Mayor Collings presiding opened the regular Council meeting on Monday, November 21, 2022 at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Abe Arnold, followed by a moment of silence. Next, roll call was taken with all members present.

Minutes: Mayor Collings asked the Council if there were any changes, corrections or additions that need to be made to the November 10, 2022 minutes. Abe Arnold asked that the number of costumed individuals at the Trunk or Treat event be added. Mayor Collings entertained the motion to approve the November 10, 2022 minutes with the correction. Peggy Sloan made the motion to approve the minutes. Second motion was from Ty Baker.

Persons Before Council: Jason Neanover appeared before Council on behalf of Mike Bigelow. He stated that they put some clean outs in the sewer and was not aware there was paperwork that needed to be filled out. He said they have started that process but not everything has been inspected yet. He wanted to let Council know that they are working on it and what was going on.

Mayor's Report: Over the past several weeks the Village has been working to resolve several issues with our water system. To be clear, our current water plant is effectively obsolete, and its ongoing maintenance is not sustainable. We are looking at multiple long-term solutions including the construction of a new plant and sourcing water from another location. We are still in the information gathering phase but will need to have a decision on which direction to go by March to meet funding deadlines of any major project.

Currently, staff's attention is primarily focused on resolving a host of issues with the existing system and reporting requirements from Ohio EPA. It is my understanding that some residents are experiencing some water discoloration that is apparent when laundering white fabrics. Though this issue is not affecting every household, I understand it is frustrating for residents that are experiencing it. I also am not confident enough to say exactly why a certain household is experiencing water discoloration and another is not. However, I can assure you that Village staff and myself are taking this very seriously and are working daily to identify the precise nature of the problem(s) and develop an action plan.

At the water plant there are three main issues we are in the process of resolving. The first is an issue with the filters and the media that is supposed to be contained within. At least some of the media has left the filters and even if some media is still there, it is well passed time to replace it. The cost of this filter media will likely be in the sixty-thousand-dollar range just for the material. Unfortunately, replacing the media cannot yet happen because of the second issue – 4 valves need replaced. Lyndsay and Steve have located the replacement valves and they will be available in early December and cost approximately $3,200. The third issue at the plant is with the aerator which we are still working to determine whether it is a mechanical or programming issue.

Lyndsay, Steve, and Jordan are also working on the

our water system, I have no reason to believe it is unsafe to consume. We are and will continue to do our best to resolve all existing issues, communicate problems to the public, and meet all relevant state and federal requirements.

In other areas, progress is still underway. At the end of this month or early next month, contractors from Insight Pipe will once again be in the Village to clean storm and sewer drains. They will also be doing some camera work so we can assess what areas need repairs. In the fiscal office, Shirley continues to provide excellent training and support for the Village. Sandy, who is once again a traveling clerk, also came in this week to assist with some complicated but expected payroll items. Shirley, Sandy, and Chastity are all going to work together on year-end items and next year's budget. Chastity has come a long way in learning all that needs done in the fiscal office and those responsible for her hands-on training are pleased with her progress. I would also like to welcome two new employees to the Village - a new police officer and administrative assistant. Both are welcome additions to our team. Lastly, I would like to thank Councilor Grehl for another amazing and festive parade. Despite the cold, it was an excellent event, and I am excited to see its development in the coming years. Insight Pipe will be in next Tuesday.

I hope everyone has a great Thanksgiving!

Mayor Collings will be attending the Clinton County Homeless Coalition meeting on Monday, November 28, 2022 at 6:00 pm in the community room at the Wilmington City Building. He has a chance to engage with the community about the issues.

Village Administrator: Rob Dean is still out on medical leave. Mayor Collings passed around additional information on the water plant issues. He also let Council know that an employee unexpectedly quit and turned in his keys. We are now down a water department assistant. Steve will be working on taking down banners this week and next.

Steve got an estimate on his truck to repair some rust issues. The bid from Rusty Kessler was $3800. He is going to get an estimate from someone in Washington Court House as well. He also said Randy's truck is also having some rust issues and asked if Council wanted bids for it as well. Steve will also be getting measurements on the truck bed. Abe Arnold said to get an estimate for Randy's truck.

