

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - FINAL

March 21, 2022

7:00 PM

City Council

Chuck Milliken - President

Bob Clark - Vice President

Laurie Amick

Jill Amos

Patrick Shea

Mike Walker

Ashley Ward

A. Call To Order

Milliken called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

B. Pledge of Allegiance - Walker**C. Roll Call**

Present 7 – Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward

D. Approval of Minutes**MIN-22-11**

March 7, 2022 Work Session Minutes

A motion was made by Ward, second by Clark to approve MIN-22-011. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Ward, Clark, Amick, Amos, Milliken, Shea, Walker

MIN-22-12

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Amick – I noticed as I was reading them that the Council names were omitted from the transcript in the Council minutes from the March 7th meeting.

Jackson – Let's not vote on them this evening. I will update them and we will bring them to you for a vote at the next meeting.

E. Communications & Petitions**COM-22-004**

Madison Township Police Department Statistics February 2022

F. Public Comments**G. Reports of City Officials and Staff*****Mayor's Report***

Mayor – I just wanted to remind everybody about the Easter Egg Hunt this year is going to be tentatively scheduled for McGill Park on Saturday, April 16th at 10 a.m. As you read in my packet, it ends at approximately 10:03. It doesn't take long. And where we have it is based on the stability of the ground that day so it could change. If it does, we'll put up signage.

Fairfield County Sheriff

Sgt. Walker – I have nothing to report. I know we spoke about the Easter Egg Hunt and trying to get a truck there. May 20th is Touch-a-Truck. We're going to bring up the SWAT truck and drone. We're going to have that there. We can definitely bring a cruiser to the Easter Egg Hunt, if you want that. We can set one out so the kids can go in look in it, and we can turn on the lights. And they can play with all the little knobs. We can for sure do that.

Amick – Do you have a read out or an update on the impact of the catalytic converters thefts? That has been huge, like all over the press. I believe the Messenger has reported on it. Do you know if we've been hit hard in the City of Canal Winchester?

Sgt. Walker – I can tell you that we have. We definitely were at the end of the year, and the beginning of the year, we kept getting hit with catalytic converter thefts.

Amick – I recall there was a sting operation and some of the thieves were captured. Is that a correct statement or not?

Sgt. Walker – With the catalytic converter thefts? I do not think we were involved in that, no.

Law Director

Shamp – I don't have anything to report tonight. I do know we have a request for an executive session tonight to discuss the purchase of property for public purposes under Revised Code 121.22(G)(2).

Finance Director

Jackson – I just wanted to point out one item in my written report this evening in regards to the bond anticipation notes that I briefly spoke of during work session. As I mentioned, in May of 2021, we issued \$6.5 million in short term notes. They were one year, so

they will mature this coming May. We are looking to pay down \$750,000 plus interest on that and then reissue the remaining \$5.75 million for another year. As I'm sure you've all heard, interest rates have gone up. But due to timing, this is our best option at the moment since they do mature in May. The intent would be to watch those interest rates, see what they do, and potentially take this long-term later this year. Probably a 20 or 25 year pay down schedule of that remaining \$5.75 million. That process can take 6 months which is why we are not exploring it at this very moment. But I did want to give Council an update that that legislation is in the works. It will be on your next agenda. The intent is to do three readings on that, but we will need to declare it an emergency at the third reading in order to make it effective and be able to do the transaction to pay off the \$6.5 million and reissue the \$5.75 million. Hopefully that make sense to everyone.

Shea – Who issues the bonds for you?

Jackson – We use Fifth Third as our underwriter.

Public Service Director

Peoples – Just one thing to add to my written report. Over the weekend, C3 Church did a clean up for us. I want to thank them. They were scheduled to have 22 third to fifth graders and 14 adults. They were out at Westchester Park doing the perimeter and down at the trails at the Covered Bridge.

Development Director

Haire – Today was the application deadline for Planning and Zoning Commission. We did receive a revised application for a conditional use from Sheetz. We may be able to resolve that prior to the public hearing that scheduled in front of Council. That will be on their next agenda. Then also wanted to let you know that the Fairfield Inn is now open. They had a number of issues regarding their state fire marshal inspections which they have completely resolved now and they are open. Glad to have them open and operating.

