

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on April 9, 2022 at 10 am

1.0 Mayor Ehrbar calls council to order –
RC: A.M. Eaton___Y___, S. Stevenson___Y___, S. Smith___Y___, M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G.Finger___Y___

2.0 All rise for the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag

4.0 Discussion and/or amendments to the March 12, 2022 Council minutes. Motion to accept/amend the Minutes as presented,
RC: A.M. Eaton___2___, S. Stevenson___Y___, S. Smith___Y___, M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G.Finger___1___

5.0 Discussion of Pay Ordinance No. 1216; Motion to accept the Pay Ordinance as written,
RC: A.M. Eaton___2___, S. Stevenson___Y___, S. Smith___Y___, M. Gaither___Y___, J.Wolfe___Y___, G.Finger___1___

5.5 Guest Speaker: Pat Seeholzer: As all know, experienced a house fire in her home on February 21, 2022. I would like to congratulate Chief Bobby Skeans, Russ Maust and EMS team for a job well done. Chief Shawn Craig for spending entire night in home to make sure it was secure and there were no flare ups. Many people helped: Ted Klonaris, my daughter, Mike Phinney. Thank you to Joel Byers for rushing from wst end of island to drill 3 holes in frozen lake to draw much needed water for fire. I would like to note that I live on east Lakeshore, between 2 fire hydrants, and they could not keep enough water. This is something that should be looked into. I became a Native Islander in 1956...my husband always told me that on mainland, Sandusky people always said about us; “those Islanders fight like hell among themselves but, when it comes to a disaster they stick together like glue.”
Thank You

6.0 Guest Speaker: SafeBuilt: John Cheetham representing SafeBuilt presents a brief review and history of the company. If there company is contracted by Village of Kelleys Island, all those involved are Ohio based and Certified in the state of Ohio. Most are based in Fremont, Ohio.

7.0 Committee Reports

7.A. Police - Chief Craig reports:
March 12th, 2022 – April 9th, 2022
Report(s) = 01
Department Phone Call(s) =125
Arrest(s) or Charge(s) = 00 Reason(s):
Traffic or M/M Ticket(s) = 00 Reason(s):
Warning(s) = 00 Reason(s):
Accident(s) = 00 Reason(s):
House/Business Check(s) = 322 Reason(s): Winter Business & House Checks
Boat Patrol (Activity) = 00 Reason(s):
Vehicle Lock-out(s) = 04 Reason(s): Locked keys in vehicle.
Assist w/other agencies = 00 Reason(s): KIEMS & KIFD.

7.B. Safety Committee – S. Smith, G. Finger: S. Smith reports no meeting, no report.

7.C. EMS – Russ Maust reports: EMS runs – 1 Clinic Calls - 3
Last months training was on patient refusals and environmental emergencies. Attendance was excellent. This months training is a skills assessment day. Chief Skeans and myself along with a few other EMS crew members are working on becoming certified CPR instructors. Once this happens we plan on offering CPR classes for the Island community and seasonal employees. With the improving weather, the secondary ambulance has been moved from the fire station and is now back at the EMS station. Both ambulances are in operational condition for the upcoming season.

7.D. Fire Dept.- Chief Skeans reports: Fire Runs – 0
The new personal protection gear that was ordered in February has arrived. All equipment has been issued to the personnel that were in need of new gear. All personnel are now properly equipped with the appropriately sized gear.
After discussions with the EPA, all burn permits aside from small campfires have been suspended, per EPA instruction. We are currently continuing the conversation with the EPA in an effort to create an acceptable burn program.

As personnel are returning for the season, this months training will be a general operations refresher.

The Brush Fire Truck will be down for a short period of time to allow for repairs to the brake system.

7.E. Water Department – Brandon Evans reports:

In March 2022 the water department produced 1,134,000 gallons of water, compared to 794,000 gallons in March of 2021.

First quarter water bills were sent out on April 3 and will be due on April 25, 2022.

Total billing for the first quarter was \$77,897.86

Received a chemical quote and we are looking at a 25% increase from our last order before the deliver fees are added.

7.F. Finance – A.M. Eaton, J. Wolfe: A.M. Eaton reports that beginning the month of April there is a balance of \$496,294.22.

