

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF DEGRAFF COUNCIL

REGULAR SESSION

January 2, 2024

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The Legislative body of the Village of DeGraff convened in regular session from 7:00 P.M. to 7:21 P.M. 107 S. Main St., DeGraff, OH 43318.

Mayor Orsborne called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. with the following Council Members and staff Present:

Mayor Stephanie Orsborne – Present
Mike Dodds, Council Member – Present
Gabe Kean, Council Member – Present
Tom Rowley, Council Member – Present
Nancy Hall, Council Member – Present
Sandra Short, President Pro Tempore – Present
Tonya Castellante, Council Member – Present

Staff Present: Kassandra Staley, Fiscal Officer; Terry Brentlinger, Police Chief; Ken McAlexander, Village Administrator; Zeb Wagner, Solicitor

Ms. Short made the motion to suspend the reading and accept the December 19, 2023 minutes, seconded by Mr. Rowley
Roll Call – All ayes. MOTION

Mayor Orsborne let council know that they need to pick a president of council.

Ms. Hall made a motion to nominate Ms. Sandi Short, seconded by Mr. Rowley. Roll Call – All Ayes. MOTION

Visitors –

Sue Walls - Observe

Zoning – No Report.

Solicitor – Mr. Wagner gave council an update on the condemned property in the Village. The owner is at a long-term care facility, but he wanted to cooperate. He is worried if anything is done that it will affect his Medicare. Mr. Wagner has made a few calls and waiting on a response. Mr. Wagner advised it may be best to look at the LUC grant for tear down, since it is condemned and would not cost the village.

Village Administrator – Mr. McAlexander went over the following:

- The water plant project is set to begin on January 8th.
- South end water main work is scheduled to begin on January 8th.
- Lead/ Copper update all is done, but still need to locate 15 from the homes.
- Have a meeting with CDC of Ohio and will meet the new grant administrator. We will also be getting an update on the revitalization grant.
- Mr. McAlexander is still working through the bankruptcy with SetFlow.
- The storm sewer behind the grocery needs fixed, just waiting on the weather.
- Mr. McAlexander is working on year end water and sewer reports for the EPA
- The village averaged 68% flow to Quincy
- Mr. McAlexander will be out on Monday for personal reasons.

Safety Committee – No Report.

Finance – Ms. Staley mentioned the following:

- Working through all the year end work that needs done.
- Ms. Staley mentioned that there is a storage issue for records. Would like council to continue the think of a solution so we can correct.

Park Committee – No Report.

Cemetery – No Report.

Joint Sewer Board- No Report.

Ordinances & Resolutions

Ordinance 2024-01: An Ordinance approving, adopting, and enacting American Legal Publishing's Ohio Basic Code, 2024 Edition, as the code of Ordinances for the Municipality of DeGraff, Ohio, and declaring an emergency

Ms. Castellante made the motion to suspend the 3-rule reading for Ordinance 2024-01, seconded by Ms. Short. Roll Call - All Ayes. MOTION

Mr. Dodds made the motion to accept Ordinance 2024-01 on the first and final reading, seconded by Ms. Hall. Roll Call - All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Short made the motion to adopt Ordinance 2024-01 on the 3rd and final reading, seconded by Mr. Rowley. Roll Call - All Ayes. MOTION

Old Business: No Report.

New Business:

- Mayor Orsborne asked Mr. Wagner about a petition she received to vacate an alley in the Village. All the neighbors have signed. Mr. Wagner stated he would look into to see if there needed to be a hearing,
- Ms. Castellante mentioned that someone on N. Main is parking beside a fire hydrant. It is causing some issues with turning. Chief Brentlinger stated he would look into.

Ms. Short made the motion to pay bills, seconded by Ms. Castellante. Roll Call - All Ayes. MOTION

Ms. Castellante made the motion to adjourn at 7:21 PM, seconded by Mr. Dodds. Roll Call - All Ayes. MOTION

 Mayor Stephanie Orsborne

 Sandra Short, Council Pro Tempore

 Kassandra Staley, Fiscal Officer