

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Village of Sabina Regular Council

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

Held Thursday, January 12

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Mayor Collings presiding opened the regular Council meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2023 at 7:00 pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Beth Grehl, 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 December 22, 2022 minutes. There were no issues. Mayor Collings entertained the motion to approve the minutes. Ty Baker made the motion, seconded by Bruce Gottschalk.

Persons Before Council: Kevin Wood from the IBI Group appeared before Council to discuss a water line from Wilmington, Ohio. He suggested to go ahead and get a nomination application submitted by next month. We cannot borrow money without being on the list. There is no contract and no fees and does not commit us to anything by submitting the application. He talked about the different types of grants we could receive. He also stated that as of today, 119 surveys were received so far, with a six-month timeframe to complete. Mayor Collings asked all Council members to ask their questions. It was asked the difference between lines and a new plant. Kevin stated a cost analysis would need to be completed. We have an estimate for a new plant from a year ago. Peggy stated we need to take the information to the public to let them know the cost difference and quality of the water. Kevin said he can bring in an engineer. He did say a new line would be more likely to get approved over a plant rehab. Rob asked if he was partial to one area over another and Kevin said we would look at all possibilities. Vicki asked if Wilmington would set the water rates. Kevin said that would be determined in our contract with Wilmington. Beth asked the cost and Kevin responded around \$7,000,000. Rob asked which option he felt was best. Kevin stated that there would be a way better chance of getting funding for a new line due to two big issues that the EPA looks for – Health and Safety and Regionalization. Ty Baker asked why it didn't work with Port William. Kevin said it's a small town and costs were too high; they would need 100% funding. Mayor Collings restated that we need to submit an application since there is no commitment or obligation. Kevin agreed and said to start somewhere.

Diana Preston could not attend today.

Mayor's Report: The Village of Sabina has had a challenging past couple of years. Some of the challenges we have faced are the same or related to those faced in communities around Ohio and the country. Fortunately, the worst of the pandemic appears to have passed months ago, but other challenges remain. Stagnant economic and population growth rates have plagued small, rural communities around the Midwest, which makes it difficult to maintain existing infrastructure. Examples of success in reversing these trends are rare thus making it difficult to find the right policy approach to improve the lives of those in our community. However, I remain optimistic about the future of Sabina and its residents. If we act with prudence, diligence, and compassion, this year will be a vital step towards that brighter future.

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still need to fill a few positions, our team is working well together. Sabina's employees are dedicated to the Village and their work, and I have the utmost faith in their desire to see Sabina thrive. In 2023 I would like to see staff turnover reduced even further, see the current opening filled, and add a couple more employees to ensure we do not fall behind again.

The next major issue has been infrastructure especially the water system. As everyone knows, Sabina has been struggling with a host of issues with our water system. Currently two wells remain offline, which makes maintaining water pressure in the tower a challenge. Work continues to bring them back into operation, but it will not be cheap or easy to get both back. The other major issue is the plant itself and the discolored water residents have been experiencing. I am happy to report that progress is being made since the parts are finally on their way. On Monday water department staff and I met with a contractor about repairs, and they believe the filters will be repaired within six weeks. Staff has also been flushing lines to try and mitigate the discoloration and it does appear to have helped. We will also be providing "Iron Out" to residents that have experienced discoloration to help with laundering clothes with the water. The discoloration issue is frustrating, and everyone's patience is greatly appreciated.

Progress continues in other areas as well. The sewer plant is operating under capacity due to efforts in recent years to clean and line existing pipes. This year more lining and repairs will need to be done especially on Center St. Paving should continue this year too which will help ensure our streets remain safe to traverse. In addition to continued investments in our infrastructure, I am hoping to work with staff and Council to streamline our building permit process and enforcement. Establishing a clear process with easily enforceable rules will help ensure we are able to take full advantage of the economic growth occurring in and around Clinton County.

Improvements to the quality of life in town will also continue in areas outside of traditional infrastructure. New events and parades will help make Sabina more attractive to new and existing residents and I am very excited to see what else Councilor Grehl comes up with this year. One of the Village's biggest assets in terms of quality of life, the pool, is also in need of improvements. The pool is the only public pool in the county and essential to making sure our youth have something to do in the Village during the summer months.

There is a lot of work to do in 2023, but I am confident that the staff, Council, and I are all ready for the challenge. Together we can ensure that the Eden of Ohio's best days are still ahead.

Village Administrator: Rob Dean stated that valves are in and will be going to Chillicothe to pick them up. Water meters were read this month, which helped find some leaks. All leaks were residential. There are some power issues with the wells but are now back online. Everything is normal for running compacity. There is maintenance being performed on the wells. Well seven has a new pump/motor and waiting on samples. Well fifteen is close to being back online.

Rob also stated that we need to look into health insurance. We need something cheaper. There is a meeting on February 7, 2023. It was stated that we will need to get employees health information for a quote.

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The lift needs repaired so the traffic lights that are out can be replaced. A new lift truck is out of price range right now. Bruce Gottschalk suggested reaching out to the State for a used lift truck.

Back flow prevention going well.

David Henry is drafting a letter for residents regarding building permits. A mailer with information was also suggested.

Police Chief: John Grehl stated that both the new cars are on the road. He needs a meeting regarding personnel and equipment. He had approval for six full time employees and wanted to make sure that was still okay. He interviewed someone that would like full time. He has been a cop for 30 years and would be a great asset. John said the Sheriff's office is low staff and cannot provide much extra help – having six full time employees would cut down on overtime. We need to find where it was approved for six full time employees.

John also stated Cody's physical is going out in the mail tomorrow morning.

Law Director: David Henry stated that Resolution 1180 regarding the appointment of Chastity Pinkerton as Fiscal Officer needs to be rescinded due to her not being an elector. Resolution 1180 will be rescinded at next Council meeting and a first read for her appointment will be done.

