

West Union Village Council

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West Union Village Council met in regular session at 7:00 p.m. on 1-3-2023, at the Municipal Building. Mayor Jason Buda Presiding. Call to order, roll call and pledge to the flag: John R. Lafferty – present, Mark Brewer – present, Jason Francis – present, Mary Jane Cambell – present, Randy Brewer – present, Donna Young – present, also in attendance: Melissa J. Hall – Fiscal Officer, Shelley Gifford – Treasurer, Jerry Kirker – Village Administrator, JR Kirker – Fire Chief, Danni Studebaker, EMS, Chief Timothy Sanderson, WUPD, Visitor – Dwight Stamm.

Motion by Randy Brewer, second by Mark Brewer to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting on 12-13-2022 as distributed, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Jason Francis inquired if the fines and fees in Mayor’s Court had been figured out. *Mayor Buda* said no, it is going to take her a while.

Motion by Donna Young, second by Jason Francis, to accept the statement of receipts for Mayor’s Court for the month of November in the net amount of \$1,131.00, roll call vote: Nay - Mark Brewer, 5 - yea, motion passed.

Holly Johnson was scheduled to attend the meeting, but due to sickness she will reschedule for the next meeting.

Dwight Stamm – Discussed an issue with people speeding on High Street, South Washington Street, and Allen Street. He said Allen Street is a one-way street and since all of these streets are the same width of 19 feet, and in his opinion, all of them should be made into one-way streets. A woman was speeding on Allen Street and had hit his car and his neighbor’s car while he was out getting his mail from his box. He showed Council a picture of damages to one of the vehicles that had been hit. Also, he believes there should be a couple of speed bumps placed to slow people down. He said there are twelve apartments over there and some of them have kids and there are older people living in this area and he is afraid someone is going to get hit by someone speeding.

Mark Brewer asked if the picture was of the vehicle that struck his vehicle. *Mr. Stamm* said “no, that is one that was parked. She took the front axle out of mine. I was over at the mailbox.”

John R. Lafferty asked if Allen Street loops all the way around. *Mr. Stamm* stated yes, it comes off of Wilson and loops around and goes back out McArthur.

Mary Jane Campbell asked when he would know if his vehicle is totaled and asked about how fast he believes the person was going that hit the vehicles. *Mr. Stamm* stated he should know something in another week and he believed she was probably doing about 45 mph.

Jason Francis asked if he knew if she had been cited. *Mr. Stamm* stated no, she was not cited but she should have been and she should have been drug tested.

John R. Lafferty asked what the speed limit was in that area. *Mr. Stamm* wasn’t for sure, but thought maybe 20mph.

Jerry Kirker said most everything in town is posted at 25mph. To get speed limits changed, we would need to pass an Ordinance through the State of Ohio and have them do a speed-analysis all over town.

Mayor Buda asked if there are any discussions or questions regarding the bills to be paid and if everyone had a chance to look at them.

Motion by Mark Brewer, second by Randy Brewer, to approve payment of the bills submitted, roll call vote: abstain – Mary Jane Campbell, 5 – yea, motion passed.

Motion by Mary Jane Campbell, second by Donna Young, to allow Mayor Jason Buda, Fiscal Officer Melissa J. Hall, Treasurer Shelley Gifford, Village Administrator Jerry Kirker, to sign checks for the Village of West Union at the National Bank of Adams County, Ohio, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

ORDINANCE 2023-1- AN ORDINANCE TO MAKE TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND OTHER EXPENDITURES OF THE VILLAGE OF WEST UNION, ADAMS COUNTY, OHIO, DURING THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING

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DECEMBER 31, 2023. Declared an emergency.

Motion by Donna Young, second by Mark Brewer, to suspend the rules, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Mary Jane Campbell, second by Donna Young, to approve **ORDINANCE 2023-1**, Temporary Appropriations, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

RESOLUTION 2023-1-A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FISCAL OFFICER, AND/OR TREASURER TO REALLOCATE APPROPRIATIONS IN 2023.

