled. Wednesday and Friday they will be doing those streets and they will be applying the chip seal intermediate. After that they will adjust any castings and after that they will also be doing the resurfacing. Update on Worton Park, we are looking to be completed by the first week in July. It took a little longer than originally thought. The restoration began on the Worton Park culvert today.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Mr. Cappello.

Shane McAviney (Parks and Recreation) – Thank you Council President. I am going to echo you and the Mayor. Cruise Night was wonderful. We had a combination of staff between Police, Fire, Service and all of the volunteers that came on board. I would also like to mention Interact from the High School. We had about 10 students. It's always nice to see them volunteer after the school season is over with. They really don't have to volunteer but they have enjoyed coming to Cruise Night and being part of it. They were very influential in collecting nearly \$1,400 for Meals on Wheels this year which I believe is the highest number we have ever collected since I have been here for Meals on Wheels. Normally we received anywhere between \$800-1,200. Those young adults collected \$1,400. I also talked to all of the restaurants and local businesses. There was not a single negative feedback comment. It was all positive which is unusual and just wonderful. They just all said good things. They were happy and did financially well across the board.

The pool had a slow start last week with the cold temperatures. The swim lesson program was cancelled for the whole entire week. We are rescheduling it. Of note, we are by far one of the largest swimming programs around. Anne Marie has really grown the program. In 2017, our gross revenue was around \$7,000. It's about \$24,000 this year for swim lessons. That shows how quality creates quantity. She has a great program down there. I want to give her special mention tonight of the job she has done.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. McAviney. Any questions?

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

- **First Reading of Ordinance 2023-08**, entitled, "An emergency ordinance to approve current replacement pages to the Mayfield Village Codified Ordinances." Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Administration)

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Juncisek, made a motion to suspend Ordinance No. 2023-08.

ROLL CALL:	AYES: All	Motion Carries
	NAYS: None	Ordinance Suspended

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Juncisek, made a motion to enact Ordinance No. 2023-08.

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

ROLL CALL: AYES:	All	Motion Carries
NAYS:	None	Ordinance Enacted

Council President Schutt stated, Ordinance No. 2023-08 passes.

- **First Reading of Ordinance 2023-09**, entitled, “An emergency ordinance ratifying the collective bargaining agreement between the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #57 and Mayfield Village, Ohio.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Administration)

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Juncisek, made a motion to suspend Ordinance No. 2023-09.

ROLL CALL:	AYES: All	Motion Carries
	NAYS: None	Ordinance Suspended

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Juncisek, made a motion to enact Ordinance No. 2023-09.

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

ROLL CALL: AYES:	All	Motion Carries
NAYS:	None	Ordinance Enacted

Council President Schutt stated, Ordinance No. 2023-09 passes.

- **First Reading of Resolution 2023-38**, entitled, “An emergency resolution authorizing Mayfield Village to enter into the School Resource Officer Memorandum of Understanding with Mayfield City Schools.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Administration)

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Juncisek, made a motion to suspend Resolution No. 2023-38.

ROLL CALL: AYES:	All	Motion Carries
NAYS:	None	Resolution Suspended

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Juncisek, made a motion to enact Resolution No. 2023-38.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

ROLL CALL: AYES: All	Motion Carries
NAYS: None	Resolution Adopted

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2023-38 passes.

- **First Reading of Resolution No. 2023-41**, entitled, “An emergency resolution authorizing Mayfield Village to expend funds in an amount not to exceed \$155,000 to Wichert Insurance for 2023 Property & Liability Insurance Renewal.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Administration).

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Jurgisek, made a motion to suspend Resolution No. 2023-41.

ROLL CALL: AYES: All	Motion Carries
NAYS: None	Resolution Suspended

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Jurgisek, made a motion to enact Resolution No. 2023-41.

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

Mr. Wynne stated, yes, I would like to make a few comments seeing as we didn't get the numbers in at the last meeting. The \$155,000 represents an overall increase in our premium of about 8%. Wichert went out to market for us in the month of May to get quotes. The results really are as they explained my needs with them and the communication pieces I gave out to Council, is that property and auto loss is at an all-time high due to the increased cost of vehicles, construction, labor and materials. So the increase in our premium cost is not a reflection of our experience, it just reflects what's going on in the property and auto industry. Our property values from an insurability standpoint increased by 4%. We actually have more vehicles now than we did last year. In the next few months we will have revenues coming in to offset that number because we have 5 vehicles, 2 in Fire, 2 in Service and 1 in Police that will be coming to Council to declare surplus and sell on *Govdeals* because those vehicles have been replaced with vehicles that we are getting ready to place into service.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions for Mr. Wynne?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Mr. Wynne. Any other questions or discussion?

