

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF COUNCIL
MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO
Monday, October 21, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.
Mayfield Village Civic Hall-Mayfield Village Civic Center**

The Council of Mayfield Village met in Regular Session on Monday, October 21, 2024 in 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, Mrs. Jurcisek, Mr. Marquardt,
Mr. Murphy, Mr. Meyers, Mr. Schutt
and Mr. Williams

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

Absent: Mayor Bodnar

Council President Schutt asked, please let the record reflect that Mayor Bodnar is excused from this evening's meeting.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was given.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

• **Regular Council Meeting – September 23, 2024**

Mrs. Jurcisek, seconded by Mr. Arndt, made a motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Council Meeting of September 23, 2024 as written.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

Mr. Murphy stated, the Council Caucus Minutes of October 7th have me present and absent. I was actually absent.

Mrs. Betsa will make that change.

Council President Schutt asked, any other discussion?

There was none.

ROLL CALL: AYES:	All	Motion Carries
NAYS:	None	Minutes of September 23, 2024
		Meeting Approved as Written

Comments From Council President Schutt

I just wanted to thank everybody for the event this past Saturday. The Trick or Treat Trail went off very well. It's the most kids I have ever seen attend this event. Thanks to the Parks and Recreation Department, the Fire Department in having their truck there, the Service Department as well and all of the volunteers. We would not have been able to hold this without all of the volunteers. Thank you for everyone who participated. I apologize if I left anyone out.

Just a reminder that our November Caucus meeting is on Monday, November 4th in Reserve Hall as the Board of Elections will be setting up in Civic Hall for voting on Tuesday, November 5th. So although we will be present on Monday, don't forget to vote on Tuesday the 5th. The Regular Meeting of Council is scheduled for Monday, November 18th back in this room.

o New Patrol Officer Roscoe Lanier

Council President Schutt asked Roscoe to come up to the podium with his family members as well as whoever is going to pin you.

Chief Matias, before I administer Patrol Officer Roscoe Lanier's Oath of Office, do you have any comments?

Chief Matias stated, we are really excited to be adding Roscoe Lanier to part of our team. He was born in Appalachia, Alabama. The family moved up here when he was young. He is a graduate of Max Hayes High School. Roscoe spent three years on the Cleveland Police Department. For the past four years he has been serving out of the Cleveland Clinic Police Department. We gave our entrance examination several months ago and he scored number 1. He came in and gave a very impressive interview. With his interview and experience in law enforcement, we knew he was going to be a great addition to our team. So again, we are very excited to have him.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Chief. Council President Schutt administered the oath of office to Roscoe Lanier, Patrol Officer for Mayfield Village.

Council President Schutt stated, Congratulations.

○ **New Firefighter Niko Willrich**

Council President Schutt stated, I will turn it over to Chief Carcioppolo for some comments.

Chief Carcioppolo stated, thank you, Council President. Tonight is a really joyful night. I just wanted to underscore that it's all possible because of the support of Mayfield Village Council. Niko, Jeremy and Brad all were initially interviewed after Council approved our modification to the wage ordinance for part-time employees. That brought them on over the last couple months through our interviewing and background process. They have been working with us part-time. That's a testament to your support of our department.

I want to thank everyone from Police and Fire for coming. As you can see, there's a huge turnout. I am proud of all of them. Both Police and Fire do an amazing job of their services. I wanted to also thank Administration, Mayor Bodnar because all of this is important. The swearing-in process is important.

To cover Niko real quick, a couple years ago, Gino DeLuca brings Niko to my office and says, hey, Niko's working with us. He's a good dude. He wants to talk about being a fireman. I talked to Niko and told him what he needs to do. Two years later, he's interviewing for part-time. He was on our full-time list. We moved him through that process. He's now our fullest full-time member. That's a testament to Gino's ability to find character because these jobs are hard as you have been all told. It's hard with shrinking interest in our field to find good employees and good staff that will stay. These three members we are swearing in tonight are good examples of what it takes to make it in our field. Without further ado, you can bring up your family and whoever you want pinning you.

Council President Schutt administered the oath of office to Niko Willrich as Firefighter for Mayfield Village, Ohio.

Council President Schutt stated, congratulations.

○ **Part-time firefighter Brad Richmond**

○ **Part-time firefighter Jeremy Chapes**

Council President Schutt stated, I will turn this over to Chief Carcioppolo for his comments.

Chief Carcioppolo stated, thank you. Brad and I met because he was a part of the grant that the State had for our health and wellness program. He was actually our personal trainer who came to the Fire station. He has a 4-year degree in exercise physiology and he worked over the Fire Department guys pretty good for a while. We got to know him. While he was doing that he was also going to school to become a firefighter/paramedic. He is done with his fire school and he is currently finishing his paramedic school right now. It was easy to interview and get to know if he was capable of fitting in with us well and that he is. So now he is one of our part-timers.

