

Village of Sabina Regular Council

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Mayor James Mongold, presiding, called the meeting in session on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at 7:00 o'clock p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mr. Gottschalk. The prayer was led by Mayor Mongold. Members present were Ms. Sloan, Mrs. Mongold, Mr. Collings, Mr. Gottschalk, Mrs. Grehl and Mr. Arnold. Roll-call was taken by the Fiscal Officer Nancy Cornell with all members present. At this time the Mayor Mongold stated the meeting had a quorum and declared in session.

MINUTES: Mayor Mongold asked if everyone had the chance to read the minutes of January 14, and if there are not any concerns or changes to be made, he will ask for a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Sloan then made the motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Mr. Collings. Roll call was taken with an "All in Favor".

PERSONS INVITED BY THE MAYOR: No one present.

MAYORS REPORT: As things have progressed in January, I've started driving Council crazy with requests to research a variety of subjects. I will be looking at these things as well. I want to begin work on grants, tech upgrades in various areas, further security measures in the park and center of the Village, and more in the next few months. The white board in the Council room is littered with my notes. Wish lists, goals, and needs. I encourage Council to stop in and take a look. We may not meet all of them, but there are some we must and it will take a concerted effort.

As we continue dealing with the pandemic, please remember to check in on your older family members, friends, and neighbors. While visiting may be cautioned, a phone call, text, or other contact can make a huge difference.

A plan was put in place to have legislation this week to hire a new Chief of Police. That will be delayed until the first Council meeting in February (11th). As many have heard, we are looking at an outside candidate for the position. I know this is not a favored choice by many. I can say with certainty that I pray it's the hardest I have to make while in this office. I ask that everyone keep an open mind and understand that every choice made is for the betterment of the Village entire. I am awaiting further information but will have legislation to present to Council next meeting to hire.

I've not had much time to work on the alert system since last meeting. Things got very busy very fast as they do in January. This month is about rushing to have everything in place by deadlines resulting in many pieces of emergency legislation. I will be getting with Ben next week and getting this ready to put out to the public.

Once final appropriations are completed and approved by Council, ground fault outlets will be added to Village restrooms where not present. From that point, we will gain air dryers and touchless soap dispensers to go with the hands free sinks, toilets, and urinals installed by Spurlock Plumbing.

I met last week with a group of engineers from various companies who will be working on the lift in the Municipal Building. The prediction is that it will be in place and in use sometime in April. Until next report, be safe and be well.

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VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR: Mr. Dean wasn't present.

CHIEF: Acting Chief John Grehl stated the used vehicle that was purchased is almost ready for the road.

LAW DIRECTOR: Nothing at this time.

FISCAL OFFICER: Ms. Cornell reported on the bill list in the amount of \$60,036.41 No expenses to the Village in the amount of \$339.80. This left the expense to the village \$59,696.61. She explained the large items to Council in the amount of \$52,072.75 and this left miscellaneous expense at \$7,623.86. She asks for comments regarding concerns or any items that needed explained. Mr. Arnold stated the bill to Bolen's Construction was originally \$4,800.00 but the check was \$5,668.29. Ms. Cornell stated they had to replace some sheeting and that was why the bill was higher. Mr. Collings asked about the funds going for creek cleaning. Ms. Cornell explained it was an agreement to help with the clean-up of Wilson Creek. No one had any other issues so a motion was asked for to pay the bills. The motion came from Ms. Sloan and a second by Mrs. Mongold. Roll call was taken with an "All in Favor". Ms. Cornell stated she is working on year end, W-2's and permanent appropriations to send to the Clinton County Auditor.

BILL LIST:

PAYMENTS VILLAGE OF SABINA, CLINTON COUNTY 1/15/2021 to 1/29/2021				
Number	Transaction Date	Total Warrant Amount	Payee	Status
17-2021	1/14/21	\$0.00	VILLAGE OF SABINA UTILITIES DEPT.	V
20-2021	1/19/21	\$976.04	ZACHERY T BOSIER	O
21-2021	1/19/21	\$993.05	STEVE F CARROLL	O
22-2021	1/19/21	\$1,248.38	Nancy L. Cornell	O
23-2021	1/19/21	\$1,435.34	ROBERT DEAN	O
24-2021	1/19/21	\$916.45	SYDNEY M DOUGHMAN	O
25-2021	1/19/21	\$1,043.23	RANDY FAIR	O
26-2021	1/19/21	\$685.03	BRYAN J FLOYD	O
27-2021	1/19/21	\$862.47	JOHN B. GREHL	O
28-2021	1/19/21	\$887.70	CONNIE S. ROBERTS	O
29-2021	1/19/21	\$993.29	JUSTIN L. ROBINSON	O
30-2021	1/19/21	\$713.64	CHARISSA R SUMMERS	O
32-2021	1/22/21	\$5,204.24	OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM	O
34-2021	1/25/21	\$15,353.51	Ohio Public Works Commission	O
35-2021	1/25/21	\$680.42	DAYTON POWER AND LIGHT CO.	O
36-2021	1/26/21	\$6.00	US Postal Service	O
37-2021	1/26/21	\$2,404.93	US Treasury	O

