

Andover Village
Council Meeting
(11 April 2023)

A meeting of the Andover Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 April 2023 at the Andover Village Hall, 134 Maple Street, Andover, Ohio, in accordance with the rules of notification.

IN ATTENDANCE.

VILLAGE OFFICERS

Mayor Gerald DiBell
Solicitor Richard B. Kotila
Village Fiscal Officer Cathryn A. Williams
Village Administrator Richard Mead
Police Chief Christopher Baker
Zoning Inspector Lara Reibold
Councilmembers: Leo Crouch
 Raymond French
 G. Randy Gentry
 Margo Hornyak
 Richard K. Orahood
 E. Curt Williams

VISITORS

Laura Alt and Alexandria Creed
Teresa Crouch
Glenn Day
Abbie and Avery DiBell
Brook DiBell
Deanna DiBell
Bill French
Veronica "Ronnie" Heath
Nancy Logan, Andover Public Library
Dorothy McCombs
Gene Nipple
Brittany Pelton
Bob & Beth Swartz
Matthew Teter
Jaylyn Ward
Warren Dillaway, *The Star Beacon*
Timothy Lord, *The News*

MINUTES AND REPORTS. The following minutes and reports were presented for council's review prior to the meeting.

1. Council minutes for 14 March 2023 and 20 March 2023
2. Bills
3. Mayor's report
4. Fiscal officer's report
5. Police chief's report
6. Zoning inspector's report
7. Public Hearing minutes for 20 March 2023
8. Andover Planning Commission minutes for 21 March 2023
9. Council Work Session minutes for 28 March 2023
10. Andover Union Cemetery Board minutes for 23 February 2023

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and was followed by the roll call.
2. Council minutes for the 14 March regular meeting and 20 March special meeting. No corrections or changes were necessary, so the minutes were deemed approved as submitted.
3. Bills. It was moved to approve payment of the bills presented in the amount of \$29,195.94 and to allow the fiscal officer to pay additional bills which will come due in April. Discussion. Motion carried.

VISITORS.

1. Chickens in the village. Abbie and Avery DiBell introduced themselves to council and requested that council reconsider the ban on chickens in the village. At its March meeting council voted to keep the ban on farm animals in place. The girls said they circulated a petition and had 300 signatures supporting the request to allow chickens in the village. Councilmember Williams asked for a copy of the petition and said that council will discuss the matter at the April work session - which all are invited to attend.
2. Library levy. Nancy Logan asked for council to lend their support for the library's renewal levy which will be on the May ballot. She explained that even though there are not as many people signing out books, the library still provides many other community services and saw over 28,000 visitors in the last year with up to 5 customers a day using the fax service. She emphasized the importance of people getting to the polls.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS. The following officers presented, reviewed, and commented upon their reports and other matters noted.

MAYOR

1. Mayor's report. For the month of March, the village received \$734.00 in fines from the Andover Mayor's Court.

ADMINISTRATOR

1. Administrator's report. The administrator provided no written report but said that the month of March was mainly spent doing street maintenance and cold patching.
2. Pymatuning Valley Trail. The Ashtabula County Metroparks work on the Pymatuning Valley portion of the Greenway Trail has begun with branch removal and trail clearing.

ZONING INSPECTOR

1. Public Hearing. The zoning inspector reported that the Andover Planning Commission met on 21 March 2023 at 4:30 p.m. and approved Resolution 2023-9-R amending the Andover Village Zoning Ordinance pertaining to the issuance of occupancy permits for rental properties in the village. A Public Hearing was set for Monday, 15 May 2023 at 6:00 p.m. A special meeting of council will follow immediately after it to act upon the resolution.

COMMITTEES. The following committee reported upon its deliberations and made the recommendation noted.

COUNCIL WORK SESSION.

1. AED units. As recommended at the work session, it was moved that the village administrator purchase 7 AED units. Motion carried. The units will be distributed as follows:
 - 2 units to be donated to the Lakers Youth Football League
 - 1 unit to be donated to the Andover Public Library
 - 1 unit to be donated to the Pymatuning Area Youth Organization (PAYO)
 - 1 unit each to be kept at the Chestnut Street and Ohio Avenue rec parks for use by PAYO. Units will be kept at the village hall in the off-season and will remain the property of the village.
 - 1 unit to be kept at the village hall
2. Pay raise. The top rate of pay for part-time police officers shall be changed to \$16.50/hour beginning with the 17 April 2023 pay period. The pay amendment ordinance will be presented later in the meeting.
3. Full-time police officer. The police chief will seek to hire a full-time police officer.
4. K-9 unit. It was recommended that the police chief and sergeant establish a K-9 unit for the department.

CORRESPONDENCE.

No additional correspondence was presented for council's review.

LEGISLATION. The mayor read the titles of the following legislation presented for council's consideration.

1. **Ordinance No. 2023-2-O**, an ordinance repealing Ordinance No. 2019-10-O, and establishing the salaries of elected officials of Andover Village. It was moved to accept the 3rd reading. Discussion. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance No. 2023-12-O**, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-12-O ("the Andover Village Pay Ordinance") to change the rate of pay for the position of Part-time Officer, effective 17 April 2023, and declaring an emergency. It was moved to accept the 1st reading. Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings and declare an emergency. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Old signs. Councilmember French asked the zoning inspector what can be done to remove old signs in the village that belong to businesses that are closed. The zoning inspector will research the matter.
2. Village clean-up. The administrator said the dates for the village clean-up are changed this year. Clean-up days will be Friday and Saturday, 28 & 29 April, from 8-4 on Friday and 8-2 on Saturday. Items such as tires, paint, chemicals, solvents, and shingles will not be accepted. However, the county will have a tire amnesty day in May.
3. Combine parcels. The zoning inspector reported that a meeting of the Andover Planning Commission will be set to review Pymatuning Valley School's request to combine 10 parcels of land at the site of the school bus garage.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. K-9 unit. Councilmember Crouch said years ago the police department invested in a K-9 unit and the dog and its handler transferred to the sheriff's department shortly after. The police chief said there will now be a reimbursement schedule in place for if/when the handler leaves the department.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved at 7:28 to adjourn. Motion carried.



Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor