Council Meeting Minutes

Monday, September 11, 2023 – 7:30 PM

Council Chambers

Item	Presented By:	Action	Topic	Report
Pledge of Allegiance & Roll Call for Quorum	Mayor Stefan Densmore			The Village Council convened a regular, in-person meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023, at 7:30 PM with Mayor Stefan Densmore presiding. Roll call of Council Members: Ms. Chaney: Present: Mr. Fischer: Present Mr. Kneipp: Present Mr. Marx: Present Ms. Snyder: Present Mr. Van Harn: Present
Set the Agenda & Adopt	Mayor Densmore	Review & Motion		Motion to approve the agenda by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Snyder. All voted in favor.
Persons Registered to Address Council	Resident/Visitor	3-minute time limit per speaker.	Proclamation 2023 – 8: Commemorating Suicide Prevention Month Emeline Thompson, NAMI SW Ohio Program Director & Angel Curry, Community Outreach Manager	Motion to affirm by Ms. Snyder. Second by Mr. Van Harn. All voted in favor. Ms. Thompson accepted the proclamation on behalf of NAMI SW Ohio.
Mayor	Mayor Densmore	Report & Announcements		Mr. Densmore spoke about 9/11 and the impact it has on American society today. GMPD is a standout for departments with AEDs in vehicles.

				Thanks to all that participated in the C76. Thanks to Capt. Reed for working with Rozzi, Dave Willacker and the Cincinnati Circus for the free performance. GMPD who worked the event. Jason and Andy from Service Dept for their help. Edwin Butler and the Second Wind Band, Tiny Bistro, Kona Ice. Bryant Bussa and the Park Committee team. DPS for attending. Thanks to Mr. Hirth for coordinating the event. Mr. Kneipp thanks Haven Van Harn for her cookie sales directed towards finishing the walking path in the park. Ridge Acres Homeowners Association will meet at the Municipal Building, Sept 27, 6pm. Mr. Pridonoff spoke about the millage evaluation from Hamilton County, which will be finalized for 2024. Mr. Densmore is excited to report the 2/3 of the first round of trees have been delivered for the Mayor's Tree Program. Emeline Thompson spoke about what mental health services NAMI SW Ohio provides for families and individuals.
Minutes to be Approved	Mayor Densmore	Review & Motion	Minutes from Previous Council Meeting for Approval: 8/14/2023	Motion to approve the minutes for 8/14/2023 by Mr. Marx. Second by Ms. Chaney. All voted in favor
Department Reports				
Fire District	Chief Denny Meador	Report	DPS Fire District Report – August 2023	Lt. Brian Timmers sat in for Chief Meador.
Village Administrator	Ron Hirth	Report		Welcome to Chief Campbell on his return and thanks to Captain Reed for leading the police department during his absence. Road Projects:

				• **Wiehe: Road:** Final asphalt has been installed as well as striping for the road and pedestrian markings. There are some final detail items that will be reviewed in a final acceptance walk-through later this month. New ADA compliant crosswalk construction continues. • **Elbrook**: Removal and replacement of curb, driveway aprons and sidewalk areas selected for replacement will begin shortly. • **Ridegeacres**: We have received preliminary approval for Round 3 SORTA funding. We have also applied for Municipal Road Funds (MRF) funding to complete the improvement of Yosemite in tandem with Ridgeacres. • **Losantiville Traffic Study** – The draft pf the study has been accepted. Thanks for the feedback from the Mayor, Council and the Police and Service departments. Facets of the report will be incorporated into the Wiehe and Elbrook Intersections. • LED street light replacement is 98% complete. Resident feedback has been positive. We are engaging the road engineer, JMA, to develop a strategy to analyze and evaluate lighting and determine if there are areas for improvement. • Park improvement projects have been completed. We are working on replacing the fence and include an automated fence. Trees obtained through the Mayor and the Duke Energy tree grant will be planted across the front of the park replacing the larger invasive species tree that was removed. The improvement to the amphitheater worked well for set up of the band. • Thanks to all who helped with the Celebration Concert. We believe there were more than 200 in

				attendance. Special thanks to Captain Reed for working with Arthur Rozzi company to provide the drone show. Also, a special thank you to Dave Willacker and Cincinnati Circus who performed their Thrill Show free of change to the Village and residents. Thanks to the police officers who worked the detail and to Jason and Andy from the Service Department. Finally, a great amount of appreciation for Edwin Butler and the 2nd Wind Band, the Tiny Bistro and Kona Ice. And a shout out to Bryant Bussa and his park committee team who engaged with the resident throughout the evening. Ms. Snyder requested signage for the bathrooms after they have been winterized and when they are available. Also, a request to give a push notification for last brush pick up. Mr. Densmore emphasized Mr. Marx's suggestion that the lighting evaluation in the village should be completed before the fall leaf season commences.
Fiscal Officer	Eric Pridonoff	Report	Financial Packet August 2023	'For the month of August FY23, the Village had a combined bank balance of $2,545,632.89. Of this amount $917,812.80, can be found in the Village's primary checking account, while the balance resides in several Village dedicated funds. The Village generated $79,897.55, in General Fund income tax receipts. RITA collections were significantly higher than August of the previous year. For the year, the Village has collected $716,625.46, in GF income tax receipts. This is just over 11% higher than August FY22. There was no change to property tax in August. The Village has received the first bi-annual disbursement of real estate taxes from the Hamilton County Auditor, in March. The second bi-

