



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton Village Council Meeting
Held Thursday, January 5, 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, January 5, 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 | Absent |
| • Idella Thompson, Council | Present |
| • Dottie Williams, Council | Present |
| • Franklin Wilson, Council | Present |

Mr. Wilson motioned to excuse Mr. Quarry and was seconded by Ms. Born. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Also present:

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT:

At 7:02 p.m., Mrs. Williams motioned to open the public hearing, and was seconded by Ms. Born. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Rob Goeller – 4206 Sibley Avenue

Mr. Goeller spoke in favor of the text amendment that would allow residents in the R-1 and R-2 districts. Mr. Goeller commended Silverton on the progressive nature of the community and stated he feels allowing backyard chickens aligns with Silverton's progressive efforts.

There was no other public comment.

At 7:04 p.m., Mrs. Williams motioned to close the public hearing, and was seconded by Mr. Wilson. Motion carried by a unanimous vote.

MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

Mayor Smith wished everyone a Happy New Year and stated he is looking forward to the plans the Village has for this year.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mrs. Thompson motioned to approve the minutes from the November 17, 2022 Council Meeting and the December 8, 2022 Council Meeting. Ms. Born seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS AND REPORTS:

1. COUNCIL COMMITTEE REPORTS:

- a. Lt. Naber introduced Sgt. Erik Pfaffl, who is the new nightshift sergeant for District 4. Sgt. Pfaffl is a 25+ year veteran of the Sheriff's Office and is looking forward to serving in his new role.
- b. Mrs. Thompson noted CPS Superintendent Iranetta Rayborn Wright will be hosting a town hall series. There is an upcoming meeting on Wednesday, January 11 from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Kennedy Heights Arts Center. The meeting is open to the public.

- c. Ms. Born reported the Silverton resident representative to the Fire District, Don Kincaid, will need to be re-appointed by Council. His term expires January 31st.

Ms. Born complimented the Fire District staff on the great job they have done, especially while adding two more communities that they are now responsible for servicing.

Ms. Born reported a new board for the Fire District will be elected in February and she was honored to serve this last year as the board's president.

2. VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT:

- a. Mr. Cameron wished everyone a Happy New Year.
- b. The tree lighting event was very successful, with approximately 150 people in attendance.
- c. The Mayor's Community Brunch will take place on Saturday, March 25 at 10:00 a.m. The event will be held at Benken's Florist and will be catered by Raffel's Catering.
- d. An organizational meeting for the Color Fun Run was held on December 9.
- e. The New Model Project is moving forward. Residential meetings have begun.
- f. The Phase II concept drawing for AG47 is in progress. Mr. Cameron met with J.R. Anderson to review the draft plan.
- g. The BMW Store is doing their due diligence for the property at 5965 Stewart Road. The property purchase agreement has been signed.
- h. The State of Ohio is moving the grant money for Silverton Town Commons to the correct fund. We will re-bid the project and construction will begin sometime after July 1.
- i. The Village is still waiting for the GCWW plans for the Plainfield Road repaving project. We are hopeful for Spring 2023 construction.

- j. The 513 Relief Bus reached out asking for space to hold an event in Silverton. We do not have the space to accommodate their needs.
- k. The electric aggregation rate will change in May, and will be higher than the current rate. The rate will change from 5 cents/kWh to approximately 8 cents/kWh. Energy Harbor will continue to be the provider, as they are offering the best rate. The aggregation rate is still cheaper than the Duke Energy rate which is about 10 cents/kWh. Opt-out letters will be sent to all residents.
- l. Mr. Cameron reviewed information he presented to Council regarding income tax collection. Tax collection overall is not a concern, only off by 1%, but the taxes collected in the office at Town Hall are down. There has been a decrease in the number of court cases filed and the subpoena program was suspended due to Covid, which are likely the reasons the taxes that are paid directly to the tax office have decreased.
- m. Mr. Cameron reviewed the information regarding submitting a DORA application for the area surrounding the intersection of Plainfield and Montgomery Roads. If approved, businesses included in the boundaries of the DORA do not have to participate if they do not want to. The application will be presented to council at the next meeting and a public hearing will need to be held before an ordinance approving the DORA can be presented to Council. If approved, the Village's responsibility is maintenance of the area. The participating businesses are responsible for purchasing the cups for the drinks to be served in.

The proposed hours are 10 a.m. to midnight daily. The Village will have the ability to restrict the hours if necessary. The goal is to get the businesses to participate and take advantage of it, enhancing the downtown entertainment district.

READING OF NEW AND OR PENDING LEGISLATION:

Ms. George gave the first reading of Ordinance 23-3700 Ordinance Establishing §153.309 Supplementing the Silverton Zoning Code to Allow Chickens for Personal or Household Use in the R-1 Single Family Home and R-2 Multi-Family Home Residential Districts.

Ms. George gave the reading of Ordinance 23-3701 Ordinance Authorizing All Actions Necessary to Support the Continuation of a Governmental Electric

Aggregation Program with Opt-Out Provisions Pursuant to Section 4929.26, Ohio Revised Code, Directing the Village Manager to Execute a Supply Agreement with Chosen Supplier to Continue an Electric Aggregation Program When the Current Supply Agreement Ends and Declaring an Emergency. Mr. Wilson motioned for passage and was seconded by Ms. Born. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Thompson motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Mr. Wilson. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council

John A. Smith
Mayor