7.G. Lands & Buildings – G. Finger, M. Gaither: G. Finger reports that there are projects and work being planned. Just waiting on weather to change.

7.H. Airport – J. Wolfe, S. Stevenson: J. Wolfe reports that he continues to have meetings with RS&H and FAA in reference to the Environmental Assessment Study, Lighting Program and Taxi & Apron Program. Seem to be going round and round with things. Taking some items off table and hoping to proceed with Lighting Program. Another meeting set for Monday.

7.I. Planning Commission – J. Wolfe reports; no meetings. There is a meeting scheduled for May.

7.J. Design Review Board – R. Maust reports that a meeting was held on March 26. There were 9 applications. 8 were approved and 1 was tabled.

7.K. Board of Zoning Appeals – Gary Finger reports no meeting; no report.

7.L. Transfer Station – M. Gaither, S. Smith: M. Gaither reports all transfer Station billing has been mailed out. Due on April 15. Transfer Station meeting is scheduled for April 26.

7.M. Village Administrator – S. Wermuth reports:

East Lakeshore Flooding: The week of March 21st I was in Columbus to meet with Sen. Gavarone and Rep. Swearingen to discuss our State Capital Budget request of \$1 million for shoreline protection on E. Lakeshore. Both Sen. Gavarone and Rep, Swearingen are fully supportive of our request. Nathanael Jonhenry will keep us up to date on the bill and I will be prepared to go to Columbus and testify before the House and Senate Finance Committees.

Huntington Lane: I have been in contact with OPWC Region 5 out of Toledo to seek emergency use funds to replace the waterline on Huntington Lane. This waterline will need to be replaced this year. There have been too many breaks and at some point the line will fail.

Public Sewer System: I had a virtual meeting with the OEPA to discuss funding for the planning and design of a public sewer system on the island. Jerry Rouch, Deputy Director for Infrastructure Funding sent me a 104 page document outlining grants and zero interest rate loans for both design and planning as well as implementation of the sewer system. I will have a follow call to discuss which would be the best funding program to move forward.

Transfer Station Annual Report: The Annual Transfer Station Report was submitted to the Ohio EPA on March 31st. In 2021 over 76 tons of trash was recorded being received at the Transfer Station.

Chief of Police Applicants: The Mayor received seventeen applications for the Chief of Police position. Five have been chosen for interviews which will begin the week of April 4th. The Mayor and I will be performing the interviews.

National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP): I have been on a webinar and had a couple calls with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources to discuss Kelleys Island's participation in the NFIP. There has been some misunderstanding about the program. The NFIP under FEMA does not require homeowner to purchase flood insurance. A bank doing a home mortgage in a flood zone may require flood insurance as part of the loan. If a home in a flood zone has 50% or damage and the homeowner seeks fund from FEMA to fix it, flood insurance may be required. The Village submitted a grant for \$3.3 million for shoreline protection last year and we were informed we were not eligible because of our lack of participation in NFIP. I will continue to learn more and have the staff from ODNR come to a Council meeting to do some education.

7.N. Streets & Sidewalks- S. Stevenson, A.M. Eaton: S. Stevenson reports no meeting. Waiting on pricing for wish list; road repairs. Tech seal pallets have increased \$300 / pallet.

7.O. Park Board – T. Pieratt reports that Park Board met yesterday. Working on making upgrades to Memorial Park. Kelleys Island Community Park playground will need to be replaced. S. Wermuth congratulated on submitting a \$50,000 T-Mobile Grant. That grant will buy one chunk of a playground structure. Phase 2 will involve a project of about \$58,000 needed to place individual pieces. So, we are putting together a campaign to get individuals to sponsor individual components. Kelleys Island Community Park sign will need a vote for approval by Council. Will

be placed along Addison near telephone pole. We will work with HWE and B. Skeans to make sure area is clear of electric and water. Yes, has already been approved by Design Review Board.
S. Stevenson makes a motion to approve placement of sign; second by M. Gaither.
All In Favor; Motion Passed

7.P. Mayor's Financial Report- Mayor Ehrbar reports:

Mayor's Court report submitted by Rosalyn Ahner

April 1, 2022: For the month of March 2022 the court collected a total of \$0.00: \$0.00 Computer Fund, \$0.00 Court Improvement Fund, \$0.00 Library Fund, \$0.00 Other Costs. \$0.00 General Fund. All funds collected were from payment plans and fines. State was paid \$ 0.00: \$0.00 Victims of Crime, \$0.00 HB1 (state indigent support fund), \$0.00 State Bond Surcharge, \$0.00 Drug Law Enforcement/Justice Program Services.

Erie County Municipal was paid \$0.00

Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund \$0.00. Bank / Online payment expenses totaled: \$66.70 (Credit Card & US Bank service fee). Court has paid a total of \$912.00 to the Village General Fund in 2022. Court has paid a total of \$23,133 to the Village General Fund in 2021. Court has paid a total of \$14352.46 to the Village General Fund in 2020.

Court has paid a total of \$33837.90 to the Village General Fund in 2019.

Court has paid a total of \$31425.03 to the Village General Fund in 2018.

There are currently 04 cases pending for 2021

There are currently 18 cases / tickets pending going back to 2002.

2022 – 0 tickets issued

2021 – 98 tickets issued

2020 – 37 tickets issued

2019 – 120 tickets issued

2018 – 157 tickets issued

7.Q. Legal- D. Lambros: Absent; No Report

7.R. Treasurer - L. Klonaris reports:

Financials in Council packets.

I have been putting monthly and year to date financial reports for each department in their box at end of month.

Steve has been scheduling monthly Department Head meetings.

Legislation to place the Current Expense 1.25 Mill Levy on November ballot.

Attended training on March 24 thru OML (Public Records, Ethics law, Open Meetings, Local Control, Municipal Officials, etc...)

Out of Office: April 13 – 14 Annual State Training

The Village office post for the hiring of a Clerk for Planning Commission, BZA and DRB.

Transfer Station billing has been mailed. Automatic Withdraw will be made on April 15.

Used ink cartridges can be turned in for recycling at the Village Office. (office receives Quill rewards).

Starlink
7.S. Telecommunications Oversight and Development Committee- J. Wolfe reports that he has been staying in close contact with Amplex. Planning on end of April early May for downtown businesses. Another program being introduced, Starlink? May be available on a month to month basis as an option until Amplex is completely installed. Anyone interested in pre-ordering the Amplex service can contact them at: 419-837-5015.

(next legislation numbers O – 02 and R - 01)

9.0 First Readings:

THE FOLLOWING REQUEST SUSPENSION OF THE THREE READING RULE TO ALLOW PASSAGE TODAY:

9.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – O - _____: AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING JAMIE BARTUS AS A FULL-TIME POLICE OFFICER AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: A.M. Eaton 2, S. Stevenson Y, S. Smith Y, M. Gaither Y, J. Wolfe Y, G.Finger 1

Motion to pass,

RC: A.M. Eaton Y, S. Stevenson Y, S. Smith Y, M. Gaither Y, J. Wolfe 2, G.Finger 1

THE FOLLOWING REQUEST SUSPENSION OF THE THREE READING RULE TO ALLOW PASSAGE TODAY:

9.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A LEASE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO (THE VILLAGE) AND THE ERIE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT/ERIE COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER (“ECHD”).

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: A.M. Eaton ___1___, S. Stevenson ___2___, S. Smith ___Y___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G.Finger ___Y___, Y

Motion to pass,

RCA.M. Eaton ___2___, S. Stevenson ___1___, S. Smith ___N___, M. Gaither ___N___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, : G.Finger ___Y___

THE FOLLOWING REQUEST SUSPENSION OF THE THREE READING RULE TO ALLOW PASSAGE TODAY:

9.3 RESOLUTION NO. 2022 – O - _____ : AN RESOLUTION PURSUANT TO SECTION 5705.03 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE REQUESTING THE ERIE COUNTY AUDITOR TO CERTIFY TO THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO THE TOTAL CURRENT TAX VALUATION OF THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO AND THE DOLLAR AMOUNT OF REVENUE THAT WOULD BE GENERATED BY THE RENEWAL OF A ONE AND ONE FOURTHS (1.25) MILL TAX LEVY FOR CURRENT OPERATING EXPENSES, AS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 5705.19(A) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: A.M. Eaton ___Y___, S. Stevenson ___2___, S. Smith ___Y___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G.Finger ___1___,

