



## **RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**

Minutes of the Silverton Village Council Meeting  
Held Thursday, September 7, 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, September 7, 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        | Absent  |
| • Dottie Williams, Council        | Present |
| • Franklin Wilson, Council        | Present |

Mr. Quarry motioned to excuse Mrs. Thompson. Mr. Wilson seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

#### **Also present:**

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

### **MAYOR'S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:**

Mayor Smith made a recommendation to Council to appoint Ms. Rebecca Hain to the Planning Commission. Mr. Wilson motioned to appoint Ms. Hain and was

seconded by Mr. Quarry. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote. Mr. Pacheco administered the oath to Ms. Hain. Ms. Hain thanked Mayor Smith and Council for the opportunity to serve the Village of Silverton.

Mayor Smith announced Mt. Siani Baptist Church will be holding a Gospel Fest on November 18. More details to follow.

Mayor Smith announced he is being honored as the Theodore M. Berry Award recipient by the Cincinnati NAACP. The award will be presented to Mayor Smith at the annual Freedom Fund Dinner on Saturday, October 7 at the Duke Energy Convention Center.

Candace Bates, State Farm Agent, who recently relocated to Silverton, has a ribbon cutting event at her office set for Thursday, September 21 at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome!

**PUBLIC COMMENT:**

*Mr. Kevin Williams – Silverton Elementary School Principal*

Mr. Williams addressed Council, giving his background in education and his goals for Silverton Elementary. Mr. Williams stated the focus this year would be “elevating excellence” and continuing to instill the “Leader in Me” philosophy. As always, the school is open to volunteers. Upcoming events are Grandparents Day on September 29 and the Fall Fun Fest on October 7.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mr. Quarry motioned to approve the minutes from the August 3, 2023 Council Meeting. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

**COUNCIL COMMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

1. Lt. Naber noted that residents should call 9-1-1 in case of an emergency, or 513-825-2280 for non-emergencies. A deputy will respond, eliminating the need for a resident to come to Town Hall. Lt. Naber reported traffic enforcement activity is up, including accidents, traffic stops and parking violations. Two new radar units have made it easier to enforce speeding violations.
2. Mr. Wilson commended Sgt. Reid for her assistance with a special needs resident who was in need of groceries.

3. Mrs. Williams thanked Mr. Williams for attending this evening's meeting. Mrs. Williams reported she recently attended the First Suburbs Consortium meeting. Health care was the topic of discussion.
4. Ms. Born - Fire District Report:
  - a. Vehicle repairs have been increasing lately. The district has an ambulance on loan from the City of Reading.
  - b. A pay scale has been established for the part-time paramedic position. EMS calls are increasing and there are staffing issues county-wide.
  - c. Both Columbia Township and Golf Manor are satisfied with the service they are receiving from the fire district.
5. Ms. Born – Events Report:
  - a. Block Watch – the September meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for October 9.

**VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT:**

- a. The Fall Fun Fest is scheduled for Saturday, October 7. The Block Watch Association will be grilling hamburgers and hot dogs. This will help involve the community in the event.
- b. The concerts in the park have not been well attended. The weather was a factor for the last concert.
- c. Neyer continues to work on property acquisition and study the impact the STBG will have on the proposed New Model project.
- d. The Planning Commission approved the Stage I, Phase II AG47. JRA is currently preparing the Stage II submittal, which should be submitted in November or December.
- e. Silverton Town Commons construction is scheduled to start next week. Prus will also be building the base for the salt dome and doing the Plainfield Road parking lot alignment work.
- f. The Plainfield Road/SORTA project includes a passthrough of funds through Silverton from SORTA to GCWW.
- g. TEC has been engaged for the engineering work on the Plainfield Road business district project.

- h. The Village was awarded a SORTA grant for repairs on Section Road in between Montgomery Road and Ohio Ave.
- i. The Montgomery Road traffic signal project includes an ODOT study for the traffic light at Elwynne and Montgomery. The study will be conducted for 90 days, and could determine that the signal should stay. Ms. Born says she feels the crosswalk setup in the area is dangerous. Mr. Cameron stated the Village can push back, but ODOT has control of the light and whether it stays or not. Mr. Quarry noted prior discussions about the keeping the traffic light would be both expensive and create a liability for the Village. Mr. Cameron will keep Council updated.
- j. Mr. Cameron reviewed the financial report. Income tax revenues remain higher than expected and the majority of the money that was lost due to the stolen checks has been recovered.
- k. Mr. Cameron reviewed the supplemental appropriation ordinance, noting the changes are needed to accommodate current projects.

**READING OF NEW AND/OR PENDING LEGISLATION:**

Ms. George gave the reading of Ordinance 23-3711 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance Number 4, Amending Ordinances 22-3699, 23-3704, 23-3705, 23-3707, and 23-3710 for the Expenses of the Village of Silverton, Ohio for the Fiscal Year 2023. Mr. Wilson motioned for passage and was seconded by Ms. Born. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 23-880 Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Southwest Ohio Regional Transit Authority and Penrose LLC to Explore Affordable Housing at 7000 Montgomery Road. Mrs. Williams motioned for passage and was seconded by Ms. Born. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 23-881 Resolution Authorizing Renewal of the Village's Property and Casualty Insurance Through Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc., Authorizing the Village Manager to Execute and Deliver Necessary Documents. Mr. Wilson motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION:**

At 7:58 p.m., Mr. Quarry motioned to retire to executive session to consider the dismissal, discipline, or compensation of a public employee or official, per O.R.C. 121.22(G)1, and to consider the purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding, if premature disclosure of information would give and unfair competitive or bargaining advantage to a person whose personal, private interest is adverse to the general public interest, per O.R.C. 121.22(G)2, and to consider confidential information related to the marketing plans, specific business strategy, production techniques, trade secrets, or personal financial statements of an applicant for economic development assistance, or to negotiations with other political subdivisions respecting requests for economic development assistance, per O.R.C. 121.22(G)8. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

At 8:42 p.m. Mrs. Hackett-Austin motioned to reconvene the regular meeting and was seconded by Mr. Wilson. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Meredith L. George  
Clerk of Council

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John A. Smith  
Mayor