David also stated he is throwing his hat in the ring for Judge. He wanted to clarify that he is not quitting, only if appointed.

The Indigent Burial Request was discussed. In 2020, the Ordinance stated it will cover the cost of cremation.

Fiscal Officer: Chastity Pinkerton stated that the year end is complete. Brittany will be in next Wednesday to assist. They would need to extend the contract for July 2022 to December 2022 for the State Auditors to finish the reconciliation. It is \$5,000 for an additional 100 hours. Mayor Collings entertained motion to approve the extension. Peggy Sloan made the motion, seconded by Beth Grehl.

Bill List:

Village of Sabina Bill List 1/12/2023

Vendor

Amount

Dept.

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Energy		
Dunlap Detail	220	PD
Dave Powers	28.00	
Frontier	76.03	
Google	32.18	PD
Lowes	94.76	PD, W, Ad
MPH Industries	2,177.00	PD
Mobilcomm Motorola	45	PD
Modern Leasing	311.84	PD
Pauley's Napa	9.29	PD
Rumpke	10,621.60	
Spurlock Plumbing	124.58	Admin
W&W Dry Cleaners	50.22	PD
Wilmington Express Care	97.48	PD
Staples	95.22	St, Admin
Ohio Auditor of State	2,250.00	Fiscal
Aflac	595.74	
MASI	597.00	W/S
AIM (Roof bid)	159.68	
Aramark	203.44	
Kenny Shields	550.00	
Jonathan Brown	79.52	Sewer
Clinton Electric	32.41	Water
Jani-Chem	63.62	Admin
Chrisman H2O	18.00	Street, Pool
Flagway	2,028.19	
DMG Farms	2,750.00	Water
Total	\$36,173.17	

Mayor Collings entertained a motion to pay the bills. Motion made by Peggy Slone, seconded by Bruce Gottschalk.

Mayor Collings asked if Committees needed to be changed or kept the same. The following changes were made: Vicki Mongold will be added to Infrastructure and Development, removed from Audit and Internal Processes. Bruce Gottschalk will be added to Appropriations and Budget, removed from Public Health, Well Being and Recreation. Peggy Sloan will be added to Audit and Internal Processes, removed from Infrastructure and Development. Beth Grehl will be added to Public Health, Well Being and Recreation, removed from Appropriations and Budget. All chairs remain the same. Abe stated that safety needs to be added to a committee. It will be added to Employee Relations, Police and Safety. Mayor Collings entertained a motion to approve the changes to the Committees. Bruce Gottschalk made the motion. seconded by Tv Baker.

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Mayor Collings entertained a motion to go into an executive session at 8:39 pm to discuss compensation of a public employee or official. Vicki Mongold made a motion to go into an executive session, seconded by Abe Arnold. Executive session ended at 9:05 pm, motion made by Vicki Mongold, seconded by Ty Baker.

Appropriations & Budgets: Chastity Pinkerton's pay rate will be \$22.00 per hour.

Audit & Internal Processes: None.

Economic & Community Development: A Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2023 at 6:00 pm to discuss the pool.

Employee Relations, Police & Safety: A Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24, 2023 at 7:00 pm to discuss personnel and equipment.

Infrastructure & Development: A Committee meeting is scheduled for January 19, 2023 at 7:00 pm to discuss the Insight Pipe report.

Public Health, Well Being & Recreation: Nothing, but Beth Grehl is planning for Easter.

Ordinances & Resolutions: Mayor Collings presents the 2nd read on an Ordinance #2022-18 setting the wage for Chastity Pinkerton as Village Fiscal Officer.

Mayor Collings presents the 2nd read on Resolution #1181 authorizing the Mayor and Village Administrator to submit a project proposal to the EPA's WSRLA Program for the construction of a waterline from Wilmington, Ohio.

Mayor Collings presents the 2nd read on Ordinance #2022-19 setting the monthly water and sewer charges for the Village of Sabina, Clinton County Ohio at the same rate established for 2022.

Public Comments: Lyndsay East asked Council to choose a shingle color for the upcoming roof job for the Municipal Building.

She also stated that as a resident of Sabina, she had some ethical concerns with Council. She stated it should be six people working together, alongside our Mayor. She feels false information is being put on social media and is being used to manipulate people on Council. She stated it wasn't very professional and we need to work together. She is proud of her team and how hard we all work.

Mike Walls asked about lighting for recycling. Mayor Collings stated he did reach out to

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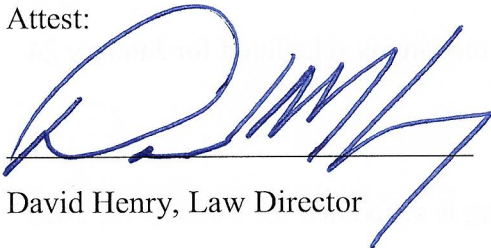
feels he needs to do what's best for his family. Mayor Collings stated he needed to submit a letter with an effective date. Council wished him good luck.

Beth Grehl restated that everyone needs to work together, and we need to become one moving forward.

John Grehl wanted to clarify about hiring a sixth full time employee. Council can proceed once we clarify the Ordinance.

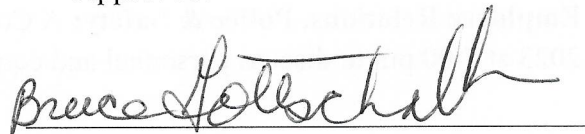
Adjournment: All business before Council being addressed, Mayor Collings asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:44 pm. Bruce Gottschalk made the motion to adjourn, seconded by Ty Baker.

Attest:



David Henry, Law Director

Approved:



Bruce Gottschalk, President of Council



Benjamin Collings, Mayor