



RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of the Silverton Village Council Meeting
Held Thursday, December 14, 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, December 14, 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
- Alan Abes, Acting Village Solicitor

OATH OF OFFICE TO NEW COUNCIL MEMBERS:

Mr. Abes administered the Oath of Office to Mrs. Williams, Mr. Quarry and Mr. Wilson for their 4-year term that began on December 1, 2023. Congratulations to all on your re-election!

NOMINATION, ELECTION AND OATH OF OFFICE TO VICE-MAYOR:

Mrs. Thompson motioned to nominate Mr. Quarry to serve as Vice-Mayor. Mrs. Hackett-Austin seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

Mr. Abes administered the Oath of Office to Vice-Mayor Quarry. Congratulations Vice-Mayor Quarry!

MAYOR’S COMMENTS AND GUESTS:

Mayor Smith wished everyone a very happy holiday season and is looking forward to a prosperous 2024!

Mr. Wilson noted long-time resident Mr. Isaac Irving recently passed away. Please keep his family in your thoughts and prayers.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

None.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Wilson motioned to approve the minutes from the November 16, 2023 Council Meeting. Mrs. Thompson seconded the motion. Motion carried by a unanimous voice vote.

COUNCIL COMMENTS & COMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Lt. Naber reported that a new captain has been assigned to the HCSO patrol unit. Captain Steve Minnich will be overseeing the patrol unit beginning in January. Captain Minnich plans to attend a Silverton council meeting to introduce himself.
2. Mrs. Hackett-Austin reported that there were 14 new property maintenance cases opened in November. Mr. Hall was able to close out 13 of those cases. Of the 14 cases, 3 were complaint based and 11 were self-initiated, all dealing with typical issues such as nuisance violations, high-grass, parking and fencing.
3. Mrs. Thompson reported the Silverton Elementary Town Hall assemblies will continue on a monthly basis in 2024.

Mrs. Thompson asked about the new law allowing recreational use of marijuana and if the Village should be considering any guidelines or legislation. Mr. Abes explained that the measure that was passed in November was a ballot initiative, not a constitutional amendment, so it can be amended by the Ohio General Assembly. Mr. Abes’

recommendation is to wait and see what amendments are approved by the general assembly before Silverton takes any action. There is a potential for enhanced municipal powers with the proposed bill that is currently being considered by Ohio legislators.

4. Ms. Born reported the Deer Park-Silverton Joint Fire District Board will meet on Tuesday, December 19 at 4:30 p.m.

VILLAGE MANAGER REPORT:

- a. A full council retreat will be planned for the first quarter of 2024.
- b. The tree lighting event on Saturday, December 2 went well and was very enjoyable for those in attendance.
- c. The new salt dome is finally complete.
- d. Neyer is continuing to work on property acquisition for the New Model Project.
- e. JRA Real Estate will make their Stage 2 presentation to the Planning Commission on Tuesday, January 9 at 5:30 p.m.
- f. Mr. Cameron met with Dr. Aziz on December 11 to discuss his property on Belkenton Avenue.
- g. Silverton Town Commons is nearing completion. Duke Energy needs to connect power to the new electric pole.
- h. ODOT is closing out the Montgomery Road project soon. Mr. Wilson reported he saw the new crosswalk signalization in use and it worked well.
- i. The water line work on Plainfield Road is nearing completion. The road paving will take place in April or May 2024.
- j. The SORTA grant application for Section Road from Montgomery to Ohio has been approved. Construction will take place in 2024.
- k. The Plainfield Road parking lot project will go out to bid in 2024. TEC is working on bid documents. The project will use CDBG dollars to re-align the parking lots for handicap access.

- l. The speed signs have been re-located to Ohio Avenue.
- m. Mr. Cameron and members of the PACT Committee made a presentation to the task force evaluating the grant proposals on December 4.

READING OF NEW AND/OR PENDING LEGISLATION:

Ms. George gave the reading of Ordinance 23-3714 Ordinance Making Appropriations for the Expenses of the Village of Silverton, Ohio for the Fiscal Year 2024.

Mr. Cameron reviewed the budget with Council. No changes were made to the appropriations as presented. Ms. Born noted she would like the discussion to add sidewalks to Plainfield Road south of Montgomery Road to be renewed. Discussion ensued. Mr. Cameron stated he will engage TEC and then the Village can begin to develop a plan to tackle the project.

Mr. Wilson motioned for passage of Ordinance 23-3714. Mr. Quarry seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Ordinance 23-3715 Ordinance Authorizing the Village Manager to Offer for Auction Through the Hamilton County On-Line Public Auction Two Generators, and Declaring an Emergency. Mrs. Williams motioned for passage and was seconded by Mr. Quarry. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried. Mrs. Thompson motioned to suspend the rules and was seconded by Mrs. Williams. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Ordinance 23-3716 Supplemental Appropriation Ordinance Number 7, Amending Ordinances 22-3699, 23-3704, 23-3705, 23-3707, 23-3710, 23-3711, and 23-3712 for the Revenues and Expenses of the Village of Silverton, Ohio for the Fiscal Year 2023. Mr. Wilson motioned for passage and was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 23-885 Resolution for the Compensation of the Position of Village Solicitor of the Village of Silverton. Mr. Quarry motioned for passage and was seconded by Mrs. Thompson. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

Ms. George gave the reading of Resolution 23-886 Resolution Authorizing the Village Manager to Prepare and Submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required. Mrs. Thompson motioned for passage and was seconded by Ms. Born. A roll call vote was taken. All members present voted aye. Motion carried.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Meredith L. George
Clerk of Council

John A. Smith
Mayor