

COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES
Monday, December 4, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.
Mayfield Village Civic Hall-Mayfield Village Civic Center
6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session in Mayfield Village Civic Hall at the Mayfield Village Civic Center on Monday, December 4, 2023. Council President Schutt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: None

MAYOR

Thank you, Council President. I just wanted to thank really everyone in the Village for the great Santa Ride through the Village and the Tree Lighting Ceremony we had this past Saturday. Special thanks to Shane, Danielle and Sam and all of the recreation employees and volunteers, to Scott and all our Service employees who helped to put that together, and all our first responders who went through the Village with Santa Claus. Steve, it's a shame you couldn't make it. Santa Claus was truly awesome. The kids just walked to him like you wouldn't believe. I have never seen anything like it. It was just wonderful. Thank you to everyone for that.

Also, I wanted to mention, if you haven't seen it, there was an article on *Cleveland.com* today talking about OMNI Systems and their successes with their mergers and acquisitions. It stated how well they are doing and mentioned Mayfield Village a couple of times. It was a nice reflection on OMNI. Congratulations to them on their success. It reflects well on us also.

That's all I have. Thanks.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mayor Bodnar.

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

I'd also like to echo the Mayor's comments on the festivities that took place on Saturday with the Santa float and Tree Lighting ceremony. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department, Service Department, Police and Fire Departments. It was a great event. Unfortunately I missed it as the Mayor mentioned. It sounds like it was a great time by all capped off with the Tree Lighting ceremony and the Center Elementary 5th grade students and their singing.

I also wanted to mention, Happy Birthday to Councilman Al Meyers. His birthday is today.

The next Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday, December 18, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in this room.

PENDING LEGISLATION

- **Ordinance 2023-12 (Amended)**, entitled, "An ordinance amending certain Codified Ordinances relating to Certified Mail notification to also permit Express Mail and other forms of delivery with a signed receipt.") Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Administration) (First Reading – October 16, 2023) (Second Reading – November 20, 2023)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

Ms. Calta stated, I just wanted to mention that this is the legislation I made an amendment to. We are just going to keep it to the signed receipt, not the other language that says "or other form of delivery." Because the way the rules are, we will need to suspend the rules since this legislation is being amended after the second read. We have to go back and read it again and then just suspend the rules. Mary Beth, remind us.

Mrs. Betsa stated, yes.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Ms. Calta, any further discussion?

Council President Schutt stated, Ordinance 2023-12 as amended will remain on Second Read at the Regular Meeting of Council to be suspended and considered by Council for passage.

- **Ordinance No. 2023-13**, entitled, “An Ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and expenditures of Mayfield Village, Ohio for the period from January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023 and declaring an emergency.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Finance Department) (Read in title only) (First Reading – October 16, 2023) (Second Reading – November 20, 2023)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, Ordinance 2023-13 will move to Third Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 18th.

- **Ordinance No. 2023-14**, entitled, “An Ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and expenditures of Mayfield Village, Ohio for the period from January 1, 2024 and ending March 31, 2024 and declaring an emergency.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Finance Department) (Read in title only) (First Reading – October 16, 2023) (Second Reading – November 20, 2023)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, Ordinance 2023-14 will move to Third Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 18th.

- **Resolution No. 2023-59**, entitled, “A resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to adjust the amended official certificate of estimated resources for 2023.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar (Finance) (Read in title only) (First Reading – October 16, 2023) (Second Reading – November 20, 2023)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2023-59 will move to Third Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 18th.

- **Resolution No. 2023-60**, entitled, “A resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to advance from the proceeds of tax levies for the collection year 2024.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar (Finance) (Read in title only) (First Reading – October 16, 2023) (Second Reading – November 20, 2023)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2023-60 will move to Third Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 18th.

- **Ordinance 2023-15**, entitled, “An emergency ordinance amending Chapter 176 of the Codified Ordinances of Mayfield Village, Ohio regarding municipal income tax.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Finance Department) (First Reading – November 20, 2023)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, Ordinance 2023-15 will move to Second Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on December 18th and will be considered for passage in order to comply with the requirements that this legislation be passed prior to January 1, 2024.

NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION
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- 1) Re-Appointment of Engineer (Administration)**
- 2) Re-Appointment of Law Director (Administration)**
- 3) Re-Appointment of Animal Warden (Administration)**
- 4) Re-Appointment of Finance Director (Administration)**

Mayor Bodnar stated, thank you Council President. You should have received an e-mail last Friday with a memorandum on the reappointments. You will see that Mr. Cappello has asked for an increase this year. He has not had an increase for the past five years. His letter was attached to the memo that shows the difference in the rates over the course of the years. I looked them over and believe his request to be very reasonable and I would recommend that Council pass this.

Diane Calta has also requested an increase to the Law Director rates. I have a lot of materials to go through. I will be meeting with Diane and then bringing this to Council as quickly as I can.

There are no changes with regard to the Animal Warden.

Ron Wynne will be appointed as Finance Director until his successor is appointed in March of next year.

Are there any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Mayor Bodnar.

5) Re-Appointment of Clerk of Council (Council)

Council President Schutt stated, this is a two-year term starting January 1, 2024 running through December 31, 2025. Any discussion?

