

**RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS**  
Village of Sabina Regular Council

Minutes of

Meeting

BEAR GRAPHICS 800-325-8094 FORM NO. 10148

**November 10,**

**2021**  
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Held \_\_\_\_\_

Mayor Jim Mongold presiding opened the Regular Council meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, 7:00 PM. Council member Mr. Arnold began the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and Mayor Jim Mongold blessed the meeting with prayer. Roll call was taken by Mayor showing all Council members were present. Having a quorum Mayor Mongold called the meeting to order.

**Minutes:** Mayor Mongold asked for approval of two set of minutes: Oct 27,2021 No changes to be made. Ms. Sloan made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Collings seconded the motion, roll call showed all members were in favor. Second set of minutes for special meeting Nov 6, 2021. One change made by Mayor Mongold was the spelling of Peggy Sloan's name from Slone to Sloan. Ms. Sloan made a motion to approve the minutes and Mr. Baker seconded. Roll call showed all members were in favor.

**Persons Invited by the Mayor:** No one extra attended

**Mayor Report:** Past week, I've asked our Law Director to reach out to the individual hired to paint the water tower. The Village has paid him, to date, \$19,900.00 of the \$24,500.00 we were quoted. Of that, \$9000.00 was paid with the understanding that the tower would be completed by a date long passed. I've requested that the tower be completed by the end of November or that portion be returned. I remain skeptical. If our requests are not met, I will be pursuing legal action to the degree we are able. The tower has been two years without paint and primer. This cannot continue.

Per my request, letters have started going out on specific blighted properties as I understand it. This will likely not be met with enthusiasm, but it's past time the Village takes a hard stance on empty, dilapidated properties. The condition of many of the buildings uptown is having a great adverse effect on the Village and we cannot allow it to continue.

Last Saturday, Council met in emergency session to repeal an ordinance which blocked facilities relative to medical marijuana from being in the Village. The repealed legislation was written at a point that there was a cultivation facility seeking a location in Sabina. We could not accommodate that within legal parameters. We now have a distribution facility looking to us for a home. This may be a much easier fit.

To be certain, if we are chosen by the company seeking a location, this will be an advantage to the Village. There are too many misconceptions about medical marijuana to go into here, so I would ask that folks who may be curious investigate Chapter 3796 of the Ohio revised code. This is a very strict industry, and every aspect will be considered at a state level before it even gets close to us. There are no certainties that it will be something that comes our way. We are just allowing for the possibility.

Right now, we need more business, and this is an opportunity that, if we do not take advantage of, someone nearby will. At that point, we will be locked out. There are only a few licenses for such facilities in any given area. Let me be clear. This year, in the U.S. we are talking about a 23 billion dollar legal industry with a projected 21% annual growth. That's pretty big stuff.

I was very please to hear how everything went while I was out and want to extend a huge thank you to Benjamin, the rest of Council, and the Village employees. You know you've got a well-oiled machine when a part can be removed and it still functions. I will be making a slow return over time and will do my best to avoid extended time out in the future.

Kind Regards,  
Jim Mongold, Mayor

The Mayor also added that today was a very good day. We received the Natureworks Grant for the Park Improvements in the amount of \$16,968. This leaves the Village with approximately \$5,500 as a match. Also stated he attended the groundbreaking for East Clinton Middle School on Nov. 4, 2021. Congrats to the Band and Flagcorp on doing a great job at that ceremony.

**Village Administrator:** Acting Village Administrator Bryan Floyd gave the report. He stated all meters have been read for this month. Well 12 had a leak and has been dug up, repaired and is back online. John Meshefski filed a building permit and Bryan has checked it out and told

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council he is okay with approving it. A motion was made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Baker. Roll call was All Approved and building permit passed. Bryan has received a quote from Midstate Electric for new LED floodlights for the Pool. Some discussion from council but no decision made on proceeding with light replacement. Two stop signs have been knocked down by a semi-truck, one a S. Howard and Eden and the other on Eden behind the water plant. Bryan has the driver's id and will bill him for fixing the signs. Bryan will take down the No thru truck signs on Eden Ave. Some employees have been asking Bryan about a floating holiday for Juneteenth. After some discussion, it was decided to let the Employee Relations Committee talk about this at their next meeting. The Carnahan property and property on all of Orchard Ave has a closing that needs to be done, but sewer lateral inspection has not been done. Inspection cannot occur until at least December. The new owner has written a letter saying he will comply with the sewer lateral inspection ordinance in a timely manner. The Council asked Bryan to reach out to the new owner and let him know that he has 60 days from time of purchase to get inspection done. Otherwise, he will have to apply for a variance. More discussion on the Sewer Lateral Inspection and Variances followed. Mr. Collings asked Bryan about the utility connection that was inquired about on Dakin Chapel. Bryan spoke to VA Rob Dean and Rob stated that an easement from the neighbors would be needed. Bryan was going to do further follow up on this issue.