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2021				
38-2021	1/26/21	\$50.00	OHIO DEFERRED COMPENSATION	O
53665	1/14/21	\$0.00	VILLAGE OF SABINA	V
53666	1/14/21	\$289.80	VILLAGE OF SABINA UTILITIES DEPT.	O
53667	1/19/21	\$0.00	Skipped Warrants 53667 to 53667 Series 1	V
53668	1/19/21	\$505.05	Rebecca J Cramer	O
53669	1/19/21	\$91.07	ANDREW D KENNEY	O
53670	1/22/21	\$5,668.29	Bolen Construction	O
53671	1/22/21	\$210.00	US Postal Service	O
53672	1/22/21	\$1,198.93	JUSTIN L. ROBINSON	O
53673	1/26/21	\$0.00	Auto Speciality Shop	V
53674	1/26/21	\$0.00	BONDED CHEMICALS	V
53675	1/26/21	\$2,211.03	BUCKEYE STATE PIPE & SUPPLY CO.	O
53676	1/26/21	\$135.00	Burnham & Flowers Insurance Group	O
53677	1/26/21	\$219.00	Chrisman H2O	O
53678	1/26/21	\$153.42	Clinton Electrical & Plumbing Supply	O
53679	1/26/21	\$58.12	Frontier	O
53680	1/26/21	\$4,800.00	Great Lakes Community Partnership	O
53681	1/26/21	\$1,105.16	Jason F. Walt, CPA	O
53682	1/26/21	\$793.95	Mobile Analytical Services, INC.	O
53683	1/26/21	\$759.37	Mld-State Electric of Highland Cty, LLC	O
53684	1/26/21	\$141.89	Modern Leasing	O
53685	1/26/21	\$500.00	Moody's of Dayton, Inc.	O
53686	1/26/21	\$761.73	Spectrum Enterprise	O
53687	1/26/21	\$417.66	USA BLUE BOOK	O
53688	1/26/21	\$660.00	Vernon Gregory Well Drilling	O
53689	1/26/21	\$300.00	Wilmington Clinton County Chamber of Commerce	O
53690	1/26/21	\$115.80	Xerox Corporation	O
53691	1/26/21	\$431.88	Staples Advantage	O
53692	1/26/21	\$374.96	Auto Speciality Shop	O
53693	1/26/21	\$1,253.00	BONDED CHEMICALS	O
53694	1/26/21	\$180.67	ABRAHAM M ARNOLD	O
53695	1/26/21	\$226.11	Benjamin F Collings	O
53696	1/26/21	\$180.95	BRUCE A. GOTTSCHALK	O
53697	1/26/21	\$160.95	Bethany R Grehl	O
53698	1/26/21	\$317.28	JAMES L. MONGOLD	O
53699	1/26/21	\$180.95	VICTORIA L. MONGOLD	O
53700	1/26/21	\$180.67	PEGGY SLOAN	O
53701	1/26/21	\$1,000.00	Laura R. Gibson	O
		\$60,036.41	Less \$339.80 =	\$59,696.61

NOTES:	
Payroll	\$12,549.67
Council	\$1,427.58
Law Soliciator	\$1,000.00
OPERS	\$5,204.24
OPWC	\$15,353.51
Utilities	\$1,500.27
Bolen Const.	\$5,668.29
Buckeye State Pipe	\$2,211.03
Great Lakes	\$4,800.00 1st Installment of Sewer Assesst. Mgmt.

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Jason F. Walt CPA	\$1,105.16	Creek Cleaning - County
Bonded Chemical	\$1,253.00	
\$52,072.75		Misc Expense \$7,623.86

COMMITTEES:

EMPLOYEE RELATIONS & HEALTH/SAFETY: Mr. Collings stated they had a meeting on January 21st at 6:00 PM. Members present were Mrs. Mongold, Mr. Arnold, Mr. Collings, Law Director Gibson, and Mayor Mongold. Mr. Collings began by asking if there were any additional questions regarding the recently approved employee handbook. No one had any questions or comments. Mr. Collings stated that he and the Law Director were planning on meeting with the Fiscal Officer on Wednesday, January 27, 2021 to go through the pay and employee classification system with her. The next issue Mr. Collings brought up was Council and Mayor pay. It was noted the last pay change was in 2014. Mr. Collings stated that the Mayor’s pay should be increased to a greater degree than the pay for Council. The other members agreed, but Mr. Arnold noted it by worth waiting to see what Council accomplishes over the next couple months before making a decision. Mayor Mongold reminded the committee that no raise would go into effect for anyone’s current term. The committee agreed to send a pay raise recommendation to the finance committee for consideration. Mr. Collings informed the committee that they shall need to explore additional solutions to the ongoing problems with the sewer laterals. Mr. Arnold discussed the possibility of applying to the County’s Legacy Fund Grant in a way to secure funds. The meeting was adjourned at 6:44 PM.