Mayor Bodnar stated, I think it's a good idea.

Mrs. Betsa replied, thank you.

6) Planning and Zoning Recommendation: On Target ABA (Building Department)

Mr. Russell reported, On Target came before Planning and Zoning prior to this meeting. There is a special meeting after Caucus where Council will be asked to approve the recommendation of Planning and Zoning relative to On Target ABA. It's a behavioral center.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions or discussion for Mr. Russell?

There were none.

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

7) 2024 Schedule of Council Meetings (Council President)

8) 2024 Council Committee Selections (Council President)

Council President Schutt stated, in your packets you received a tentative schedule of Council meetings and the list of the current Council Committee assignments. Let me know if you have any questions with the calendar or Committee assignments prior to the next Regular Meeting of Council on the 18th.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions or discussion?

There were none.

9) Upcoming Events (Council Clerk)

Mrs. Betsa stated, just reminding Council of the upcoming holiday events. Tomorrow is the holiday after-hours party for the Mayfield Area Chamber of Commerce at Sara's Place. On December 6th, the Hillcrest Council of Council will hold a post-election cocktail party. The Mayor and most of Council will be in attendance. Please also let me know if you would like your spouse to attend as well so that I can let Mayor Ward know. The employee holiday party is scheduled for December 7th.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mrs. Betsa.

10) 2024 Yearly Assessment – Workers Compensation (\$104,823.00) (Finance Department)

Mr. Wynne stated this is our annual premium for our Workers Compensation insurance for next year. It is based upon 2023 wages. It is payable by the end of this year. By paying a lump sum, we will get a 2% discount.

11) 2023 Year-End Transfers (Finance Department)

Mr. Wynne stated, I provided Council with a memo listing all of the transfers that need to be passed at Council.

12) MCIC Annual Meeting – Election of Officers (Finance Department)

Mr. Wynne stated, this is an annual meeting to elect the officers for next year.
Council President Schutt asked, any questions or discussion?

There were none.

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

13) Final Assessment Legislation – Sidewalk Project (Law Department)

Ms. Calta stated, everyone should have received a copy of this legislation attaching the list. Tom, is it final?

Mr. Cappello replied, I will check with Debbie. We went over it the last time.

Ms. Calta replied, I think we are down to a very small amount of residents. I would say it is probably a third of the original list, if not less than that. There was a combination of things. We had a fair amount of residents who paid. We had other residents that were able to address their issue.

Mr. Cappello stated, they hired someone to replace the blocks.

Ms. Calta replied, or to even them. Tom did a lot of work going out and talking to those residents to ensure those met the requirements. We have a very small list. I think there's \$3,000 being assessed in total. That was good news.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions or discussion?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Ms. Calta.

14) NOPEC Legislation for Gas Opt-In (Law Department)

Ms. Calta stated, I think you all remember that we had someone from NOPEC here about a month or so ago to talk about their initiative. They made some recommendations, one of which was to pass legislation for the gas program that would create an opt-in. We have a program right now which is an opt-out program. Once they are out of the program, there is a delay in opting back

into the program so if we are able to pass this legislation, it would be a benefit for our community to those who want to opt back in. It will reduce that wait period. Instead of 30-60 days, it will be a lot less. We talked about this piece of legislation. The Mayor thought it would be of benefit to the residents. It will need to go through three readings and have a public hearing and then we will have our NOPEC representative back to speak about it as well.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Ms. Calta.

15) Motorola Solutions Annual Service Agreement (\$39,604) (Police Department)

Chief Matias stated, this is our annual Service Agreement for the dispatch center. It's basically the warranty and service and maintenance agreement for all of the radios and equipment in the dispatch center. Years ago we had it where it was a five year contract. Now Motorola does a single year contract.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief.

16) 2024 yearly contract with Ohio Geese Control (\$12,988.21) (Parks and Recreation)

Mr. McAviney stated, thank you Council President. We enter into this contract every year to keep the geese off the field. They are defecating all over the field which has always been a problem. Ohio Geese Control handles keeping them off the field. It's a slight increase from last year in the amount of about \$500 a month.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

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

17) Additional Expenditure for Equipment for new Police Motorcycle (original cost paid to Southeast Harley Davidson - \$9,973.39; additional expenditure to Southeast Harley Davidson - \$1,163.13) (Police Department)

Chief Matias stated, this is an additional piece of equipment. It's something for the exhaust system to allow the bike to run with more horsepower. It's something we wanted to add on. We were looking at doing the add on when we got the bike expecting we were going to get the bike next summer. We actually got something earlier than we expected. We are just adding this on.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief.

ANY OTHER MATTER BEFORE COUNCIL

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

Chief Carcioppolo stated, I just wanted to tell you all that we are scheduled to have our pick-up truck and SUV outfitted with lights and sirens over the next couple weeks. I am going to get the information to you about the vehicles which need to be declared surplus so we can sell them to *Govdeals.com*

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Chief. Are there any other matters?

There were none.

There being no further matters, the meeting concluded at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Betsa, MMC
Clerk of Council