**Police Chief:** Chief Grehl recommended that Bryan Noah be hired as fulltime officer as a Lieutenant. He has a lot of experience and certifications and is an instructor at the police academy. He is also able to recruit other officers from the police academy. Asked to bring him in at \$21.00 an hour. Discussion followed about how overworked the police currently are. Officer Roberts had another eye surgery and is currently out. Officer Robinson has been released by doctor and will return to work Nov 10, 2021, evening. More discussion from the council regarding the new payscale of the officers. This discussion was decided to be discussed at the next Employee Relations Committee mtg. Chief said that the dealership should have new car in a week. Once they get everything on it should be delivered to us by late December 2021, or early January 2022.

**Law Director:** Laura Gibson reported that she has set 4 court trials. She also took a record retention class and is still going through her notes and will report back to council when she gets a better idea of what we need to do.

**Fiscal Officer:** Ms. Cornell was absent from meeting due to illness. Mayor Mongold began with the bill list explaining that the total was \$25,411.85, with large bills coming in at \$13,892.46, leaving the miscellaneous amount at \$ 11,519.39. Large bills were OPERS Retirement at \$6050.66, Ohio Police and Fire Pension at 5,071.21, and US Treasury at \$2,770.59. Mr. Gottschalk made a motion to approve the bills and Mrs. Mongold made the second, roll call proved all members were in favor. The Mayor reported that August bank was reconciled and the \$17 discrepancy had been resolved. The Mayor reminded everyone to sign off on the bill list at the end of the meeting.

## Bill List:

### PAYMENTS

#### VILLAGE OF SABINA, CLINTON COUNTY NOVEMBER 12, 2021

Number	Transaction Date	Total Warrant Payee	
	Date	Amount	
721-2021	10/30/21	\$5071.21	OHIO POLICE & FIRE PENSION FUND
722-2021	10/30/21	\$6050.66	OHIO PUBLIC EMPLOYEEES RETIRE
723-2021	11/9/21	\$50.00	OHIO DEFERRED COMPENSATION
724-2021	11/9/21	\$2770.59	US TREASURY
726-2021	11/9/21	\$931.44	ZACHERY T BOSIER
727-2021	11/9/21	\$1050.41	STEVE F CARROLL
728-2021	11/9/21	\$597.10	NANCY L CORNELL
729-2021	11/9/21	\$1008.41	ROBERT DEAN

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730-2021	11/9/21	\$234.90	JENNIFER J DUNCAN
731-2021	11/9/21	\$1248.08	RANDY FAIR
732-2021	11/9/21	\$870.20	BRYAN J FLOYD
733-2021	11/9/21	\$2113.01	JOHN B. GREHL
734-2021	11/9/21	\$602.77	AMY S PALMER
735-2021	11/9/21	\$547.80	CONNIE S ROBERTS
736-2021	11/9/21	\$1029.35	JUSTIN L ROBERTS
737-2021	11/9/21	\$673.78	CHARISSA R SUMMERS
54337	10/30/21	\$231.00	ROBERT DEAN
54338	10/30/21	\$32.12	VISION SERVICE PLAN OHIO
54339	11/9/21	\$219.02	REBECCA J CRAMER
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>\$25,411.85</b>	

**Reports of Committees:**

**Employee Relations & Health and Safety:** Mr. Collings scheduled a meeting for Nov. 18, 2021 at 5:30pm

**Audit and Planning:** Mr. Arnold had no report and did not schedule a meeting.

**Infrastructure & Development:** Mr. Gottschalk reported they held a meeting on Nov. 4, 2021 at 7:05 PM. In attendance were, himself, Mr. Arnold and Ms. Sloan. They discussed the new sewer building and reasons no bids were made. They decided they needed an engineer and designer before bids went out again. Mr. Arnold made the motion to proceed with finding an engineer and/or designer, Mrs. Mongold seconded. Roll call was all in favor.

**Recreation and Tourism:** Mr. Baker reported that a meeting was held on Nov. 4 at 6:20 PM. In attendance were: Himself, Mayor Mongold, Mrs. Mongold, Mr. Collings, Mrs. Palmer, and citizen, Donna Cleavenger. The topic of a Christmas Decorating Contest was discussed and committee members were to check with the City of Wilmington for ideas on how they run their contest. Trunk or Treat was also discussed and decided to keep it next year on the same night as Beggar's Night. Also to have it uptown in the Municipal Building Parking Lot to encourage other businesses in downtown to participate. Mr. Arnold commented that they had between 130 and 140 kids attend.

