



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton Village Council Meeting
Held Thursday, November 2, 2023

The Council of the Village of Silverton convened in regular session in Council Chambers at 6943 Montgomery Road at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 2, 2023. Mayor Smith called the meeting to order.

CALL TO ORDER:

Mayor Smith led a moment of prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL:

Elected Officials:

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| • John Smith, Mayor | Present |
| • Britt Born, Council | Present |
| • Shirley Hackett-Austin, Council | Present |
| • Mark Quarry, Council | Present |
| • Idella Thompson, Council | Present |
| • Dottie Williams, Council | Present |
| • Franklin Wilson, Council | Present |

Also present:

- Jack Cameron, Village Manager
- Meredith George, Village Clerk
- Bryan Pacheco, Village Solicitor

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

Hamilton County Commissioner Vice-President Denise Driehaus addressed Council, giving an update on various issues the county has been working on. Items of note were a competitive wage study for Hamilton County employees, including wage adjustments, partnering with the City of Cincinnati for renovations to the Duke Energy Convention Center, and a parking garage to serve

Findlay Market customers. Commissioner Driehaus also reported that the county is still working to fill correction officer positions, 911 Operator positions and Job & Family Service worker positions.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the minutes from the October 19, 2023 Council Meeting. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Lt. Naber reported traffic enforcement efforts have increased since the Village purchased additional radar units. Every Silverton cruiser is now equipped with a radar unit. Lt. Naber reported the semi-annual DEA Drug Take-Back event was a success. A commendation letter was written for Deputy Staggs who helped solve a crime that took place in Sycamore Township.
2. Mrs. Hackett-Austin reported on property maintenance activity for the months of September and October.
 - a. September 2023 – 17 cases initiated; all cases closed
 - b. October 2023 – 7 cases initiated; 4 cases closed

Many cases involve neighbor complaints regarding trash and parking.

Mrs. Thompson asked if the property maintenance report is a “permanent position”. Mr. Cameron explained that council should consider having a retreat so that council can discuss committee reports, assignments and expectations.

3. Mr. Wilson reported the PACT Com met on Monday, October 30 to discuss potential projects for Ficke Park. Representatives from TEC and JMA made a presentation and discussed grant opportunities. The committee will meet again on Monday, November 13, as grant applications are due on November 17. Possible projects include: expanded parking, a second park shelter, a dog park, and pickle ball courts. Mr. Wilson also noted that Wendi Van Buren forwarded on a grant opportunity for USDA Forest Service grants. Ms. Born noted that it was previously discussed that a

survey would be conducted for public input on what the residents would like to see with any park improvements. Mr. Wilson noted that public input was discussed at the meeting and it will be part of the process. Mr. Cameron added that the meeting on November 17 will focus on the northern end of the park and parking expansion. The village will then survey residents for input on park improvements. The initial grant application will likely be for around \$150,000.

4. Mrs. Thompson reported she attended an ad-hoc committee meeting at the Board of Education office. The committee discussed boundaries for neighborhood schools and forming middle schools. There will be a town hall meeting in council chambers on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. for parents of Silverton Elementary School students.
5. Mr. Quarry thanked the Public Works crew for their leaf collection efforts.
6. Mrs. Williams reported Dolline Colter of the Silverton Block Watch Association has volunteered to become the Train Station Museum coordinator. The Block Watch Association is looking for volunteers so that they are able to open the museum on Sundays from May through October.
7. Ms. Born reported the next Fire District meeting is Tuesday, December 19 at 4:30 p.m.

Ms. Born reported the next Block Watch meeting is Monday, November 13 at 7:00 p.m.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT:

- a. The Tree Lighting ceremony is set for Saturday, December 2 at 6:00 p.m. at the Train Station.
- b. Neyer is still working on property acquisition for the New Model project.
- c. JRA Real Estate is preparing the Stage II submittal for the Silverton Planning Commission.
- d. There is a meeting with Dr. Aziz scheduled for December 11 to discuss the Belkenton Avenue property.
- e. Silverton Town Commons is shaping up. The turf is being installed this week.

- f. TEC has been engaged for the Stage 1 engineering work for the Plainfield Road ODOT project. Letters have been sent to affected businesses.
- g. The parking lot project on Plainfield Road will have to go out to bid in 2024.
- h. The Village was awarded a SORTA grant for repairs on Section Road in between Montgomery Road and Ohio Ave.
- i. Traffic is not yielding to pedestrians in the crosswalk at Siebern and Montgomery. ODOT has been notified of the safety issue.

READING OF NEW AND/OR PENDING LEGISLATION:

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 23-884 Resolution Requesting the County Auditor to Make Advance Payments of Taxes During the Year 2024 Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 321.34. Mr. Wilson motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Thompson moved for adjournment and was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council

John A. Smith
Mayor