

Andover Village  
Council Meeting  
(10 October 2023)

A meeting of the Andover Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 10 October 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  
Police Chief Christopher Baker  
Zoning Inspector Lara Reibold  
Councilmembers:   Leo Crouch  
                          Raymond French  
                          G. Randy Gentry  
                          Margo Hornyak  
                          Richard K. Orahood  
                          E. Curt Williams

ABSENT

Village Administrator Richard Mead

VISITORS

Lillian Brooke  
Ryan Buie  
Teresa Crouch  
Glenn Day  
Bill French  
Warren Dillaway, *The Star Beacon*  
Corinne Schoren, *The News*

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

1. Council minutes for 12 September 2023
2. Bills
3. Mayor's report
4. Fiscal officer's report
5. Administrator's report
6. Police chief's report
7. Zoning inspector's report
8. Council work session minutes for 26 September 2023 (*provided at meeting*)

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. The meeting opened with the pledge to the flag and was followed by the roll call.

2. Council minutes for the 12 September 2023 meeting and 26 September 2023 work session. 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 \$33,764.87 and to allow the fiscal officer to pay additional bills which will come due in October. Discussion. Motion carried.

#### VISITORS.

1. Isaly's Gateway Restaurant Memorial. Andover Township Trustee Bill French is organizing an effort to build a memorial to the 1955 Isaly's Gateway Restaurant explosion on the public square. The plan is for the memorial to be in place by 11 August 2025 - the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the disaster. He is forming a committee and information will be shared with council.
2. Renew Firefighting Agreement. The Firefighting Agreement between the village and the Andover Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD) expires on 12/31/2023. Ryan Buie said the AVFD would like to see changes for the new contract. The village solicitor suggested that they modify the current contract with their changes and submit the changes to him to review.
3. Honoring firefighters. Ryan Buie said the AVFD, at their recent meeting, honored longtime firefighters Robert "Bob" Miller and Tom "Stubby" Jacobs for their many years of service to the community. The honorees were also presented Proclamations by the Andover Village Mayor thanking them for their service. Mr. Buie said the AVFD is attempting to rebuild a lost list of lifetime members so they could be memorialized. He asked that anyone who knows past lifetime members contact him.
4. Veteran's Day dinner. Lara Reibold shared the invitation to the Veteran's Day Dinner hosted by the United Methodist Church on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. Veterans eat free. Any veteran needing a ride should contact the church.

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

#### MAYOR

1. Mayor's report. There was no revenue received for the month of September from the Andover Mayor's Court.

#### FISCAL OFFICER

1. Finance committee. The fiscal officer requested a meeting of the finance committee to address using the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds. A meeting was set for 31 October 2023 at 1:00 p.m.

#### ZONING INSPECTOR

1. Zoning inspector's report. The zoning inspector reported that there are two (2) properties within the village with incorrect addresses. First, there are two (2) 190 West Main Streets, one of which is the school bus garage. Second, a property on Carol Court is addressed as 0 Carol Court. It was moved to change the bus garage address to 215 West Main Street, and to change the address of 0 Carol Court to 329 Carol Court. Discussion. Motion carried.



COMMITTEES. The following committee reported upon its deliberations.  
COUNCIL WORK SESSION.

1. Minutes of 26 September 2023. The group discussed several repair and maintenance projects, including the inspection and eventual painting of the village water tower and repairs to curbs around the public square. The village administrator is researching available grants for the work to be done on the water tower.
2. Zoning. A property has been purchased by an individual who wishes to operate it as a recovery/rehabilitation house. There have also been questions regarding operating Air B&B's within the village. The zoning inspector is researching the matter for council to discuss at the next work session.

CORRESPONDENCE. The mayor reviewed the following correspondence in addition to the items presented for council's review.

1. Emergency room. The mayor reported that he has had discussion with state senator JD Vance regarding changing the designation of the former UH emergency room to a *Critical Access Care Facility*. The change in designation could potentially attract a new emergency room services provider and enable them to receive more federal dollars for Medicare and Medicaid patient treatment.
2. Thank you. The fiscal officer read a thank you card received from Joyce Ermansons thanking council and the village officers for the generosity they showed at her retirement.

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

1. **Resolution No. 2023-18-R**, a resolution retaining attorney Richard B. Kotila as the Andover Village Assistant Solicitor, and establishing the duties of that position and the retainer to be paid. It was moved to accept the 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Discussion. Motion carried. The resolution will move to a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.
2. **Resolution No. 2023-20-R**, a resolution accepting the proposal of Love Insurance Agency, Inc., an agent for Ohio Plan Risk Management, Inc., for general liability and property damage insurance coverage for Andover Village for a period of one (1) year, authorizing the village administrator to enter into a contract in accordance with the terms of the proposal, 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.

1. Air B&B's in the village. There was discussion regarding the operation of Air B&B's in the village. Council will look at the pros & cons and zoning guidelines at the October work session.
2. Surplus vehicles and equipment. The administrator has several surplus items he would like to sell. The solicitor will get more information on what is to be sold and prepare the necessary resolution.
3. Water Services Agreements. The Water Services Agreements with Holiday Camplands and Lake Village expire on 31 December 2023. The solicitor will meet with the administrator to discuss terms for the new agreements.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no old business.


EXECUTIVE SESSION. It was moved to enter an executive session at 7:39 p.m. to discuss personnel and imminent legislation. Motion carried. The mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

LEGISLATION.

1. **Resolution No. 2023-21-R**, a resolution retaining attorney Christopher M. Newcomb as the Andover Village Solicitor for a term of 2 years, from 1 January 2024 through 31 December 2025, establishing the retainer and hourly rate to be paid, 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.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved at 8:43 to adjourn. Motion carried.

  
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Village Fiscal Officer

  
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Mayor