Motion by Randy Brewer, second by Donna Young, to Authorize Fiscal Officer and/or Treasurer to Reallocate Appropriations in 2023, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Third and final reading of Chapter 150 - Zoning Ordinance 2023-2 – Council had some discussions: 1) *Mayor Buda* – on section 150-501, resident district, where it talks about residential structures and to whether there is going to be any issues if people run a business out of their homes. *Jason Francis* – the way we defined it was they can run a business out of their home as long as it is not where customers come to pick up goods. For an example: you cannot have a doctor's office where they have a waiting room. It is fine for the ones that are already established, but going forward, they cannot.

2) *Mark Brewer* – Had someone come to him asking for clarification about an existing mobile home park. The owner is wanting to change out an old mobile home and replace it with a new one. Mark told him he would have to follow the rules because it would be considered a new structure and that it would not be grandfathered in on that one mobile home. *Jason Francis* – There are no mobile home districts in this zoning ordinance moving forward, and that if anyone was wanting to start one, they would have to come before the Zoning Board. They would have to follow the State Code. *Mary Jane Campbell* said they would have to get a permit, or to get it approved to replace an old one. *Solicitor Tom Mayes* reiterated that the Village is passing this now, but it is more for the future. Everything is going to be grandfathered in now, but essentially for the future, you are wanting to stop mobile homes from being transitioned in the night. This can be changed and/or amended, that is why you have the commission, so they can review and update it as needed. It is more for the protection of the people of the Village.

3) *Donna Young* – asked about the policing of this. *Jason Francis* said there is a Planning Commission and a Zoning Commission and this ordinance creates the position that Stan had and it sets out the duties that that person will have to follow. The Planning Commission is made up of the Mayor, one Council member, and three residents that is set forth by the Ohio Revised Code. The Zoning Commission is two Council members and three people appointed by the Mayor.

Tom Mayes – The Planning Commission is for reviewing, changing and making those recommendations to Council and the Zoning Appeals Board is for the ones that need conditional use permits and zoning changes, they will hear those. *Donna Young* – We use to have one person who handled all of that, so now we are going to need five or six people to handle this? *Jason Francis* – No, so the planning is for things that need changed throughout the document, the Zoning Commission will hear the appeals, do the permitting, the reasoning behind what people need. The only person that will be handling this will be the Zoning Officer. *Mary Jane Campbell* said the Police Department has been covering it since Stan has been gone. *Jason Francis* – Basically we took that position and targeted the responsibilities toward zoning. We will actually have a set of zoning laws that can be enforced. *Donna Young* asked where did all these come from? *Jason Francis* said Georgetown, Mt. Orab, a few different places throughout the State. *Mary Jane Campbell* said some came from our old zoning. *Donna Young* stated she didn't like the old one and she doesn't like this one. *Jason Francis* asked Donna if she had any revisions. *Donna Young* said no, no I don't have anything. *John R. Lafferty* asked Donna if would it would help change her mind if there were more study done on the issue. *Donna Young* said "no".

Motion by Jason Francis, second by Mark Brewer, to approve the third and final reading of the Zoning Ordinance, ORDINANCE 2023-2, Chapter 150 – Zoning Ordinance 2023-2, roll call vote: abstain – Donna Young, 5 – yea, motion passed.

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Jerry Kirker, Village Administrator

1) They were out during the winter storm over Christmas with water leaks, the water bill is going to be close to 11 million gallons this month from 8 million, so we lost around 3 to 4 million gallons of water, due to the sub-zero weather.

2) Met with Holly Johnson received a three-million dollar grant from Federal Line Item to run sewer from the airport to the Village of West Union. It will be their project we are just going to oversee it. It will be their money, mostly all grant money.

3) Holly Johnson also got us two benches for the 41 sidewalk/shared pathway that will be put up in the spring of 2023.

4) Received about 50 calls on all the flooding today. Manholes leaving the blacktop, it is just a mess.

