

Andover Village
Council Meeting
(10 January 2023)

A meeting of the Andover Village Council was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, 11 January 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
Village Fiscal Officer Cathryn A. Williams
Solicitor Richard B. Kotila
Police Chief Christopher Baker
Village Administrator Richard Mead
Zoning Inspector Lara Reibold
Councilmember: Raymond French
 G. Randy Gentry
 Margo Hornyak
 Richard K. Orahood
 E. Curt Williams

ABSENT Councilmember Leo Crouch

VISITORS

Bill French, Andover Township Trustee
Glen Day, Andover Township Trustee
Ryan Buie, President, AVFD
Allison Limestol, AVFD
Bill Keeler
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 meeting minutes for 13 December 2022
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. Andover Planning Commission minutes for 21 December 2022

INTRODUCTORY MATTERS.

1. Council minutes for the 13 December 2022. 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 \$138,141.44 and to allow the fiscal officer to pay additional bills which will come due in January. Discussion. Motion carried.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING MATTERS.

1. Handbook. It was moved to adopt the Andover Handbook (Rules and Regulations Governing Andover Village) to govern the actions of council and those of the officers and employees of the village, including the appendices. Motion carried.
2. President of council. Curt Williams was nominated to serve as the president of council. It was moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.
3. Vice president of council. Randy Gentry was nominated to serve as the vice president of council. It was moved to close the nominations and cast a unanimous ballot. Motion carried.

VISITORS.

1. AVFD . Mr. Ryan Buie updated council on the leadership changes at the fire department which were voted on in November 2022.

Mr. Buie also briefed council on the changes which have come from the Ohio State Fire Marshall's office regarding certification of firefighters and use of auxiliary members. He said they need to restructure. There are 21 firefighters on the department roster; some do not have the mandated 36-hour fire course and some of the long-time firefighter's course certifications have lapsed. The auxiliary members now need to be split off from the department. The changes leave the department with 8 members to respond to calls.

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

MAYOR

1. Mayor's report. For the month of December, the village received \$106.00 in fines from the Andover Mayor's Court.

FISCAL OFFICER

1. YE 2022. The 2022 accounting year is closed out and all financial reports are available for review.

COMMITTEES. The following committee reported on its deliberations and took the action noted.

PLANNING COMMISSION

1. Minutes for 21 December 2022. The commission met to consider the request of Richard D. Baumgardner, Inc. to have its 4 parcels combined into one. The request was approved.

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

1. **Resolution No. 2022-35-R**, A resolution for the submission to all the electors of the entire territory of Andover Village, on 2 May 2023, in accordance with ORC §5705.191, of the question of a renewal of an existing levy of 0.3 mills against the entire territory of the village, for the benefit of the village for the purpose of fire protection at a rate not exceeding 0.3 mills for each \$1 of valuation for a period of 5 years, commencing and appearing on the tax list for the tax years 2023 through 2027 and first due in the calendar year 2024 Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings. Motion carried.
2. **Resolution No. 2022-36-R**, A resolution for the submission to all the electors of the entire territory of Andover Village, on 2 May 2023, in accordance with ORC §5705.191, of the question of a renewal of an existing levy of 1.2 mills against the entire territory of the village, for the benefit of the village for the purpose of fire protection at a rate not exceeding 1.2 mills for each \$1 of valuation for a period of 5 years, commencing and appearing on the tax list for the tax years 2023 through 2027 and first due in the calendar year 2024 Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings. Motion carried.
3. **Resolution No. 2022-37-R**, A resolution for the submission to all the electors of the entire territory of Andover Village, on 2 May 2023, in accordance with ORC §5705.191, of the question of a renewal of an existing levy of 0.5 mills against the entire territory of the village, for the benefit of the village for the purpose of fire protection at a rate not exceeding 0.5 mills for each \$1 of valuation for a period of 5 years, commencing and appearing on the tax list for the tax years 2023 through 2027 and first due in the calendar year 2024 Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings. Motion carried.
4. **Resolution No. 2022-38-R**, A resolution for the submission to all the electors of the entire territory of Andover Village, on 2 May 2023, in accordance with ORC §5705.191, of the question of a renewal of an existing levy of 2.0 mills against the entire territory of the village, for the benefit of the village for the purpose of ambulance and emergency medical services at a rate not exceeding 2.0 mills for each \$1 of valuation for a period of 5 years, commencing and appearing on the tax list for the tax years 2023 through 2027 and first due in the calendar year 2024 Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings. Motion carried.
5. **Resolution No. 2022-39-R**, A resolution for the submission to all the electors of the entire territory of Andover Village, on 2 May 2023, in accordance with ORC §5705.19, of the question of an additional levy of 1.0 mills against the entire territory of the village, for the benefit of the village for the purpose of ambulance and emergency medical services at a rate not exceeding 1.0 mills for each \$1 of valuation for a period of 5 years, commencing and appearing on the tax list for the tax years 2023 through 2027 and first due in the calendar year 2024 Discussion. Motion carried. It was moved to waive the 3 readings. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS.

1. Council pay raise. Councilmember Williams suggested raising the pay of council from \$150/month to \$300/month. Council pay has not been changed since the 1970's and an

increase may be a small incentive to attract new members. He also noted that the new wage would only come into effect for future councilmembers. It was moved to approve the pay raise. Motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION. It was moved to enter an executive session at 7:28 p.m. to discuss imminent litigation. Motion carried. The mayor reconvened the meeting at 7:58 p.m.


UNFINISHED BUSINESS.

1. EMS Contract. The mayor and council discussed the future of ambulance and emergency services for the area. The current provider, Community Care Ambulance Network, has indicated that the village and surrounding 5 townships must all agree to sign their agreement for continued service, however, their agreement is not acceptable to the group. The solicitor noted that the village cannot speak for the townships and whether contracting with CCAN is in their best interests. It was moved to approve an extension of the existing contract for one year. The first year the village will pay the amount received from the current 2.0 mill levy. The 2nd year, the village will pay the amount received from a renewal of that levy, plus the amount received from an additional 1.0 mill levy, whether or not that levy is approved by the electors. The administrator and fiscal officer are authorized and directed to execute an agreement on those terms in a format prepared by the solicitor. Discussion. Motion carried. The solicitor will send the signed agreement to CCAN for its review and execution. The format can be adapted for the use of the township trustees if they so choose.

ADJOURNMENT. It was moved at 8:40 to adjourn. Motion carried.



Village Fiscal Officer



Mayor