Jeremy came in from the outside. We didn't know him. He was Honorably Discharged from the Marine Corps. He has a lot of experience working in the hospital setting as a paramedic. He's fit in very nicely as well. We are happy to have both of them. Thank you for participating and coming to work with us.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Chief.

Council President Schutt administered the oath of office to Part-Time Firefighter Brad Richmond and Part-Time Firefighter Jeremy Chepes.

- **First Reading of Resolution 2024-64, entitled, "A resolution of appreciation to retired Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal Michael Libens."**

Council President Schutt asked Mr. Libens to come up to the podium. I will turn it over to the Chief again.

Chief Carcioppolo stated, it wouldn't be appropriate not to say anything about Mike. I met Mike in 2002 when I joined the Regional Technical Rescue Team which he was one of the founding members of. He worked at Richmond Heights up until he came here. On periodic calls we would see each other. He filled in Assistant Chief Girbino's spot when he left and carried on the Fire Prevention Bureau which he left. Our Department misses him. We are picking up a lot of the work. Jeff has been doing a good job but Jeff will attest to the fact that it's a lot. In time, he will be at the same place as Mike was. When you are used to doing it, you can accomplish a lot more a lot quicker. We all miss him. We miss his knowledge, experience and skills and abilities, but we are happy to see him when we can. We are grateful for his proclamation and years of service.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you Chief. Council President read the Resolution into the record.

WHEREAS, in April of 2019, Michael Libens was hired as the Mayfield Village Assistant Fire Chief/Fire Marshal with the added objective of continuing the mission of the Fire Prevention Bureau; and

WHEREAS, for 28 years, before coming to the Village, Assistant Chief Libens previously served as a Lieutenant in the Richmond Heights Fire Department; and

WHEREAS, during his years at the Richmond Heights Fire Department, Assistant Chief Libens earned his Master's Degree in Public Administration from Kent State University; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Libens was a founding member of the Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team, from its inception in 1994, and he continued to serve on the Hillcrest Technical Rescue Team until 2013; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Libens also served as a member of the Hillcrest Regional Fire Investigation Unit for 23 years; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Libens retired from Mayfield Village on July 19, 2024; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure in Mayfield Village, Assistant Chief Libens used his years of experience, his education, and his example, to help guide all members of the Mayfield Village Fire Department to becoming dedicated public servants that will continue to serve Mayfield Village and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Libens has served the community of Mayfield Village with exceptional commitment and dedication and its residents and businesses have clearly benefitted from his knowledge and expertise.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF MAYFIELD VILLAGE, OHIO, THAT:

Assistant Fire Chief Michael Libens be and is hereby recognized for five years of dedicated and exceptional service to Mayfield Village and, as a token of appreciation, is awarded his Mayfield Village fire helmet. On behalf of residents, local businesses, department heads and staff, we congratulate him on his retirement and wish him many years of health and happiness with his children Riley and Mikaela, and wife Winnie.

Council President Schutt stated, congratulations.

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Juncisek, made a motion to suspend Resolution No. 2024-64.

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

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Juncisek, made a motion to enact Resolution No. 2024-64.

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

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

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

Council President Schutt stated, the presentation of the AED to Joan Gottschling, President of the Historical Society will take place at another meeting when the Mayor can be present.

At this point in time, Council will take a short break for refreshments.

Council took a break at 7:24 p.m.

Council reconvened at 7:42 p.m.

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

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 for Citizen’s Advisory, the Committee is meeting on Monday, October 28th at the Historical House. On the agenda is the Historical Society update from Joan Gottschling, a conversation with Meghan Perez from the Mayfield Schools Levy Committee, and a presentation on mail theft, check washing and fraud awareness from our own Council Clerk Mary Betsa. It should be an interesting meeting. That’s next Monday.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you. Any questions?

There were none.

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

Dan Russell (Building) – Thank you Council President. I will be reporting on two meetings. The first meeting was the September 26th ARB meeting. We received one proposal for an addition. That was approved. The second meeting was also ARB on October 10th. We received a proposal for an addition to a deck and that was also approved.

Council President Schutt asked, any questions?

There were none.

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

Shane McAviney (Parks and Recreation) – Thank you Council President. I want to thank everybody once again for the Trick or Treat Trail. It was a great success. It was nice to see families out there having a good time. It was well attended. I appreciate all of the help from all of the volunteers, the Service Department, Police Department and Fire Department. They always help

to make that event very successful. People are very happy to be there. I would like to thank everybody who helped out with the event. Hopefully next year we will have a few more children show up.

The next Parks and Recreation Board meeting is on Tuesday, November 12th at the Civic Center at 6:00. We will be discussing the scholarship updates and how we are going to fund them. I think I told everyone we collected nearly \$10,000.00 so we are able to give out \$8,000.00 in scholarship funds. Six years ago, we were down to \$1,000.00 for the scholarship fund. We rebuilt that fund through donations at the Grove.