Mayor Collings stated that the roof bid opens next Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at 12:00 pm.

Police Chief: Chief Grehl stated that the new police officer started today. He will be in training for a couple of months. The two new cruisers came in. He picked them up Thursday night from Lebanon Ford. He is unsure when they will be equipped, but Randy Vance will be getting the stripping and decals done. The two cruisers were purchased for $35,000 each. 2023 prices went up about $9,000 each.

Devon's paperwork has been completed.

The white SUV is in the shop for a transmission and is under warranty.

Fiscal Officer: There has been no response from the job posting for Fiscal Officer. Mayor Collings presented the bill list to Council. Mayor Collings entertained the motion to pay the bills. Bruce Gottshalk made the motion to approve to pay the bills. Second motion was from Beth Grehl.

JR left so his spot is open to hire. We will take applications. If a good candidate comes in, may be willing to negotiate pay.

Bill List:

Village of Sabina

Bill List 11/21/2022

Vendor	Amount	Department
Rob Dean (Reimbursement for WaterCert.)	180.00	Water
Justin Robinson (Reimbursement for gas)	44.38	PD
Ace K9	168.00	PD
AIM Media	292.00	Street
Auto Specialty Shop	524.41	PD
Dave Powers	28.00	Admin
Greenfield Pest Control	10.00	
Kleem	328.02	Street
Lynchburg Vet Clinic	100.00	PD
MASI	1117.85	W/S
Ohio Municipal League	670.00	
Pauley's Napa Auto	20.99	
Qualitee Design	132.00	Street/Sewer
Sabina Farmers Exchange	194.15	Water/Sewer
Tri Health (Devon's Physical)	674.00	PD
Verizon	126.98	PD
Weller's Plumbing	171.18	Admin
Aramark	738.04	General
Total	5520.00	

Appropriations & Budgets: None.

Audit & Internal Processes: None.

Economic & Community Development: None.

Infrastructure & Development: Bruce Gottschalk stated they had a meeting on November 17, 2022 to discuss the streets and storm drains.

Public Health, Well Being & Recreation: Ty Baker stated he had nothing, but he would like to schedule a meeting to discuss the Christmas decorating contest. Monday, November 28, 2022 at 7:00 pm was agreed upon.

Ordinances & Resolutions: Mayor Collings presents the 3rd read on Ordnance 2022-17 increasing the wage for administrative assistant Lyndsay East. Mayor Collings entertains motion to approve. Abe Arnold made motion to approve the increase for Lyndsay East as administrative assistant. Second motion was made by Ty Baker.

Mayor Collings presented an emergency Resolution 1177 to award the lowest and best bid for trash services to Rumpke as an emergency measure. Mayor Collings entertained the motion to approve Resolution 1177. Ty Baker made the motion to waive the three readings and adopt Resolution 1177 as an emergency measure. Second motion was by Peggy Sloan.

Public Comments: Becky asked if the residents had to use Rumpke. Council said no, but they would like residents to take the trash cans. Abe Arnold said to put it in with the billing statements and Mayor Collings suggested to add to the alert assistant. Abe Arnold and Beth Grehl stated they would help stuff bills.

Council Comments: Peggy Sloan thanked Beth and John for the Christmas Parade. It was suggested that is be planned earlier.

Abe Arnold would like to be enforce the ordinance for making sure lids are placed on trash cans. He suggested adding a reminder to the utility bills.

Vicki Mongold asked if the meeting was posted. Chastity stated it was posted on Tuesday.

Ty Baker asked if we could run another campaign to advertise the alert system.

Abe Arnold brought up a pit on Florence of off Hulse. Animals or kids could fall in it. Steve said he would look at it.

Adjournment: All business before Council being addressed, Mayor Collings asked for a motion to adjourn at 7:41 pm. Vicki Mongold made the motion to adjourn., with second motion made by Ty Baker.

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Minutes of ~~Village of Sabina Regular Council~~ Meeting

Held Monday, November 21 20 22

Attest:

David Henry, Law Director

Approved:

Bruce Gottschalk, President of Council

Benjamin Collings, Mayor

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