

**COUNCIL CAUCUS MINUTES**  
**Monday, November 4, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.**  
**Mayfield Village Reserve Hall-Mayfield Village Civic Center**  
**6622 Wilson Mills Road, Mayfield Village, Ohio**

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Caucus Session in Mayfield Village Reserve Hall at the Mayfield Village Civic Center on Monday, November 4, 2024. Council President Schutt called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Mr. Arndt and Mrs. Jurcisek

Council President Schutt stated, please let the record show that Councilwoman Jennifer Jurcisek and Councilman Mark Arndt are both excused from this evening's meeting.

<b>COMMENTS BY MAYOR BODNAR</b>
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Thank you, Council President, I was going to begin by reminding everyone to vote tomorrow but I am looking around the room and I know you all are going to vote tomorrow. Thank you for taking your right to vote seriously.

- **Presentation of AED to Joan Gottschling, President of the Historical Society**

I have a very special presentation tonight. We will have Chief Carcioppolo present an AED to Joan Gottschling, President of the Historical Society this evening.

I am not sure you know the history of the Historic House. I will give you a quick refresher. Back in 1987, then Mayor Fred Carmen and Council passed a resolution to move the Historic House from its then location on Wilson Mills Road to its current location on SOM Center Road. The Bennett-Van Curen House had originally been built at the corner of SOM and Wilson Mills in 1847. After 140 years, it was in danger of being demolished. So they moved the old Historic House on a trailer and drove it right down SOM Center Road to its current location. The Village signed a 100 year lease with the Historical Society at a total rate of \$1.00 per year, so that shows

you how much rent has gone up since 1987. Since that time, members of the Historical Society have worked extremely hard to restore the house and create the beautiful moving educational museum that it is today.

Recently, at the request of the Historical Society volunteers, the Village agreed to purchase an AED for the house. I am happy to provide this to the Historical Society in the hopes that it can help someone who may be experiencing a sudden cardiac arrest. At this time, I would like our Fire Chief Gino Carcioppolo to come forward and present the AED to Joan Gottschling.

Ms. Gottschling stated, I would like to thank Mayfield Village and the Chief. Thank you to Patty Gaeta, one of our volunteers, who was instrumental in making this all happen. Lieutenant Mike Martin was coming in and doing some AED training with 9 of our volunteers and we are going to have 25 more in the Spring. Hopefully we will get everyone trained. Thank you again for that generous donation. I appreciate it.

Mayor Bodnar stated, thank you, Joan. That's all I have.

#### **COMMENTS BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

Thank you Mayor. We have a couple of birthdays this month. I would like to wish a Happy Belated Birthday to Mr. John Marquart. His birthday was last Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Also, Happy Early Birthday to Councilman George Williams. His birthday is on November 24<sup>th</sup>.

Our next Regular Meeting of Council is Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup> in Civic Hall.

As Mayor Bodnar mentioned, I know all of you will vote as well, but just a reminder, the polls open from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m.

#### **PENDING LEGISLATION**

- **Ordinance No. 2024-17**, entitled, "An Emergency Ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and expenditures of Mayfield Village, Ohio for the period from January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024." Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Finance Department) (Read in title only) (First Reading – October 21, 2024) (Upon Third Reading and passage, this legislation will take effect immediately upon signature of the Mayor.)

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

Ordinance 2024-17 will move to Second Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Ordinance No. 2024-18**, entitled, “An Emergency Ordinance appropriating funds for current expenses and expenditures of Mayfield Village, Ohio for the period from January 1, 2025 and ending March 31, 2025.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar. (Finance Department) (Read in title only) (First Reading – October 21, 2024) (Upon Third Reading and passage, this legislation will take effect immediately upon signature of the Mayor.)

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

Ordinance 2024-18 will move to Second Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Resolution No. 2024-57**, entitled, “A resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to adjust the amended official certificate of estimated resources for 2024.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar (Finance) (Read in title only) (First Reading – October 21, 2024) (Upon Third Reading and passage, this legislation will take effect in conjunction with the passage of Ordinance 2024-17 immediately upon signature of the Mayor)

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

Resolution 2024-57 will move to Second Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

- **Resolution No. 2024-58**, entitled, “A resolution requesting the Cuyahoga County Fiscal Officer to advance from the proceeds of tax levies for the collection year 2025.” Introduced by Mayor Bodnar (Finance) (Read in title only) (Upon Third Reading and passage, this legislation will take effect immediately upon signature of the Mayor.) (First Reading – October 21, 2024 (Upon Third Reading and passage, this legislation will take effect in conjunction with the passage of Ordinance 2024-18 immediately upon signature of the Mayor)

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

Resolution 2024-58 will move to Second Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>.

<b>NEW BUSINESS FOR DISCUSSION</b>
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**1) Designation of legislative authority for Volunteer Fire Dependent’s Fund Board (Council/Fire)**

Chief Carcioppolo stated, every year we hold a meeting in order to comply with the State Fire Marshal’s grant funding due to the Firefighter’s Dependent’s Fund. Two Council members are

selected on behalf of Council. Two members of the Fire Department are selected by its employees and a resident is selected by the Council representatives and Fire Department representatives. Usually no one from the Fire Department steps up. It's normally one of the retired firefighters. Last year, retired Assistant Chief Girbino served. We will see if anyone else wants to step up and represent the Fire Department this year. Otherwise, it will be myself and mostly likely retired Assistant Chief Girbino again. Are there any questions?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief.

## **2) Ward 4 Council Vacancy (Council)**

Council President Schutt stated, as you know, Councilman Williams is stepping down for personal reasons at the end of the year, creating a Council vacancy for Ward 4. A letter will be going out this week to residents of Ward 4 to see what interest we have in backfilling Councilman Williams' role. At this time, is it Council's preference to accept a letter or resume from any interested residents?

