

Minutes for the Regular Council Meeting held on August 10, 2024 at 10:00 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 July 13, 2024 Regular Council minutes. Motion to accept/amend the Minutes as presented,

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

5.0 Discussion of Pay Ordinance No. 1239: Motion to accept the Pay Ordinance as written,

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

7.0 Committee Reports

7.A. Police – James E. Bartus II: Monthly Activity July 2024

- Report(s) = 15 Reason(s):
- Department Phone Call(s) = 380
- Arrest(s) or Charge(s) = 10 Reason(s):
- Traffic: 2 Reason(s): MVA / O.V.I Hit Skip
- M/M Ticket(s) = 4 Reason(s): Open Container / D.C.
- Warning(s) = 3 Reason(s): Speed x 2/ O.C/
- Accident(s) = 3 Reason(s):
- House/Business Check(s) = 0 Reason(s): for contact =
- Vehicle Lock-out(s) = 1 Reason(s):
- Assist w/other agencies = 31 Reason(s): KIEMS & KIFD
- Budget YTD Expenditure = 40%

7.B. Safety Committee – G. Finger, S. Stevenson: G. Finger reports that there was a Safety meeting last week. All went well. Mayor Ehrbar adds that we addressed concern of the Police Chief working by himself.

7.C. EMS – Russ Maust: July EMS Runs – 26 Clinic Calls – 31

Last month’s training was on Pediatrics and Pediatric skills. This month’s Cleveland Metro will be bringing the simulation lab team over to the Island for training. We will be trained on multiple different medical and trauma scenarios with state-of-the-art mannequins which provide live feedback.

For Island Fest, Cleveland Metro sent over their Event Medicine team. They were sent to provide additional manpower and support for the weekend of Island Fest. I cannot express enough gratitude to the team for coming to this event. We were extremely busy and their assistance was invaluable. The Event Medicine team were very helpful and we all learned different tips and tricks from each other. It was also an eye opening experience for the team to see what a busy weekend on Kelleys Island actually looks like. Once again, I would like to thank the Cleveland Metro team for their assistance.

7.D. Fire Dept.- Chief Skeans: July 2024 Fire Runs – 2

B.O.B. has concluded the island business inspections.

The Huber Heights Fire Dept. has donated 12 sets of turnout gear in excellent shape to us. This gear is 10 years old. With the Council’s blessing we would like to accept this donation.

Motion to accept 12 sets of turn out gear made by S. Smith; second by M. Gaither. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

The Kelleys Island Fire Department Steak Fry was a huge success. We would like to thank all of the businesses who donated supplies, all of the people who bought tickets, all of the volunteers who came out and helped put it on and lastly but not least we would like to thank Brian Terry for putting it all together.

Currently the Fire Dept. is on track with the 2024 budget.

7.E. Water Department – T. Lange: A. Federle reports that the turbidity water redirect project has been postponed for 2 weeks due to scheduling conflicts. We extended an offer to Andy Pickworth, a Class 2 Operator, to assist with some of the construction projects. He will be working part-time, a couple of days every other week.

7. F. Finance – A.M. Eaton, J. Wolfe: A.M. Eaton reports that they are continuing to work with Deckard to finalize everything on the short term rental portal. They are going to be reaching out to the person we put in charge for the short term rental administrator position. Joe and I are working on a few more minor details but, should be ready to go live any day.

7.G. Lands & Buildings – M. Gaither, G. Finger: M. Gaither reports that there was a meeting held on August 2. We discussed some work around the ball field area and also looking at a new water fountain.

7.H. Airport - J. Wolfe, A.M. Eaton reports that there is a public meeting scheduled on August 14, 2024 at the Town Hall from 5-7pm. Discussion on runway work. Mayor Ehrbar adds that this meeting is not to discuss lengthening runway; it is to discuss increasing the safety zone.

7.I. Planning Commission – J. Wolfe: No meetings scheduled. Will schedule after new ordinance is passed.

7.J. Design Review Board – R. Maust: 4 applications submitted. 4 applications approved.

7.K. Board of Zoning Appeals – Gary Finger reports: No meetings scheduled.

7.L. Transfer Station – S. Smith, M. Gaither: No Meeting. No Report.