Also, you still have time to sign up for the Senior Snow Removal program.

The Senior Holiday Party is on December 5th. The Tree Lighting will be on Friday, December 6th. It's usually been on Saturday. We moved it to Friday December 6th so that way we can have breakfast with Santa on the following morning.

With that said, I have nothing else, unless anybody has any questions.

There were none.

Council President Schutt stated, thank you, Mr. McAviney. Are there any other Department Head reports this evening?

There were none.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Council President Schutt asked, any questions or comments?

There were none.

Ordinance No. 2024-17 will move to Second Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on November 18th.

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

Council President Schutt asked, any questions or comments?

There were none.

Ordinance No. 2024-18 will move to Second Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on November 18th.

- **First Reading of 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) (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 or comments?

There were none.

Resolution 2024-57 will move to Second Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on November 18th.

- **First Reading of 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.) (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 or comments?

There were none.

Resolution No. 2024-58 will move to Second Read at the Regular Meeting of Council on November 18th.

- **First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-59**, entitled, “An emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor and President of Council to enter into a Firing Range Use Agreement with the Highland Heights Police Department.” (Requires suspension of the rules tonight and upon passage this legislation will take effect immediately upon signature of the Mayor.)

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Jurgisek, made a motion to suspend Resolution No. 2024-59.

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

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to enact Resolution No. 2024-59.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

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

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2024-59 passes.

- **First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-60**, entitled, “An emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor and President of Council to enter into a Firing Range Use Agreement with the Mayfield Heights Police Department.” (Requires suspension of the rules tonight and upon passage this legislation will take effect immediately upon signature of the Mayor.)

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mrs. Jurgisek, made a motion to suspend Resolution No. 2024-60.

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

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to enact Resolution No. 2024-60.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

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

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2024-60 passes.

- **First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-61**, entitled, “An emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor and President of Council to enter into a Firing Range Use Agreement with the Suburban Police Anti-Crime Network (SPAN)” (Requires suspension of the rules tonight and upon passage this legislation will take effect immediately upon signature of the Mayor.)

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to suspend Resolution No. 2024-61.

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

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to enact Resolution No. 2024-61.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

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

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2024-61 passes.

- **First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-62**, entitled, “An emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor and President of Council to enter into a Firing Range Use Agreement with the Richmond Heights Police Department.” (Requires suspension of the rules tonight and upon passage this legislation will take effect immediately upon signature of the Mayor.)

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to suspend Resolution No. 2024-62.

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

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to enact Resolution No. 2024-62.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

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

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2024-62 passes.

- **First Reading of Resolution No. 2024-63**, entitled, “An emergency resolution authorizing the Mayor and President of Council to enter into an Agreement with Cuyahoga County for the Boarding of Prisoners.” (Requires suspension of the rules tonight and upon passage this legislation will take effect immediately upon signature of the Mayor.)

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to suspend Resolution No. 2024-63.

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

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to enact Resolution No. 2024-63.

Council President Schutt asked, any discussion?

There was none.

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

Council President Schutt stated, Resolution 2024-63 passes.

- **Motion to authorize expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 to Specialized Construction for the 2024 crack sealing repair program through the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Service Department)**

Mrs. Juncisek, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to authorize expenditure in an amount not to exceed \$65,000 to Specialized Construction for the 2024 crack sealing repair program through the Ohio Department of Transportation Cooperative Purchasing Program. (Service Department)

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

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

- **Motion to acknowledge receipt of financial reports for September 2024 and to approve of same as submitted. (Finance Department)**

Mrs. Juncisek, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to acknowledge receipt of financial reports for September 2024 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
			September 2024 Acknowledged

- **Motion to accept the 2025 health care renewal received from BORMA reflecting a premium increase of 10.9%; to authorize offering employees the choice in 2025 of enrolling in BORMA Medical Mutual plan options 2, 3 or 4; and to approve contributing \$160,000 towards the cost of the annual increase in 2025.**

Mrs. Juncisek, seconded by Mr. Meyers, made a motion to accept the 2025 health care renewal received from BORMA reflecting a premium increase of 10.9%; to authorize offering employees the choice in 2025 of enrolling in BORMA Medical Mutual plan options 2, 3 or 4; and to approve contributing \$160,000 towards the cost of the annual increase in 2025.

Council President Schutt asked, discussion?

There was none.

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

ANY OTHER MATTERS

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

There were none.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Murphy, seconded by Mr. Arndt, made a motion to adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m. The next Regular meeting of Council will be on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in Civic Hall at the Mayfield Village Civic Center.

STEPHEN SCHUTT, COUNCIL PRESIDENT

BRENDA T. BODNAR, MAYOR

MARY E. BETSA, MMC, CLERK OF COUNCIL