

Andover Village  
Council Meeting  
(8 February 2022)

A meeting of the Andover Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 8 February 2022 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  
Zoning Inspector Fredrick L. Border, Jr.  
Councilmembers:   Leo Crouch  
                              Raymond French  
                              G. Randy Gentry  
                              Margo Hornyak  
                              Richard K. Orahood  
                              E. Curt Williams

ABSENT

Police Chief Christopher Baker

VISITORS

Ryan Buie, President, Andover Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD)  
Tim Campbell, President, PV Youth Football  
Glenn Day  
Nancy Logan  
Lara Reibold, Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce (PACOC)

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

1. Council minutes for the 11 January 2022 regular meeting and the 25 January 2022 special meeting
2. Bills
3. Mayor's report
4. Fiscal officer's report
5. Police chief's report
6. Zoning inspector's report (*provided at meeting*)
7. Finance Committee minutes for 19 January 2022
8. Council work session minutes for 25 January 2022
9. Andover Union Cemetery Board minutes for 18 November 2022

### INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. Council minutes for the 11 January 2022 regular meeting and the 25 January 2022 special meeting. No corrections or changes were necessary, so the minutes were deemed approved as submitted.
2. Bills. It was moved to approve payment of the bills presented in the amount of \$19,531.19 and to allow the fiscal officer to pay additional bills which will come due in February. Discussion. Motion carried.

### VISITORS.

1. Lights at rec park. Lara Riebold provided council with the summer schedule for *Family Movie Night* at the rec park. She asked council to consider providing lighting at the park so that people can see their way around in the dark. The administrator said that work is scheduled to begin soon on the restroom renovations and that lighting is to be included as part of the project.
2. AVFD update. Ryan Buie briefed the group on the AVFD's recent ISO (Information Service Organization) evaluation. Several deficiencies were noted and they are working on their plan of correction. He emphasized the importance of keeping the ISO rating low because it affects insurance rates for properties in the areas serviced by the fire department.

New members needed. The AVFD needs new members, particularly certified firefighters. They are required to have 4 certified firefighters present at every structure fire. Although the department has 11 certified firefighters in membership, most of them work day jobs and cannot respond to calls that come in during the day. Mr. Buie asked for council's help in getting the word out and asked for ideas to bring in new recruits. He said that many small governments are adding incentives to lure recruits, such as tax breaks and regular pay for members. Councilmember Orahood will advertise the need for firefighters on the village website and the mayor said he will ask the *Star Beacon* to advertise the need, as well.

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 January, the village received \$390.00 in fines from the Andover Mayor's Court.

#### FISCAL OFFICER

1. ODOT Legislation. The fiscal officer asked if council wished to enact the legislation requested by ODOT for curb ramp replacements/upgrades on State Route 85 in the village. The work will also include replacing the catch basins. ODOT will be resurfacing the road at their cost but the curb ramp and catch basin replacements/upgrades will be at village expense. The cost is estimated to be \$60,000. The administrator said he would like to see the work done as part of the whole project. Council agreed. The legislation will be presented to council tonight.

2. Municipal Officials Seminars. The mayor and council were provided a schedule of seminars available through the Ohio Municipal League for all elected officials.

COMMITTEES. The following committee reported on its deliberations and made the recommendations noted.

**FINANCE COMMITTEE**

1. Lakers Youth Football League grant. It was moved to sub-grant the league \$10,000 toward the cost of equipment. Motion carried.
2. Pay raise for full-time police officers. The committee recommended raising the rate of pay for the police sergeant to \$19.65/hour and the patrolman to \$17.45/hour. The increase will be addressed under legislation.

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

1. **Ordinance No. 2021-6-O**, an ordinance amending Ordinance No. 2021-12-O ("the Andover Village Pay Ordinance") to change the rate of pay for the positions of Sergeant and Officer 1, effective 7 February 2022, and declaring an emergency. It was moved to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings and declare an emergency. Motion carried.
2. **Ordinance No. 2022-7-R, PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS**, an ordinance to make permanent appropriations for the current expenses and other expenditures of Andover Village during fiscal year ending 31 December 2022, and repealing Ordinance No. 2021-20-O. It was moved to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution No. 2022-8-R**, a resolution giving consent to the Ohio Director of Transportation to replace and update curb ramps along State Route 85 within Andover Village, at the village's cost, and declaring an emergency. It was moved to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings and declare an emergency. Motion carried.


NEW BUSINESS.

There was no new business

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no old/unfinished business.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved at 7:40 to adjourn. Motion carried.

  
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Village Fiscal Officer

  
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Mayor