7.M. Village Administrator – Andy Federle:
Village of Kelleys Island has been awarded \$109,000 of the requested \$130,000 from Erie County Community Grant to finish park and extend the sidewalk to the KI Wine Co.
Lake Breeze performed preventive maintenance on all village buildings.
Met with Dave Marco on repairing water leak and installing new water fountain at the park. Work is being donated.
Working with S. Smith and Donna Divoll to update water / transfer station billing responsibilities.

7.N. Streets & Sidewalks- S. Stevenson, S. Smith: S. Stevenson reports no meeting. In the next couple of weeks we will plan meeting to discuss potential work on N. Huntington regarding some unofficial surveying.

7.O. Park Board – Lisa M Klonaris: M. Gaither reports that the Kelleys Island Park Board has received over \$28,000 from the Queen of Hearts and also a portion of the Erie County Community Grant. This should allow us to complete the playground area.

7.P. Mayor's Financial Report- Mayor Ehrbar:
Mayor's Court report submitted by Rosalyn Ahner
August 6, 2024: For the month of July 2024 the court collected a total of \$4690: 130.00 Computer Fund, \$120.00 Court Improvement Fund, \$37.00 Library Fund, \$466.00 Other Costs. \$3473.00 General Fund. All funds collected were from payment plans and fines. State was paid \$ 458.00: \$117.00 Victims of Crime, \$320.00 HB1 (state indigent support fund), \$0.00 State Bond Surcharge, \$21.00 Drug Law Enforcement/Justice Program Services. Erie County Municipal was paid \$9.00
Indigent Drivers Alcohol Treatment Fund \$0.00. Bank / Online payment expenses totaled: \$0.00 (Credit Card & US Bank service fee). Court has paid a total of \$8180.00 to the Village General Fund in 2024. Court has paid a total of \$16158.00to the Village General Fund in 2023.
Court has paid a total of \$7805.00 to the Village General Fund in 2022
Court has paid a total of \$23133.00 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.
2024– 16 tickets issued
2023 - 60 tickets issued
2022 – 49 tickets issued
2021 – 98 tickets issued
2020 – 37 tickets issued
2019– 120 tickets issued
2018– 157 tickets issued

7.Q. Legal- D. Lambros: There is a piece of legislation on the agenda today authorizing Mayor to enter a contract for Criteria Engineering services related to the Sewer Plant Project. The grant money we have for this is only Good through October of next year. We need to move quick. Hope we can get this passed today.

7.R. Treasurer - L. Klonaris: All financials are in Council packets.
Shores & Islands will have an open meeting at the Town Hall on Tuesday, August 13 at 9:30. Everyone is welcome to attend.

7.S. **Telecommunications Oversight and Development Committee-** J.Wolfe; I did receive a forwarded request from the Mayor about a company that is interested in enhancing cellular service on the island. Also more affordable wireless internet. It is going to require a 300 ft. tower. I asked the to send more information so that I could present it to council. Not going to move forward until I hear back.

(next legislation numbers O – 08 and R - 12)

9.0 First Readings:

9.1 ORDINANCE NO. _____ : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO CREATE A TRANSIENT RENTAL REGISTRATION FUND # 2911 AND TRANSFER \$40,000 FROM THE GENERAL FUND INTO THE NEWLY CREATED FUND, REPEALING ORDINANCE 2024-O-07

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to suspend the three reading rule,

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

Motion to pass:

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

9.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE PARKS AND RECREATION FUND #2041 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$10,000.00 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 ___ 2 ___, S. Stevenson ___ Y ___, S. Smith ___ Y ___, M. Gaither ___ Y ___, J.Wolfe ___ Y ___, G. Finger ___ 1 __

9.3 ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CLERK-TREASURER TO INCREASE APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE STREETS AND SIDEWALKS FUND #2011 IN THE AMOUNT OF \$40,000.00 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 ___ 2 ___, S. Smith ___ Y ___, M. Gaither ___ Y ___, J.Wolfe ___ 1 ___, G. Finger ___ Y __

9.4 ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT WITH K.E. MCCARTNEY & ASSOCIATES INC TO PROVIDE FOR CRITERIA ENGINEERING SERVICES AS RELATED TO THE SEWER PLANT PROJECT.

