

Regular Council Meeting, December 6, 2022, Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 7:30pm by Mayor Arriola.
Invocation was given by Mayor Arriola and Pledge of Allegiance was said by all.

Verbal Roll call for Council.

Council Members present:

- Mr. Sands
- Ms. McMann
- Mr. Joy
- Mr. Perkins
- Mrs. Adkins
- Mr. Arriola
- Mrs. Loch

In attendance:

- Police Chief Hensley
- Fire Chief Keyser
- Municipal Manager Madden
- Chief Financial Officer/Clerk of Council Hinson
- Finance Department Beth Bicknell

Mayor Arriola presented the proclamation in recognition and congratulating Sandra Wright on her retirement and 17 years of service to the Village as the Clerk of Council. The proclamation declared December 6, 2022 as Sandra Wright day in the Village of New Lebanon.

Sandra Wright spoke, it has been a wonderful 17 years and just it doesn't seem possible. But it's time for another part of life. And since we had lunch last week, I've spent the morning at the E.R. with whatever I had. And last night my brother-in-law was killed in an accident. You all have got a good thing going here, and it has been a joy to work with everyone. Just keep up the good work. Thank you.

Mayor: Next is the approval of the November 15, 2022 Minutes. Are there any changes or corrections?

Council Member Adkins: Yes, on page five, it has me speaking for the Manager. Well, it says Council Member Nicole Atkins stated that the vandalism is done with a Sharpie. That was the Manager speaking on that, not me. And then my whole comment at the very end, which was under council comments when we were talking one of the city employees picking up their kid from the school, and we all discussed this, none of that has made it into the minutes.

Mayor Arriola pointed out that mentioning a city employee is an HR issue and shouldn't even be brought up in a meeting. We are legislative and the Manager takes care of Village employees. Is that correct, Ron?

Ron Keener, basically, yes.

Manager Madden agreed to go back through the audio and listen to it again and correct both parts of the minutes.

Mayor Arriola anything else, then requested approval of minutes with all those in favor, please signify by saying I.

Six, "I"'s heard. Mayor Arriola requested all those opposed same sign. One "Sign" heard.

All those in favor: "I" count 6 All those opposed: "I" count 1

Old Business

Third Reading of Ordinance 2022-06 an ordinance to make appropriations for the current budget expenses and other expenditures of the Village of New Lebanon, State of Ohio for the fiscal year ending December 31st, 2023.

Mayor Arriola, requested any questions? None heard.

Mayor Arriola: Do I have a motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-06?

Motion: Vice Mayor Macmann

2nd: Council Member Joy

Roll Call:

Carol Macmann	Yes
Gale B. Joy	Yes
Lyndon Perkins	Yes
Nicole Adkins	Yes
Tammy Loch	Yes
Raymond Arriola	Yes
Christopher Sands	Yes

Seven Yes, Zero No, Motion Moves.

New Business:

Resolution 2022-21, A resolution authorizing the manager to negotiate into a contract for a solar panel system project. Any questions?

Council Member Perkins, What was the price?

Manager Madden, it's a two-year development phase in which during that time they'll be paying us about \$2,000 a year and the farmer will still be farming during that time. And then after that, it's 1,200 dollars a month per acre. And they're looking at around 33 acres.

Council Member Adkins questions, and that money is going to go to what kind of fund?

Manager Madden answers, The general.

Mayor Arriola, Motion to adopt Resolution 2022-21

Motion: Council Member Loch

2nd: Council Member Sands

Roll Call:

Gale B. Joy	Yes
Lyndon Perkins	Yes
Nicole Adkins	Yes
Tammy Loch	Yes
Raymond Arriola	Yes
Christopher Sands	Yes
Carol Macmann	Yes

Seven, Yes. Zero, No. Motion carries.

Mayor Arriola, Next Resolution 2022-22, The resolution authorizing the manager to negotiate and enter into a contract for a land lease agreement for a wireless communications power facility to be placed on a portion of village property located on industrial court. Any questions?

Council Member Adkins, What is the amount that we will be getting monthly on this one?

Manager Madden answers, This is around \$800.

Council Member Adkins: And if I'm not mistaken, this is land that we wouldn't be able to use for anything else?

Manager Madden: Correct. We can't build on this land. It's got our lift station on it, so it's just a corner of that land.

Council Member Adkins: And then is that going to go in the general fund, too?

Manager Madden, Yes

Council Member Joy, what is the company?

Manager Madden, we don't know the name of that yet. They're trying to stay under the radar for a minute, so I won't know that until we get into some negotiations.

Mayor Arriola, Motion to Adopt Resolution 2022-22.

Motion: Vice Mayor Macmann

Second: Council Member Adkins

Roll Call:

Lyndon Perkins	Yes
Nicole Adkins	Yes
Tammy Loch	Yes
Raymond Arriola	Yes
Christopher Sands	Yes
Carol Macmann	Yes
Gale B. Joy	Yes

Seven, Yes. Zero, No. Motion carries.

Public Comments or Questions

Mayor Arriola, Shannon Bemis, 130 Bronwood St. Please, remember per the sign in sheet you have three minutes.