Mr. Meyers stated, I think a resume. If someone wants to be involved, they should submit a resume. How many people show up to the Council meetings? You have to find someone qualified who will take it seriously.

Mr. Murphy stated, I don't think a resume should be required. I think it would be suggested or preferred.

Mr. Williams stated, I remember how we did it before. That's how I became a member of Council. I took over a vacancy. I know I submitted a resume, but I don't know if it was a requirement or not.

Ms. Wolgamuth asked, Council President, if I may jump in?

Council President Schutt replied, sure.

Ms. Wolgamuth stated, Mary Beth and I put this letter together based on what we did last time. We did request resumes. But she and I spoke about maybe that shouldn't be required and maybe just like a letter stating their qualifications and why they want to be on Council might be enough. The letter was drafted but we wanted to make sure Council talked about that before the letters go out. Some people may not have a resume. It's easy to change the letters to say, "Please send in your qualifications and your reasons for interest in the Council position." They can send it to Mary Beth any way they want. They can send it by e-mail or letter.

Mr. Murphy stated, I think a formal resume would be tedious and could deter some people from responding.

Mr. Marquardt agreed. You have to have something to make a decision.

Ms. Wolgamuth stated, and you were planning to hold interviews of the candidates. At that point you could ask them more questions about their background and kind of get filled in on what you don't know.

Mr. Murphy stated, that's another question. Who's doing the interviews?

Council President Schutt stated, that's the next question. Would we have all of Council participate or just Council At-Large representatives?

Mr. Meyers stated, all of Council.

Mr. Marquardt stated, all of Council.

Mr. Murphy agreed.

Council President Schutt stated, I think it makes sense that we include all of Council in the interview process. I think it also makes sense to accept a letter or a resume and then request additional information during the interview process if it's not detailed enough in that letter.

Mr. Murphy stated, I don't anticipate us getting a huge influx of applications. Who decides who comes in for interviews?

Ms. Wolgamuth replied, last time all applicants were interviewed. There were maybe 4 people.

Council President Schutt asked, any other comments or discussion on this process?

There was none.

Council President Schutt stated, just for the record we will include all of Council in the interview process. We will interview all interested parties and we will accept a letter or a resume and then we will go from there.

Mr. Murphy asked, is George involved in this?

Council President Schutt stated, he's a current Council member, so I would assume that we would invite him to participate if he wants to.

Mr. Williams replied, sure.

Council President Schutt stated, you probably know more of the possible candidates than we do anyway being that it's your Ward and how involved you are with the quarterly meetings you have held and other things that have come up.

Mr. Williams replied, would love to.

Council President Schutt stated, great. Would love to have you participate. Thank you, George. Any other comments or questions?

There were none.

### 3) Purchase of UTV/Gator (Fire Department)

Chief Carcioppolo stated, thank you, Council President. I attached a letter with pictures to give you an idea of what it is. If there are any questions, I can entertain those now and try to answer your questions regarding our current units or whatever they may be.

Mr. Murphy asked, Chief, do you just want to give us a run down? I don't remember seeing that on the website. Is it on the packet?

Chief Carcioppolo stated, isn't it a letter? So, basically we have a 2000 Gator and a 2005 Polaris Ranger. Both of those are basically first generation utility vehicles that were modified into emergency services rescue vessels. They really weren't designed for that purpose. At the time they had to have things added to them to make them modified. For example, they lengthened the chassis of the Ranger. It really never worked the best. Now with time evolving over 20 years they make units designed for that purpose so we can get one unit that replaces both. They both are riddled with mechanical issues and are about 20-25 years old. This one unit would replace both vehicles. It was in the Capital Budget for the last few years. We kicked it down the road as far as we could. We are starting to get rust issues. The new paint would be poly so it won't have rust issues. It has its own separate fire pump instead of using compressed air to pressurize the vessel and put more water on it. There's more technology involved to help us do everything.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions?

Ms. Calta stated, the old units are in such condition that they are not able to be traded it, so they will just be placed on *GovDeals*.

Chief Carcioppolo stated, yes, I tried to get a trade price. They wouldn't give one on a vehicle that was modified because it's been altered. I think we fare better by just putting them on *GovDeals* and letting them go to auction. I would believe we could get about \$10,000 between the two of those on *GovDeals* if we sold them.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions or comments?

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Chief.

**4) Sale of rental properties – 6522 Wilson Mills and 6536 Wilson Mills  
(Administration/Law)**

Ms. Calta stated, thank you. You may remember that we held an Executive Session about the rental properties on Wilson Mills and sent notification to the tenants to vacate and terminate those leases. We terminated these two. There's one that will not open up until a couple more months. 6522 Wilson Mills and 6536 Wilson Mills are ready to be put on the market and sold. We wanted to give Council an update. The houses have been reviewed by Service and Building with the input of the realtor who has helped us in the past. We have some recommendations. When we have a recommendation and an offer, we will come back to Council to authorize the sale of the properties. We don't know when that will be, but it will be sometime in the hopeful near future.

Mr. Meyers asked, is the SOM property going to be included in that group?

Ms. Calta stated, the SOM property, the one that's being consolidated, still has to be appraised. We are working on getting the appraisal done since it's a little more unique than these properties. With these properties there are a fair amount of comparable sales you can use when putting them up for sale.

Council President Schutt asked, any other questions?

There were none.

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

**ANY OTHER MATTERS**

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

There were none.

There being no further matters, the meeting concluded at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Betsa, MMC  
Clerk of Council