

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Village of Put-in-Bay Council
Tuesday, July 2nd, 2024
9:00 AM Village Town Hall

Mayor Berry called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Roll: Stephens; present, Market; present, Koehler; present, Cox; present, Cerny; present, Biery; present.

Agenda Additions:

1. Roetzel invoices for legal fees in the amount of \$15,720.00.

Cox moved to amend the agenda to include this item. Second by Biery.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

2. Professional services for the parking and traffic study for the Village of Put-in-Bay.

Biery moved to approve this item to be added to the agenda. Second by Cox.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Cox moved to approve the parking study fee in the amount of \$8,700.00 for professional services. Second by Biery.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Cox moved to approve the Roetzel invoice in the amount of \$15,720.00 for legal fees. Second by Market.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Cox stated that public participation should be moved later in the agenda; reasons being that many of the public's questions and concerns are addressed during the meeting.

ORDINANCES:

1443-24 UTILITY RATES INCREASE ORDINANCE THIRD

COX MOVED FOR THE THIRD AND FINAL READING OF ORDINANCE 1443-24. SECOND BY STEPHENS.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; no, Cerny; no.

ACTION OF COUNCIL NEEDED:

Biery moved to approve June 4th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes and June 11th, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes. Second by Cox.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Market moved for the Bills to be paid in July. Second by Cerny.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Market moved to approve the Nelson Tank Inspection invoice in the amount of \$4,750.00. Second by Cox.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Market moved to approve the B-Dock reimbursement of \$135.00. Second by Koehler.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Market moved to approve the purchase of Ferris Lawn Mower \$8,423.67 from Bills Implement. Second by Biery.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Market: The Verkada camera grant was submitted; it is a reimbursement grant.

Village Admin: New potential housing is still in the planning process; further discussion will be needed.

Stephens: Would like to schedule a streets/safety meeting; the townhall parking lot needs revamped and to include additional spots. Meeting will be scheduled for July 9th, 2024 at 7:30 am.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

Cox reported on the current items planning commission are working on:
Islander Inn fence issues with neighbor;
Signage vs. art/murals;
Vixens is mirroring their plans; moving main entrance to the other side of the property.

COUNCIL BUSINESS:

Cox: discussion on parking revenue expectations; is it worth it in the long run when tourism is down.
Cerny: Parking ordinance needs to reflect 30% not \$25.00 for not paying parking fees.
Stephens: when paying for parking on the streets, is there another option for the older generation that may not have a smart phone or internet access?

Paid Parking will go in to effect July 12th, 2024.

DEPARTMENTS:

Administrator:

See report.

Fiscal Officer:

Vehicle Licensing Tax Update
Business License Complaints update; need to start to enforce.

LEGAL COUNSEL:

Liquor license hearing has been rescheduled for July 11th, 2024.

MAYOR REPORT:

Golf Cart rental company meeting was on June 28th, 2024. Went over all procedures for paid parking and Parking fees.

Legal is looking in to the difference between Charter Bus and a regular bus. Set routes need to be in action. Issues have come up with taxi cabs potentially having TV monitors in the vehicles; if it is advertising Is that Still considered a TV? Village issue vs. ORC issue. Legal will research.

When it comes to courtesy carts given out with lodging, they are to be included in the vehicle licensing sticker process.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

Dave Schaffer; 557 Catawba Ave.

Still working on 1 island 1 government survey; will keep council in the loop as it progresses. September 14th, 2024 is when the survey will be discussed. Asked council what the enforcement is going to be with the non-Compliant vehicles for the vehicle tax stickers. There have been many golf carts without windshields on the Streets; need to enforce that as well. Compiling a list of bed and breakfasts, Air BnB and Vrbo's in the township is 99% finished.

Steve Cooks; 237 Shore Villas.

Questioned when the sewer line update will be available.

Brad Ohlemacher; 827 Westshore Blvd.

Discussed getting potential tax money back to the island that is collected by Ottawa Co. It could help with J1 Housing for workers in Port Clinton, Catawba and PIB.

Bob Gatewood; Toledo Ave/AB Carts

Many golf cart companies are not following the rules and Ohio law, no windshields, no plates, no vehicle Stickers; enforcement needs to happen!

Asked council to remove Cincinnati Ave off the parking map; it comes across as an area for free parking. Do Golf cart rental companies have to show proof of insurance to Village when getting business license? If not then they need to do so.

*Council asked legal to amend the rental vehicle ordinance to require an insurance declaration page.

Cox moved for council to enter executive session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official; and for the discussion of pending and imminent litigation; and for the sale of property. Market second.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Council entered executive session at 10:36 am.

Cox moved for council to exit executive session. Second by Biery.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Other Action:

Cox moved to increase Naomi Guerra rate of pay from \$18.50 to \$19.00/hour effective June 30th, 2024.

Second by Stephens.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Biery moved to decrease Zack Bittner rate of pay from \$17.50 to \$13.00/hr due to the termination of the Dockwa System effective July 14th, 2024. Second by Cox.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Cox moved to approve Sherman Wentz a rate of pay of \$24.00/hr effective June 30th, 2024. Second by Biery.

Roll: Stephens; yes, Koehler; yes, Market; yes, Cox; yes, Biery; yes, Cerny; yes.

Biery moved to adjourn. Second by Market.

Roll: Voice Vote; all yes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:46 am.

Mayor

Approved Date

Attest

Date

PENDING ITEMS:

Longevity pay

Council may enter Executive Session to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official; and for the discussion of pending and imminent litigation; and for the sale of property.

Council may enter Executive Session for any items listed in R.C. 121.22