Mrs. Bemis, The community center, what it's going to be. What is the community center going to be?

Manager Madden, We're hoping to have a gymnasium not a gymnasium, a workout area, an area for seniors, a community room, for events.

Mrs. Bemis, like a gym with a basketball court?

Mayor Arriola, Okay. Thank you. Do you have something quickly?

Mrs. Bemis, I just have a couple of quick questions. I didn't plan on my pipe. Like I said, for three years, this is why I'm here. I'm here because I can't trust that things will be done. So, I apologize if I go over. I'm asking for permission to go over a couple more minutes.

Mayor Arriola, Okay.

Mrs. Bemis, Thanks. Who owns the property down by the water treatment plant? There's a bunch of trailers. Abandoned trailers.

Manager Madden, That's not in the village. That is Perry Township.

Mrs. Bemis, I'm going to ask a question. What is our pursuit policy in the village?

Chief Hensley, I would be happy to provide it to you. Do you want me to read it word for word here?

Mrs. Bemis, No, no, no.

Chief Hensley, I can provide it to you, so you know what it is?

Mrs. Bemis, I 100% back, officer. You guys know that of anybody. My concern is that being a small village, I was almost hit in that. Had I not pulled over and had the bus not pulled over, I would have been driven straight through. And there were kids on the side of me, because they just got off the school bus. So, I was just curious. I would love to sit down with you or if you can email me it.

Chief Hensley, Sure.

Mrs. Bemis, just as a concerned citizen for how things could potentially have gone. So, I'm just curious to see what our pursuit policy is.

Chief Hensley, Absolutely, I can email it.

Mrs. Bemis, that would be perfect. And then last question. Three guys, three service workers to pick up leaves. Is that typical? Three guys in a truck?

Manager Madden, Possibly.

Mayor Arriola, I've only seen two.

Mrs. Bemis, it's always two guys sitting in the truck, one with the thing with the tube.

Manager Madden, I mean, it depends. If they're training, then yes, there might be three.

Mrs. Bemis, So, they've been training somebody this month?

Manager Madden, possibly. I would have to check on that. I don't ride with them on the leaf truck, so I don't know. It's possible that they were training.

Mrs. Bemis, that would be great. And then obviously the rest or like I said, everything else on my list has been back from 2018. That's still been not addressed. Thank you.

Mayor Arriola, admirative staff comments.

Police Chief, nothing tonight.

Mayor Arriola, I just want to say, Chief that I was looking at the meeting minutes and thanks for taking care of the homeless and the laundry mat. I didn't realize it wasn't open all night, so that's not an issue at night since nobody can stay in the building.

Chief Hensley, Happy to do it.

Mayor Arriola, I know that you took care of it. I'm saying, thanks for taking care.

Fire Chief, Cookies with cops will be Saturday from 12 to 4 at the firehouse. And Santa will be at the firehouse and throughout the Village that night.

Council Member Perkins, the tire place on 35, were you the only ones that responded?

Fire Chief, I was actually out of town from what was reported back to me, I think there were seven or eight other fire departments as well.

Council Member Perkins, the news said it was New Lebanon.

Fire Chief, Well, that's just the jurisdiction.

Code Enforcement Administrator, nothing this evening.

Chief Financial Officer, I have nothing.

Service Department Superintendent, nothing to report.

Council Member Adkins, I got a question, actually, it came a crossed our board that house. It's right on Main Street. We gave up the variance to be able to get the water turned on at that house. What has happened with that? Because that house is still sitting empty. And I know he had people that was interested in renting the place. Has the water been stated in that resident yet? Because I know there for a while he was still having back and forth trying to get it done even after he came to the board.

Manager Madden, He can't rent it without the water working. Patterson's. Everything is done there.

Mayor Arriola, He's just got to rent it.

Council Member Adkins, Okay. And then I also have one other question, the walking path, do you know the estimated time of when that section not in the estimate will be done?

Manager Madden, I have not heard back. So, it'll be spring.

Mayor Arriola, no executive session? Correct.

Council Member Comments:

Council Member Adkins, I asked everything.
Council Member Sands, I want to thank Sandy for her 17 years of service to the Village
Council Member Joy, I have nothing this evening.
Council Member Loch, I also want to thank Sandy for her dedication and her time here in the Village and wish you all the best in your next chapter. Good Luck.
Council Member Perkins, Sandy, I wish you a happy retirement and long.
Vice Mayor Macmann, thank you Sandy and best luck in the future.

Mayor Arriola, again thank you Sandy for all and wish you many, many years of retirement. And sorry about your brother-in-law.

Mayor requested, Motion to Adjourn
Motion: Vice Mayor Macmann
Second: Council Member Adkins
Roll Call:

Raymond Arriola	Yes
Christopher Sands	Yes
Carol Macmann	Yes
Gale B. Joy	Yes
Lyndon Perkins	Yes
Nicole Adkins	Yes
Tammy Loch	Yes

Seven, Yes. Zero, No. Motion Carries.

Mayor Arriola, meeting adjourned.

Adjourned at 7:50 pm

Approved: 

Mayor 12/20/22
Date



CFO/Clerk of Council 12/20/22
Date