

Minutes of the regular Village of Mulliken council meeting held February 5, 2024

Meeting was called to order by President Dennis Kepitis

Members present: Sherry Kempf, Bob McCausey, Will Simon. Brandon Lambrix, Pam Jenkins, Susie Debler-absent

Motion to accept January 8, 2024 minutes made by Sherry and second by Pam. 5 yays, 0 nays, motion carries.

Treasurers Report: Per Kelli, 1) Road repairs get split 50/50 between local and major. 2) She would like a motion to make budget adjustments to amend budgets as required for audit. No budgeted amount should be over the actual budget. Sherry made a motion to allow the adjustments and second by Bob. 5 yays, 0 nays, motion carries. 3) Kelli would like a motion to have all elected officials payroll to come out of the general fund vs all of the funds. Maintenance will be split 25% to all funds. Motion made by Sherry to have the general fund pay for all elected officials and split Maintenance, second by Will. 5 yays 0 nays, motion carries. 4) Kelli would like a motion made to give a pay increase for all members of the council as budgeted in the 2024-25 budget. Motion made by Sherry to increase the council pay as budgeted and second by Brandon. 5 yays 0 nays, motion carries. 5) Kelli would like a motion to open a CD after the new fiscal year not exceed 50% of fund balance for General fund for a length of time > 18 months for a return of 4.75% or greater. Sherry made a motion to have Kelli purchase the CD as requested, Will seconds, 5 yays, 0 nays, motion carries. She also reminded council members any additions to the budget need to be voted on at the next meeting for the 2024-25 fiscal year.

New Business: 1) John Baker is present to have the council approve him for the position of Ordinance Violation Officer. He would get paid per violation. Sherry made a motion to hire him for the position and Will seconds. 5 yays 0 nays, motion carries. 2) Eric has put in his resignation. Dennis would like a motion to allow him to hire a temporary fill in as needed for an hourly rate of \$35.00 per hour. Will made a motion to allow Dennis to hire a temporary person to fill in while we search for a replacement, Sherry seconds. 5 yays 0 nays motion carries. 3) Council meeting dates were presented for approval. Will made a motion to approve the 2024-25 meeting dates as presented, Brandon seconds. 5 yays 0 nays. Motion carries.

Old Business: Sherry does not feel the pavilion would be a good spot for the bell. The council will continue to discuss a viable spot. Committee Reports: Sherry had the light that was out replaced. Will would like help with cleaning the park. Brandon and Pam will help. Maintenance Report: Eric had salt delivered. Zoning Report: Dennis had 2 requests for pole barns. Eaton County Sheriff Officer Mitch Musial stated they had no calls for the month in the village. He stated we have a homeless person living in their vehicle and would like to be notified if seen.

Ordinance Violations: We will have John start proceedings on the property on at 190 Charlotte St.

Limited Public Comment: Chris from Corrigan Oil wanted to let the council know that a variance for the parking lot was not needed, per engineer's diagram. Diagram was reviewed and parking spaces were adequate based on square footage of C-store. A voluntary, informal poll of the council reported that if the parking space requirement would not have been adequate, Sherry and Pam would have approved a

variance and Will, Bob and Brandon would not have approved the variance. Corey Stiles would like parking lines painted in front of the business on the corner of Main St. and Charlotte St. Edd Vedder would like to know about the parking for the renters above Farmers Tavern. Luther Senter would like permission to use his side lot to keep up to 15 cars for sale. Will made a motion to allow the lot to be used to sell up to 15 cars. Pam seconds. 5 yays 0 nays, motion carries. Dawn Nelson stated she had concerns with the gas tanks for the new gas station being a fire hazard.

Motion to adjourn made by Sherry and second by Will. 5 yays 0 nays motion carries.

Minutes compiled on submitted by clerk Cheryl Goodrich