H. Resolutions

RES-22-009

Mayor

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE MAYOR’S APPOINTMENT OF MATTHEW PEOPLES TO SERVE A TWO-YEAR TERM AS A TRUSTEE OF THE CANAL WINCHESTER INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE CORPORATION EXPIRING ON MARCH 21, 2024.

- Adoption

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Clark to adopt RES-22-009. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Clark, Amick, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward

I. Ordinances

Third Reading – NONE

Second Reading

ORD-22-007

Development

Sponsor: Walker

AN ORDINANCE TO ACCEPT THE DEDICATION OF REAL PROPERTY FROM CANAL INVESTMENT PARTNERS, LLC

- Second Reading Only

First Reading

ORD-22-009

Construction Services

AN ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH DECKER CONSTRUCTION COMPANY FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE 2022 STREET PROGRAM PROJECT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

- Request waiver of second and third reading and adoption

A motion was made by Amick, seconded by Clark to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of ORD-22-009. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amick, Clark, Amos, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amos to adopt ORD-22-009. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Amos, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Ward

ORD-22-010

Construction Services

AN ORDINANCE TO WAIVE COMPETITIVE BIDDING FOR THE 36 S. HIGH ST. SUBSTATION REMODEL PROJECT AND TO AUTHORIZE THE MAYOR AND FINANCE DIRECTOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH FERGUSON CONSTRUCTION COMPANY AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

- Request waiver of second and third reading and adoption

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amos to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of ORD-22-010. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Amos, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Ward

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Milliken to adopt ORD-22-010. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Milliken, Amick, Amos, Clark, Walker, Ward

ORD-22-011

Public Service

AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE SWIMMING POOL RATES

- First Reading Only

ORD-22-012

Finance

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE 2022 APPROPRIATION ORDINANCE #21-053, AMENDMENT #2

- Request waiver of second and third reading and adoption

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Clark to suspend the rules and waive the second and third reading of ORD-22-012. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Clark, Amick, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward

A motion was made by Amos, seconded by Clark to adopt ORD-22-012. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Amos, Clark, Amick, Milliken, Shea, Walker, Ward

J. Council Reports

Work Session/Council - April 4, 2022 at 5:30 p.m.

Public Hearing - Monday, April 4, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

- Levin Property Rezoning (Northwest Corner of Winchester Pike and Bixby Rd)

Work Session/Council - April 18, 2022 at 6:00 p.m.

Public Hearing - Monday, April 18, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

- Sheetz Conditional Use Appeal

CW Human Services - Walker

Walker – Human Services and the City, the Easter Egg Hunt. Saturday, April 16th, starts at 10 a.m. Be early.

CWICC - Ward

Ward – The next meeting is March 30th at 11:30 a.m. at the Interurban Building.

CWJRD - Amos/Shea

Amos – We're super excited to be running some sports. We actually had a new program roll out this year. One of the things we had talked about was encompassing more of the community. And I realize this is still sports related. But Greg Pearce, our new director, brings with him a plethora of outside organizations he'd worked with in the past. He is starting to get some of those on board. One of them was, we just did an age 4, like a pee-wee soccer condition, so kids can learn soccer at age 4. If you've never watched it, it's the funnest thing. It's absolutely the best thing ever. But we opened the original class at 20 and we had 26 registrations as of our meeting last week so they're looking at a second class and potentially splitting those a little. Super exciting. Greg's bringing some new things to our program, slowly but surely, as we had hoped. We discussed at our last meeting we are going to start our plan for progress so we can start looking at the levy in a few years. If anybody on Council wants to have any conversations on that, I'd love to entertain some ideas that you have. I know Mr. Clark has some levy experience. I'd love to sit down with you.

Clark – I'm more than happy to.

Shea – We're excited to offer Yoga in Park at Westchester Park with Ms. Elizabeth Wood. If you have not had the pleasure of breathing and stretching with Ms. Elizabeth Wood, it's a Zen like experience and I highly recommend it. There's only 15 spots available and they're going to go quick so make sure you sign up today, as soon as that link goes active on JRD for Yoga in the Park, Canal Winchester.

