

Andover Village  
Council Meeting  
(14 March 2023)

A meeting of the Andover Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 14 March 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: Raymond French  
G. Randy Gentry  
Margo Hornyak  
Richard K. Orahood  
E. Curt Williams

ABSENT

Councilmember Leo Crouch

VISITORS

Tim Campbell, President, Pymatuning Valley Youth Football  
Glenn Day  
Bill French  
George & Pam Graham, Ruritans  
Nancy Logan, Andover Public Library  
Charlie & Lavonne O'Neill  
Timothy Lord, *The News*  
Warren Dillaway, *The Star Beacon*

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

1. Council minutes for 14 February 2023
2. Bills
3. Mayor's report
4. Fiscal officer's report
5. Village administrator's report
6. Police chief's report
7. Zoning inspector's report
8. Andover Planning Commission minutes for 14 February 2023

9. Council work session minutes for 28 February 2023
10. Andover Union Cemetery Board minutes for 26 January 2023

#### MAYORAL PROCLAMATION

1. Proclamation for Charlie O'Neill. The mayor presented Charlie O'Neill with a Mayoral Proclamation upon his retirement. Charlie retired after 28 years working for the village.

#### INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. Council minutes for 14 February 2023. 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 \$72,620.61 and to allow the fiscal officer to pay additional bills which will come due in March. Discussion. Motion carried.

#### VISITORS.

1. Chamber of Commerce meetings. Lara Reibold, President of the Pymatuning Area Chamber of Commerce, requested that the chamber's monthly meetings be held at the village hall. The mayor and village administrator agreed to the request.
2. AED units. The Ruritans, along with Pymatuning Valley Youth Football League (PVYFL), requested help in purchasing the AED units which are now required at all youth sports events. It was suggested that 2 units be made available for PAYO and 2 units for Lakers football games. The units would be used for travel to away games, as well as home games. Nancy Logan also requested help to purchase one for the library. It was agreed that the Ruritans and the PVYFL should also seek help from other sources, such as the Eagles Club and the surrounding townships, and research possible grant opportunities.
3. Stand-by ambulances. Tim Campbell asked for information regarding having a stand-by ambulance present at PV football games. The mayor said contact information will be provided to him.
4. Library levy. Nancy Logan informed the group that the library has a renewal levy on the ballot for the May election.

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 February, the village received \$222.00 in fines from the Andover Mayor's Court.

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

#### COUNCIL WORK SESSION.

1. Minutes for 28 February 2023. It was recommended that chickens not be permitted in the village.

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

1. Letter from Lindsey Dzura, Safety Chair for PVYFL. The letter emphasized the importance of AED units and requested assistance from the village and local townships in purchasing units.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> reading. Discussion. Motion carried. The ordinance will move to a 3<sup>rd</sup> reading.
2. **Resolution No. 2023-9-R**, a resolution proposing to the Andover Planning Commission to amend the text of Ordinance No. 883, known as the "Andover Zoning Ordinance", pertaining to the issuance of occupancy permits, 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.
3. **Resolution No. 2023-10-R**, a resolution of the council of the Village of Andover, authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of acquiring its Police Cruiser to serve an area lawfully within its jurisdiction to serve. It was moved to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings. Motion carried.
4. **Ordinance No. 2023-11-O**, an ordinance authorizing the issuance of \$9,600 of bonds for the purpose of acquiring a police cruiser with related equipment, and declaring an emergency. It was moved to accept the 1<sup>st</sup> reading. Discussion. The solicitor advised council that the Fiscal Officer certified the maximum maturity of the bonds is 5 years. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings and declare an emergency. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Grand opening ceremony. The Ashtabula County Civic Development Corporation will tentatively hold a grand opening ceremony at the rec park on Thursday, May 18, 2023. The ceremony is to celebrate the remodeled restrooms at the park. The Civic Development Corporation contributed a \$20,000 grant toward the remodel project.

OLD/UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

There was no old/unfinished business.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. It was moved to enter an executive session at 7:38 p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried. The mayor reconvened the meeting at 8:27 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved at 8:27 to adjourn. Motion carried.

Cathy Williams  
Village Fiscal Officer

Frank Ditzel  
Mayor