				annual disbursement was expected in August, but is still outstanding. The Village received the first homestead rollback in August this year, which was received in April 2022. The Village received $140,823.56, in General Fund Receipts. This number is $286,791.00, less than August FY22. The massive shortfall can be attributed to outstanding property tax receipts from Hamilton County. The DEA program received $12,075.91, which puts the annual total to $113,400.09. That being said, the Village still projects receipts of approximately $172,000, for the year for that program. The Star Ohio Fund earned $7,150.53, for the month of August, totaling $40,582.96, for 2023. The $500,000 of the Reserve is still placed in a 5/3 Savings account, but the account was set up incorrectly, and should earning 3.6% interest, retroactive to Aug 18. This account should provide an additional $18,000 in annual interest earnings. The top five payees for the month were Rack & Ballauer, Payroll (3 pay periods posted), Adleta, DPS, and OP&F. Total Village General Fund Appropriations spend for the month was in the amount of $226,628.26. This figure is $44,884.34, more than August FY22. The Village had 20 outstanding payments that totaled $55,354.65. Village Administration will continue to monitor appropriation spend and make any adjustments deemed necessary. Motion to accept by Ms. Chaney. Second by Mr. Fischer. All voted in favor.
Police	Chief Campbell	Report	Mayor's Court Report – August 2023	Thanks to Capt. Reed, Lt. Forrest, and the men and women of the GMPD for their service while Chief Campbell was gone. Total to City $3,721. State $932.50. Other $31.50. Total $4,685.

				Motion to accept by Ms. Chaney. Second by Mr. Van Harn. All voted in favor.
Solicitor Report	Mr. Butler		**RES. 2023 - 22:** A Resolution Authorizing the Village Administrator to prepare and submit an Application to Participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission State Capital Improvement and/or Local Transportation Improvement Program(s) and to Execute Contracts as Required	**RES. 2023-22: For Approval** Motion to read by title only by Ms. Snyder. Second by Mr. Marx. Motion to adopt by Ms. Chaney. Second by Mr. Marx. Roll call: Ms. Chaney: Yes Mr. Fischer: Yes Mr. Kneipp: Yes Mr. Marx: Yes Ms. Snyder: Yes Mr. Van Harn: Yes
Executive Committee	Roger Van Harn, Chair	Report		The Executive Committee met this evening. The full report is here. Parks Project Report. Discussion about the strategic plan was moved to Full Council. Ridgeacres and 2024 Appropriations are on the agenda to discuss next meeting. Mr. Densmore thanked Mr. Fischer for compiling the strategic plan. The draft version should go to Administration and Chairs.
Finance Committee	David Fischer	Report		The Finance Committee met this evening. The full report is here. Increase salary of administrator was approved. Requested the Fiscal Officer to ask the County for 2nd payment of property taxes for the year. Thanks for help on the strategic plan contributions.

Planning Commission	Lou Marx	Report		• The next scheduled Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 2, 2023, at 6:30 PM, pending any business.
Community Engagement Committee		Report		The Community Engagement Committee will meet Tuesday, September 19, 2023 at 9:30 AM. No meeting has taken place since the last Council meeting. Thanks to all the volunteers who distributed the newsletters. Parks Committee requests residents to fill out surveys from the newsletter.
Education	Sharon Chaney			PRMLSDMC meets weds at 3pm at PRM. CPS notified Ms. Chaney they are holding the ad-hoc meeting tomorrow. Ms. Chaney will try to attend.
Communication				
Non-Profit	David Fischer			
Old Business		Discussion		
New Business		Discussion		
Announcements				Next Council Meetings are scheduled for: • **Monday, October 9, 2023** o Records Commission @ 5:45 PM o Executive Committee @ 6 PM o Council @ 7 PM or immediately after conclusion of Executive Committee meeting • **Monday, October 23, 2023** o Financial Audit Committee @ 6 PM o Finance Committee @ 6:15 PM o Council @ 7 PM or immediately after conclusion of Finance Committee meeting
Adjourn				Motion to adjourn by Mr. Marx at 8:37pm Second by Mr. Van Harn All voted in favor

Approvals:

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Submitted by Eric Pridonoff, Fiscal Officer

_____ Date: _____

David Fischer, Committee Chair

_____ Date: _____

Paula Burgin, Asst. Clerk of Council