There was none.

ROLL CALL: AYES: All	Motion Carries
NAYS: None	Resolution Adopted

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2023-41 passes.

- **First Reading of Resolution No. 2023-42**, entitled, “An emergency resolution declaring it necessary to improve the Aintree Park, Aintree North and Sandalwood neighborhoods by replacing damaged, cracked and uneven sidewalk blocks where necessary, all together with any necessary appurtenances thereto by the owners of the lots or land abutting thereon.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Administration).

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2023-42 will be moved to second read at the Regular Meeting of Council on July 24, 2023. Any discussion?

Ms. Calta stated, we talked about this a bit at Caucus. We are going to leave this on reads. It is the assessment process for those homeowners who do not pay for sidewalk blocks within the next couple of months. We did some sidewalk work last year. Those homeowners have been given the opportunity to pay for those blocks and they have not, so the exhibit that was attached to the resolution has those homeowners on there, but as we progress through the other neighborhoods we are waiting on those homeowners to determine who they are. They have been given until August 31st to either repair their blocks or pay to have their blocks repaired. The Village is doing some blocks because of tree roots. We took on those responsibilities. But for those homeowners responsible for their blocks, they have been given some time. We are going to put this on First Read tonight, Second Read in July and then we will pass it in August. The exhibit will be amended to include those homeowners who have not yet paid. We wanted to get it on this evening so everyone knows this is the process we are following if you choose to not pay.

Mr. Murphy asked, those homeowners can get it fixed on their own dime with their own contractors, is that correct?

Ms. Calta replied, they do have that opportunity, yes. I think Tom will tell you that it's often hard to find a contractor to do a couple of blocks here and there. There's a lot more efficiencies for someone who comes through and does all of them.

Mr. Murphy asked, are they cracked or do they just need leveling?

Mr. Cappello replied, they are out of level. Some of them are cracked, but those are out of level also.

Mr. Murphy stated, so it's probably easier to get someone to level it rather than replace the whole block.

Mr. Cappello stated, it depends. Sometimes leveling isn't successful.

Mrs. Jurcisek asked, so there's no response from these homeowners on this list, is that correct?

Ms. Calta replied, there's been about a year of communications with the ones on the list. We started that last Summer, maybe in the Spring.

Mr. Cappello stated, last Fall.

Ms. Calta stated, but I think we initially communicated with those homeowners earlier on and then the work was done in the Fall.

Mr. Cappello stated, then finished in the Spring.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Ms. Calta.

- **Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial reports for May 2023 and to approve of same as submitted. (Finance Department)**

Mrs. Juncisek, seconded by Mr. Marquardt, made a motion to acknowledge receipt of financial reports for May 2023 and to approve of same as submitted. (Finance Department)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

ROLL CALL: AYES:	All	Motion Carries
NAYS:	None	Financial Reports for May Acknowledged And Approved as Submitted

- **Motion to authorize expenditure in the additional amount of \$65,000 to Skoda Construction for Community Room (insurance claim). (Finance Department)**

Mr. Meyers, seconded by Mrs. Juncisek, made a motion to authorize expenditure in the additional amount of \$65,000 to Skoda Construction for Community Room (insurance claim). (Finance Department)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

Mr. Wynne stated, just as a reminder, Council previously approved \$175,000 but the actual cost of the repairs from the water damage came in at \$239,000. This is to bring that authorized amount up to that amount. Of the \$239,000, our only exposure is \$1,000 for the deductible on the policies.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions for Mr. Wynne?

There were none.

Council President Schutt asked, any other discussion?

There was none.

ROLL CALL: AYES:	All	Motion Carries
NAYS:	None	Expenditure Approved

- **Motion to authorize expenditure in the amount of \$13,813.57 to Hall Public Safety for emergency lights and associated equipment for the new command vehicle (State bid) (Fire Department)**

Mrs. Juncisek, seconded by Mrs. Arndt, made a motion to authorize expenditure in the amount of \$13,813.57 to Hall Public Safety for emergency lights and associated equipment for the new command vehicle (State bid) (Fire Department)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

Mr. Meyers asked, was this in the budget when they asked for this car?

Mr. Wynne replied, we budgeted \$60,000 for the vehicle. The cost of the vehicle was \$43,000. The detailing was a couple thousand more. We will be within budget.

Council President Schutt asked, any other discussion?

There was none.

ROLL CALL: AYES:	All	Motion Carries
NAYS:	None	Expenditure Approved

ANY OTHER MATTER THAT MAY COME BEFORE COUNCIL

Council President Schutt asked, are there any other matters to come before Council?

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mrs. Juncisek, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.