AUDIT & PLANNING: Mr. Arnold stated they haven’t had a meeting, but asked Ms. Cornell if they needed to have a meeting about the Audit. Ms. Cornell stated she still hasn’t heard from the Auditor, but as soon as she does she will let Mr. Arnold know. Mr. Arnold would like to get some ideas from the committee for emergency protocols for the Village. Mr. Arnold stated he would like to talk to churches and businesses to see if they have basements for shelter during a tornado. The Municipal Building is a shelter that can also be used for residents that don’t have shelter. Mr. Arnold wanted to know if it was possible to have a adhocv committee to look into this Legacy Fund Grant. Mr. Arnold stated he has discussed this with Mr. Collings and Mayor Mongold about the water (sewer) lateral. He would like to work with Mr. Collings and Mrs. Grehl. He is working on a list for the pool, maybe a shelter house and to have the parking lot paved, also a community garden. Mr. Arnold stated they have to have the letter submitted to the Legacy Grant by March 1st. It was agreed this committee will meet Wednesday, February 3rd at 6:30 PM. Mr. Arnold would like to have another adhocv committee with Mr. Gottschalk and Ms. Sloan. A meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4th at 7:00 PM to discuss sanitary, sewer and manhole covers. Mr. Gottschalk suggested they also include Mr. Dean in the meeting. Mr. Arnold said at the last meeting they discussed the camera system. He will send e-mails to the Mayor and then the Mayor can inform other Council members about the information he gets.

INFRASTRUCTURE & DEVELOPMENT: Mr. Gottschalk stated they had a meeting on Friday, January 22nd at 6:35 PM. Attending the meeting were Ms. Sloan, Mrs. Grehl, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Gottschalk. The discussion was about paving a few streets, making a schedule to clean out sewer lines and replacement of manhole covers. Mr. Gottschalk stated they discussed about building a new sewer plant office this year, also how to fund a new water plant. Mr. Gottschalk stated they would like to see a third person to get licensed for water and sewer operator. He suggested for all Council members to go and

look at the sewer and water plants. Mayor Mongold also suggested all Council members take a tour of the plants, the sewer plant needs some improvements, we need to take a heavy look at the water plant. Mr. Gottschalk stated that Mr. Dean talked about grants that New Vienna received. Mayor Mongold has an appointment set up with a gentleman to discuss this issue.

RECREATION & TOURISM: Mrs. Grehl stated they had a meeting on January 21st with Mrs. Mongold, Mr. Collings, Mr. Arnold, Mayor Mongold, Mike Walls, and herself. She stated they are keeping up to date with the Covid restrictions, so far they have most in place that is required. Anyone applying for positions at the pool will be interview by Mayor Mongold. Mrs. Grehl stated that this year the pool will not have a director, instead the pool manager will take responsibility for these duties. She stated at this time there aren't any plans for a shelter house, but maybe this could be part of the Legacy Grant. Mrs. Grehl stated she has some ideas about using the Legacy Grant for a community center and a community garden so families can have fresh vegetables, and maybe a farmers market at Uhl's IGA. Mrs. Grehl stated that there are still personal belongings along the bike path where a person was living and no longer there. She wanted to know who's responsibility it is to clean that area up. Mr. Collings stated he has been in touch with Fayette County and Wilmington to get ideas on how to start a farmers market. Mrs. Grehl said she would need to get with Mr. Dean to get a timeline about opening of the pool.

EMERGENCY SERVICES & FLOOD RELIEF: Ms. Sloan stated they had a meeting on the Tuesday, January 19th. There were 53 runs in December making the total for the year of 883 runs. As of the 19th of January they have had 34 runs. There will be a blood draw on the 25th of January. Ms. Sloan stated they received money from the Moose Lodge from their bingo. Ms. Sloan stated they are still looking for employees to be on the fire department, their starting pay is \$15.00 an hour. The department is looking to update the air pack bottles, they have had them for 16 years. The air pack bottles costs \$1,000.00 per bottle and they have 30 bottles, so the cost would be \$30,000.00. Ms. Sloan stated they would donate theirs to another municipality that would need them or trade them in.