**Emergency Services and Flood Relief:** Ms Sloan scheduled a meeting for Nov. 16 at 6 PM.

**Finance and Records:** Mrs Mongold had no report and did not schedule a meeting.

**Grant Procurement:** Mr. Arnold had no report and did not schedule a meeting. The Mayor brought up the awarding of the Natureworks grant and that they may want to look into ordering the equipment now, due to supply chain problems and limited quantities. Only problem would be storage. Also brought up that they would like to get a water fountain at the park.

**Ordinances and Resolutions:** Mayor Mongold did the third reading of an Ordinance 2021-20 an Ordinance authorizing the release of special assessments for Clinton County land utilization corporation owned properties. The Mayor asked for any questions, comments, concerns, or corrections. Hearing none, Mr. Arnold made the motion to approve with a second by Mr. Collings. Roll call was done and all in favor. Mayor Mongold also did the second reading of an Ordinance 2021-21 an Ordinance increasing and changing the salaries of Mayor and Council. The Mayor asked for any questions, comments, concerns, or corrections. Mr. Arnold asked if \$700 would qualify for OPERS retirement. Mr. Collings and Mayor Mongold both stated that they thought the amount for OPERS was \$798 -\$800. Ms. Sloan stated she was not in favor of the \$700 salary for mayor. Mayor Mongold also did not favor the \$700 salary increase or the way it was written that it would be paid in 2 \$350 increments based on attendance to Council Meetings and not on the fact that the Mayor puts in many hours of work each week. The Mayor suggested rewording it to \$700 per month instead of \$350 per meeting. Mr. Collings answered many questions from the Mayor and Council members. The Mayor also stated he would veto the entire ordinance if it was approved by Council which would push the Ordinance into next year with 3 more reads. This would make those just elected to Council unable to receive the new Council Salary. Lowering the salary for

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Mayor was discussed as well as dividing the ordinance into two separate, one for Mayor and one for Council Salary. Mr. Gottschalk proposed that they separate it and wait until next year on the Mayor's Salary and pull section 3 out for 3<sup>rd</sup> read and discuss more then.

**Persons Appearing before Council:** There were no persons appearing before Council.

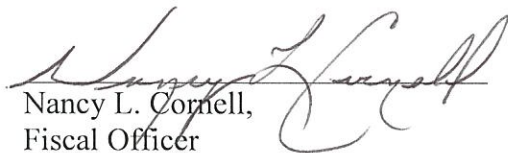
**Public Comments:** There were no comments

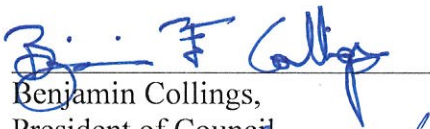
**Council Comments:** Mr. Floyd congratulated the East Clinton Peewee Football team for winning the Peewee Superbowl. Chief Grehl notified that the 5K run would be this Saturday, Nov 13 at 9 am and the route would be changed. The road would be partially closed with runners on one side and traffic on the other. Also stated that on Nov 11, he and Officer Robinson would be going to talk to the Matt Havercamp Foundation to discuss them purchasing a dog for the K9 unit. The Mayor told the Council they would need to change the next meeting from Nov 25 to Nov 24 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday. Mrs. Mongold made the motion and Mr. Gottschalk seconded. Roll showed all in favor. Mr. Gottschalk asked Mr. Floyd if he had a chance to check the storm drains and catch basins at corner of Stockton and Rose. Mr. Floyd was not aware of the request. He did know that they had a tendency to pop up and he fixed them. He said he would go double check them on Friday.

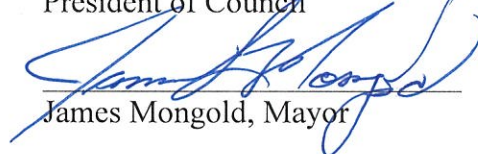
**Adjournment:** All business before the Council being addressed was concluded at 8:52 PM. Mr. Gottschalk made a motion to adjourn, Mrs. Mongold made a second on the motion, and all were in favor by saying "Aye" with no "Nays" and the meeting adjourned.

Attest:

Approved:

  
Nancy L. Cornell,  
Fiscal Officer

  
Benjamin Collings,  
President of Council

  
James Mongold, Mayor