Motion to pass,

RC: A.M. Eaton ___Y___, S. Stevenson ___Y___, S. Smith ___Y___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___2___, G.Finger ___1___

10.0 Second Readings:

10.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A BASE RATE SALARY RANGE FOR PAID FULL-TIME AND PART-TIME PERMANENT EMPLOYEES, ESTABLISHING COST OF LIVING INCREASES, REPEALING ORDINANCE NO: 2021-0-24

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: A.M. Eaton _____, S. Stevenson _____, S. Smith _____, M. Gaither _____, J.Wolfe _____, G.Finger _____,

Motion to pass,

RC: A.M. Eaton _____, S. Stevenson _____, S. Smith _____, M. Gaither _____, J.Wolfe _____, G.Finger _____

A.M. Eaton requests discussion on 10.1 Ordinance regarding cap on Coast of Living Increase. A.M. Eaton staes that he disagrees with the proposed Ordinance as written. Mayor Ehrbar suggests scheduling a Finance meeting to hold discussion. This is only a second reading.

10.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2022 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO (THE VILLAGE) AND COSGROVE JONHENRY LLC FOR PUBLIC POLICY AND LEGISLATIVE SERVICES NECESSARY TO OBTAIN FUNDING FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS ON KELLEYS ISLAND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILMAN JOE WOLF)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

RC: A.M. Eaton ___2___, S. Stevenson ___Y___, S. Smith ___Y___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___Y___, G.Finger ___1___

Motion to pass,

RC: A.M. Eaton __2__, S. Stevenson __Y__, S. Smith __Y__, M. Gaither __Y__, J.Wolfe __1__, G.Finger __Y__

11.0 Third Readings & Emergencies:

11.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – O - _____; AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE SALARY FOR THE POSITION OF ZONING INSPECTOR TO \$18,000.00 IN THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO. (INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to pass,

RC: A.M. Eaton __Y__, S. Stevenson __1__, S. Smith __Y__, M. Gaither __Y__, J.Wolfe __Y__, G.Finger __2__

11.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2021 – O - _____; AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING THE FOREST LANE WATERLINE AND EASEMENT IN THE VILLAGE OF KELLEYS ISLAND, OHIO (INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E. EHRBAR)

Motion to pass,

RC: A.M. Eaton __1__, S. Stevenson __Y__, S. Smith __Y__, M. Gaither __Y__, J.Wolfe __Y__, G.Finger __2__

12. Items from the Mayor: Received 17 applications for the Chief of Police position. Myself, Steve and Mary have narrowed the choices to 5 applicants. The three of us have conducted interviews and will meet again over the next couple of days. We will let everyone know of the decision.

13. Items from Council: A.M. Eaton: Thank You to Chief Shawn Craig for his years of service to the island. I would like to wish him the best of luck.

14. Old Business

15. Public Comment:

Barb Shadle asks how the Mayor is planning to address the problem of parking downtown. There was no parking this morning. What happens when it gets busy? This is a problem.

Mayor Ehrbar: I am aware of problem and working on. I think we need a streets and sidewalks meeting soon to come up with something. This has been a problem for a while with lots of people coming to island and is getting worse.

Barb Shadle: Requests people to speak slowly, loudly and clearly.

Bruce Korenko: proposes his idea that the village purchase an electric ice auger so that they have access to all water including Long Point. This being in reference to the most recent Seeholzer house fire. The Water Dept. is small so lets use the whole lake of water we have available.

Mayor Ehrbar: The Fire Chief has been looking into all options.

16. New Business:

17. Correspondence: N/A

18. Motion to adjourn,

RC: A.M. Eaton __Y__, S. Stevenson __2__, S. Smith __Y__, M. Gaither __Y__, J.Wolfe __Y__, G.Finger __1__

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:59

Lisa M Klonaris, Clerk-Treasurer

Mayor Ronald E. Ehrbar