FINANCE & RECORDS: Mrs. Mongold had nothing to report at this time. Mr. Arnold said he was informed they should set up a committee for the Legacy Grant instead of a adhocv committee. Mr. Arnold made a proposal they create a seventh committee for the Legacy Grant, and it would be a temporary committee since the grant is temporary. Mr. Collings suggested they call it the Grant Committee. Mr. Arnold made the motion to create a Grant Committee seconded by Mr. Gottschalk. Roll call was taken with an "All in Favor." Mr. Arnold stated he would like the committee to be able to change members depending on the type of grants they would be applying for. Mayor Mongold asked Law Director Gibson her thoughts. Mrs. Gibson didn't have an answer at this time, but stated she would look into it and have an answer by the next meeting. Mr. Collings stated he had a meeting scheduled for Wednesday, February 3rd for the website launch.

ORDINANCE & RESOLUTIONS: Mr. Arnold stated he had some concerns with the emergency measures on passing Ordinances and/or Resolutions. Mr. Arnold said there is a high number of emergency Ordinances and/or Resolutions, including this meeting there have been six emergency Ordinances and/or Resolutions since the first of the year. Mr. Arnold stated some of these should be known ahead of time so they can have the three readings. He also stated he would vote against some tonight for that reason. Mayor Mongold stated the Council is suppose to do the Ordinance and/or Resolutions, but he had to write these for tonight's meeting that is why they are emergency's. Mayor Mongold agreed with Mr. Arnold and stated they need to be more pro-active.

Reading of Ordinance 2021-3 Renewal of the Law Solicitor, in its entirety by Mayor Mongold. Mr. Collings stated he will put on his calendar for November to right an Ordinance for next year. Mr. Collings made a motion to waive the three readings for

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Ordinance 2021-02 and to adopt as an emergency measure, seconded by Ms. Sloan. Roll call was taken with five Council members “Ayes” and Mr. Arnold “Nay”

Reading of Ordinance 2021-03 Increase in pay for Sergeant Connie Roberts, in its entirety by Mayor Mongold. Ms. Sloan made a motion to waive the three readings for Ordinance 2021-3 and to adopt as an emergency measure, seconded by Mrs. Mongold. Roll call was taken with an “All in Favor”.

Reading of Ordinance 2021-04 Increase for Lt. John Grehl, in its entirety by Mayor Mongold. Ms. Sloan made a motion to waive the three readings for Ordinance 2021-3 as to adopt as an emergency measure, seconded by Mrs. Mongold. Roll call was taken with Mrs. Grehl abstaining and five members “Ayes”.

Reading of Ordinance 2021-05 Acceptance of 2021 Ohio Basic Code, in its entirety by Mayor Mongold. Ms. Sloan made a motion to waive the three readings for Ordinance 2021-5 as to adopt as an emergency measure, seconded by Mr. Collings. Roll call was taken with five Council members “Ayes” and Mr. Arnold “Nay”

Reading of Ordinance 2021-6 Increase of water rates and decrease of sewer rates, in its entirety by Mayor Mongold. Mayor Mongold explained the increase will also apply to customers outside the village for water. Mr. Collings stated he has done some research on line and found that the Village rates are lower than most, including New Vienna and Wilmington. Mr. Arnold stated that he hopes we are not short changing on the sewer rates. Mayor Mongold stated that we should be alright with the current rate. He also stated that the rates can be changed more than once a year. Mr. Mongold stated we would need to be very cautious in raising rates more than once a year. Mr. Collings asked if we now what the medium monthly bill and usage per household. Ms. Cornell and Ms. Summers stated the average bill would be about \$80.00. On a family of four the usage would be about a thousand gallons per person in the residents. Mayor Mongold asked if that would include the storm sewer and trash cost. Ms. Summers stated it would not. Ms. Sloan made a motion to waive the three readings for Ordinance 2021-6 as to adopt as an emergency measure, seconded by Mrs. Mongold. Roll call was taken with an “All in Favor”.

Reading of Resolution 1149, 2021 CC Dumpster Grant, in its entirety by Mayor Mongold. Mr. Collings made a motion to waive the three readings for Resolution 1149, 2021-CC Dumpster Grant as an emergency measure, seconded by Mrs. Grehl. Roll call was taken with five Council members “Aye” and Mr. Arnold “Nay”. Mr. Arnold stated if the dumpsters are full before the end of the day to let residents know. Mayor Mongold stated if we have the alert system working we can let residents know that way.

PERSONS APPEARING BEFORE COUNCIL: None

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Walls stated he also agreed with Mr. Arnold about too many emergency Ordinances and /or Resolutions.

COUNCIL COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT: Mayor Mongold called for adjournment. The motion was made by Mr. Gottschalk and was seconded by Mr. Arnold. Mayor Mongold asked for all in Favor: All “Ayes” with no “Nays”.

Attest:

Approved:

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Nancy L. Cornell
Fiscal Officer

Benjamin Collings
President of Council

James Mongold, Mayor