Amos – But it is a good example of some of the programs that we're going to start looking at doing for adults. As we've said in the past, we've got to encompass the other 70% of our community that's not utilized the JRD for the buy-in on that. More details to come.

Destination: Canal Winchester - Milliken

Milliken – Currently the membership drive is up and running. \$50 for a business, \$25 for individuals. Destinationcw.org for more details. Art on the Canal Stroll, May 21st from noon to 6 p.m. Still accepting applications there. No fee to participate. Again, interested artists can find more information at destinationcw.org. Working on the Farmers' Market. Begins the 29th of May and runs through September 24th from 9 a.m. to noon at the Historical Complex, aka the train depot. As well as the Blues and Ribs Fest will be returning Friday, July 29th from 5 to 11 and Saturday the 30th from noon to 11. Always needing volunteers for that event as well. We have our annual members meeting on the 22nd which is tomorrow at 6 p.m. at the Interurban. This meeting is a chance for members to come and find out what's been going on and what's being planned for this year.

K. Old/New Business

Amos – I forgot two things. The Director is going to start coming next month to do a report once a month. One of the things we talked about, Patrick had suggested because he does have a family, is does any body on Council mind if he comes at 6 and does it during our Work Session so that he can go home to his family?

Milliken – I don't mind that at all.

Amos – The last thing is that the JRD is going to be hosting a 5K walk, family run, something that we're hopefully going to get with Matt Peoples on here soon to start planning. The entire purpose of the 5K, if we get the blessings from Matt, is to raise money for our scholarship. Our scholarship goes to families who have financial needs, in order for their children to participate in any of the activities that the JRD does. The entire profit from it will go to the scholarship fund, not to the programming. We're hoping to have huge success with that so we can continue putting our youth into the community activities. More details to come.

Shea – I'd like to add something to new business. I was having a discussion with Mr. Boggs earlier and presently, we have a referendum petition that's been certified and will be on the ballot this fall. I'd like to congratulate that committee of people who took part in a difficult process, a democratic process, expressing their will and their displeasure with a decision that this body made. I would like to say, speaking for me personally I'm only one of seven, we made the best decision we could. And tonight I'm speaking specifically to Mrs. Kathleen Vasko, Mrs. Ann Bennett, Mrs. Bethany Ferguson, Mr. Randy Stemen, and Ms. Angela Halstead. According to State Law, nothing in the division of code, ORC 3501.38, nothing in this division prevents a question, issue, or petition

from being withdrawn by the filing of a written notice of withdrawal by a majority of members of the petitioning committee with the same public office with which the petition was filed prior to the 60th day before the election at which the question or issue was scheduled to appear on the ballot. What that is it's simply legalese that these five people who are members of the committee, they have the ability to withdraw their petition. I understand that they are not happy about what is being built at this location, at the Schacht Farm. The challenge is that we are a growing city with old infrastructure that needs replaced and is going to cost us money. This is an industrial development that gives this city the ability to generate revenue and cash flow to provide services for residents. Is it a perfect solution? No. But what's going to happen most likely, 99% sure, is that this building is going to be built in the exact same location with nothing changed to it except that the City of Columbus will now receive the tax revenue rather than the City of Canal Winchester, the schools of Canal Winchester, and the schools in Groveport. So tonight, I'm publicly asking Mrs. Vasko, Mrs. Bennett, Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. Stemen, and Ms. Halstead to think long and hard about keeping this petition on the ballot because if it stays its simply going to put this tax revenue in the coffers of the City of Columbus. In addition to that, we're going to have the same exact product sitting there on that ground. That's all I have to say. Thank you.

L. Adjourn to Executive Session @ 7:42 p.m.

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amos to adjourn to executive session to discussion the purchase of property for public purpose under Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(2). The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Amos, Amick, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Ward

City Council returned from executive session at 8:15 p.m.

M. Adjournment @ 8:15 p.m.

A motion was made by Shea, seconded by Amick to adjourn. The motion carried with the following vote:

Yes 7 – Shea, Amick, Amos, Clark, Milliken, Walker, Ward