



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton Village Council Meeting
Held Thursday, October 19, 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, October 19, 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:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the minutes from the September 7, 2023 Council Meeting. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Lt. Naber reported the DEA Prescription Drug Take Back event will take place on Saturday, October 28 from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Silverton Town Hall.
2. Mrs. Hackett-Austin asked if there was a need for the CIC to meet. Mr. Cameron explained that the CIC generally only meets when there is business to discuss. Mr. Cameron explained that CIC's are more beneficial to townships, rather than villages or cities, because village and city councils already have the authority to approve actions that a CIC would be used to approve for a township. Mr. Pacheco echoed Mr. Cameron's comments and noted that Village Council has the authority to approve anything that the Silverton CIC would, therefore the Silverton CIC is not very active.
3. Mrs. Thompson reported the LSDMC ad-hoc committee met on September 26 to discuss Silverton's magnet school status. There has been some discussion about creating middle schools, but no decisions have been made. Currently, there are 298 students at Silverton Elementary in grades K-6. Some parents have enrolled their children in other schools because they are unsure of the status of Silverton Elementary and do not want any disruption to the location of their child's elementary school. A town hall meeting for Silverton Elementary School parents will be held on Tuesday, November 14 at 6:30 p.m. at Silverton Town Hall.

The Fall Fest on October 7 has a good turnout. The Kona Ice truck raised \$125 for the school.

Parents have voiced concerns about the timing of the left turn arrow to turn into the school parking lot.

Parents are parking in the circle drive designated for bus drop off, which is creating a problem for the buses.

The PTA activities include selling LaRosa's Buddy Cards, "out-of-uniform" days, penny wars and hosting a family movie night.

Ms. Born added to the concerns regarding the school. The enrollment is generally 330-340 and is now below 300 students. The decline in enrollment has resulted in teachers losing jobs and parents are preemptively changing schools so they do not have to switch later on. A discussion has taken place about Woodford becoming a middle school (grades 6-8), and Silverton remaining an elementary school (grades K-5).

4. Mrs. Williams reported that the Planning Commission met earlier today and denied a lot split application that was filed for 6825 Sampson Lane. The lots did not meet the minimum lot size of 9000 square feet, resulting in the denial.
5. Ms. Born – Fire District Report:
 - a. The Fire District is exploring financing options to order an ambulance to replace the 2008 ambulance that will need to be replaced in the next year or two. The current lead time for ambulance delivery is 24 months.
 - b. There are 5 applicants for two full-time firefighter openings. The board is hopeful that there are qualified individuals in the applicant pool to fill the vacancies. Kudos to the fire district for continuing to attend community events while being short-handed.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT:

- a. There is nothing new to report regarding the New Model project.
- b. It is anticipated that JR Anderson will present to the Planning Commission later this year regarding Stage II AG47.
- c. Dr. Aziz has yet to respond to Mr. Cameron’s requests to discuss his property on Belkenton.
- d. Silverton Town Commons is starting to take shape. A new pole had to be installed to support the electric needs of the completed project.
- e. The Plainfield Road parking lot project will have to be bid in 2024.
- f. The Montgomery Road/ODOT project is nearing completion. The flashing yellow beacon at Elwynne indicates the light at that intersection will most likely be removed.

- g. There is a ribbon cutting ceremony scheduled for the Ravine Apartments at 6917-6919 Montgomery Road.
- 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.
- j. Mr. Cameron noted it is time to consider project for SCIP funds and would like to schedule a meeting with the engineer to submit an application for a project that is most likely to be funded. The PACT committee will convene on Monday, October 30 at 1:00 p.m. to discuss possible projects, such as converting the tennis courts to pickleball courts, or adding parking at Ficke Park. Discussion ensued.
- k. The SORTA Plainfield Road project will be working in the intersection of Montgomery and Plainfield soon, then move north on Plainfield. Unfortunately, the project involves disrupting the work on Montgomery Road that was just completed.
- l. A resident on Elwynne Drive has been notified of an issue regarding a fence in their front yard that is a zoning violation. NIC is handling the violation. Any council member that might be contacted by the resident should refer them back to NIC. It is not Council's issue to resolve.
- m. Mr. Cameron reported he has been appointed to serve on the Alloy Economic Development Committee (formerly HCDC) and met with the committee earlier today.

READING OF NEW AND/OR PENDING LEGISLATION:

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 23-882 Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission and Authorizing the Necessary Tax Levies and Certifying them to the County Auditor. Mr. Wilson motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 23-883 Resolution Accepting the Hamilton County Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mrs. Thompson 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 8:10 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 an 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. Thompson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

At 8:58 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.

Mr. Quarry motioned to give Mr. Cameron a 5% salary increase, effective for the pay period beginning October 15, 2023. Mrs. Williams seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Hackett-Austin – nay, Mr. Wilson – nay, Mrs. Thompson – nay, Mr. Quarry – aye, Mrs. Williams – aye, Ms. Born – nay. Motion failed.

Mr. Wilson motioned to give Mr. Cameron a 3.2% salary increase, effective for the pay period beginning October 15, 2023. Mr. Quarry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. Mrs. Hackett-Austin – aye, Mr. Wilson – aye, Mrs. Thompson – aye, Mr. Quarry – aye, Mrs. Williams – aye, Ms. Born – 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 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council

John A. Smith
Mayor