(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 ___2___, S. Smith ___Y___, M. Gaither ___Y___, J.Wolfe ___1___,
G. Finger ___Y___

9.5 ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – O - _____ : 2025 TAX BUDGET

(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___

Motion to pass:

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

10.0 Second Readings:

10.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – O - _____ ; AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED RESIDENTIAL CODE FOR ONE-TWO-AND THREE- FAMILY DWELLINGS

(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 _____

11.0 Third Readings & Emergencies:

11.1 ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW CHAPTER ENTITLED OHIO BASIC BUILDING CODE

(INTRODUCED BY: MAYOR RONALD E EHRBAR)

Motion to pass:

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

11.2 ORDINANCE NO. 2024 – O - _____ : AN ORDINANCE ENACTING A NEW SECTION ENTITLED TRANSIENT RENTAL PROPERTY.

(INTRODUCED BY: COUNCILPERSONS EATON, GAITHER , WOLFE)

S. Smith asks, is this document locked in now? D. Lambros responds that through time it could change as the program is implemented. S. Smith asks, so we have agreed that it is a 3 year- inspection cycle? D. Lambros, correct.
S. Smith, I still don't like 2D'
D. Lambros, I anticipate change.

Motion to pass:

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

12. Items from the Mayor:

Have an application for a TREX license that needs a motion to approve for what is now known as the Brew Pub.

A.M. Eaton: Is this a full liquor license?

D. Lambros: Yes

Mayor Ehrbar: We have Bill Gallagher with us.

Bill Gallagher: The application is self-explanatory from the standpoint of Liquor Control. Bought Brew Pub from Patti Johnson and we have a pretty good plan to get all this up and running. We have already started on some improvements making it look more acceptable and not like a closed down restaurant. Revenues are in application. This is an application that I want to transfer into Kelleys Island so we can operate the business as a tavern / restaurant. With your approval we will be able to go ahead and make application to the State. You guys will have another chance to review before submission.

J. Wolfe: Is this the transferring of the license which is a brew license?

Bill Gallagher: No, it is bringing a new liquor license.

J. Wolfe: So, there is no brewery then?

Bill Gallagher: When the former owners closed, they let the license lapse so, we had to apply for a new license.

Motion to approve TREX application made by J. Wolfe; second by A.M. Eaton. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

In 2017-2018 the FAA awarded the Village of Kelleys Island \$82,000 for the property that is located between Haig property and Airport parking lot. FAA is now stating that this was a mistake and wants their money back. Working with RS&H they worked out several different things that we will need money for at the Airport. They have got the total that we will need to pay back down to \$16,000. I am asking for a motion to sign a check for \$16,000 and get this off the table. Property remains ours.

Motion made by S. Stevenson to allow Mayor to pay back \$16,000; second by A.M. Eaton. All in Favor. Motion Passed.

13. Items from Council:

14. Old Business:

15. Public Comment:

Dan Hazard: Question regarding Transient Rentals..

R. Ehrbar: This is not a question / answer

Dan Hazard: Seems strange that the definition from the last reading to the reading that was just passed was changed from 30 days in any calendar year to 3 days.

Brandon Davis: We have had similar success with transient short-term rentals progress process in NC. Our firm was actually asked to be a part of the Short-Term Rental process. One of the things that the county did was to bring the public together to be able to have voices heard and passed legislation that is inclusive to their input.

It was a process that went from Planning Board to Council to County Commissioner. These meeting are continuing to happen and the legislation looks pretty awesome.

One of the things we have been asking for on Kelleys Island is for the same thing. We've made some opportunities to be heard and we requested a public forum which has not been granted. What we would ask is for an informational meeting of some sort where the public gets an opportunity to be heard and we hear some things that have happened behind the scenes. The legislation we all think is necessary and we have asked for some of that by email and through phone calls. There has been no response. So, if we could get some response.

Roz Ahner: I vote here. I live here. I raised my kids here. I raised my grandchildren here. Some of the people who come up here to speak have commented that they speak for the residents of Kelleys Island. They do not. I speak for myself. I agree with what you are doing. I know it's been open and above board.

16. New Business:

17. Correspondence:

18. Motion to adjourn,

RC: A.M. Eaton __Y__, S. Stevenson ___Y__, S. Smith __Y__, M. Gaither __Y__, J. Wolfe __2__,

G. Finger ___1__

Meeting Adjourned At: 10:27



Lisa M Klonaris, Clerk-Treasurer



Mayor Ronald E. Ehrbar