5) Received 100 ton of salt in today and we are in good shape with salt unless we get more like we had over the weekend. We used about 45 to 50 tons of salt. The beet juice was used but it was freezing in the trucks as the roads were being treated.

Donna Young inquired about one of Jerry's employees. (a motion was made and withdrawn, to be discussed later in executive session).

Mark Brewer asked about the sewer project from the airport to the Village of West Union as to whether they are hooking all the people up. *Jerry Kirker* stated the only thing it is doing is coming from the airport to West Union because they are in violation with EPA on the small batch plant, and the machine shop and the building was reopened. They applied for the federal grant and got it. It will open SR 247 for more business down the road. Kent has it laid out pretty good.

Kent Bryan, CT Consultant

- 1) The Panhandle project is pretty far along but they are not able to get a whole lot done right now with the weather. In the next two or three months they should have everyone ready to be hooked up. The pump station and things should be in and wired up by the middle of March. They should be up and running by the end of spring. They should be sending out bills by early summer.
- 2) Crackel has some finish work, but those folks are all hooked up for a month or so now.
- 3) Gabbert/Hale Subdivision's materials have been ordered, and will be getting started in about a couple of months, due to weather.

Danni Studebaker, WULS reported the squad had 12 runs so far this year, and 2,058 runs for the year of 2022. We were down 204 runs from 2021.

- 1) Received a call from air-medical about the renewal for the employee memberships for air-care flights. There will be a rate increase in 2024 in the amount of \$10.00 per person. We are not up for renewal until March 10, 2024 but if we would go ahead and renew the policy this year, we would pay the same rate of \$185.00 per person. There will not be any loss time, it will just add a year to our policy. Also, they have requested an update of the current employees who are covered. Some of the people on the list are no longer working here. The Fire Department does their own.

Councilman Mark Brewer said to get an updated list of current employees and we would go from there. *Councilman Jason Francis* said as Chamber Members, we get the same discount.

- 2) There are three employees that will need to be removed from Fire and EMS that have not worked in some time, they are working other jobs now. Two of them are with Fire and EMS and only one is with EMS. Jared Casteel – Fire and EMS; Aaron Walters – Fire and EMS; Kimmy Thomas aka: Kimberly Thomas – EMS, only worked one shift.

Motion by Randy Brewer, second by Mary Jane Campbell, to remove Jared Casteel, Aaron Walters, Kimberly Thomas from Fire and EMS, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

JR. Kirker, Fire Chief, reported the Fire Department had 56 runs in December, 548 runs for the year 2022 and 3 runs so far this year.

- 1) We got the Rescue back from being worked on Saturday.

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Chief Timothy Sanderson, WUPD, reported in 2022 they had 3,542 calls, 178 citations, 91 car crashes for on the road and private property. There were 35 cases that went to County Court.

- 1) A letter of Resignation was given to Mayor Jason Buda to read aloud. A copy of the resignation letter will be added in his personnel file.

Chief Timothy Sanderson announced in the letter that effective on March 31, 2023 he will be retiring. Until that time, he will continue to carry out his current duties as Police Chief for the Village of West Union. He stated he sincerely appreciated the opportunity to be of service to the community and its residents.

Motion by Jason Francis, second by Randy Brewer, to accept the resignation of Chief Timothy Sanderson, effective March 31, 2023, roll call vote: abstain – Mark Brewer, 5-yea, motion passed.

Chief Sanderson stated it has been a pleasure and a nightmare. Jason Francis stated congratulation on your retirement, well deserved. Chief Sanderson said it was time, it is not easy. Hope you guys work it out and get people in here. *Jason Francis* asked if he was done with everything or if he was interested in part-time. *Chief Sanderson* said “no”. *Mark Brewer* asked about being an Ordinance Officer. *Chief Sanderson* said “no” he can deliver pizza making more money and not have the pressure there.

Tom Mayes, Village Solicitor

- 1) Contract for Bill Lewis was emailed to him today for him to review, but did not hear back yet. There was a short discussion regarding the fees that Council wants to allow in the contract. Contract for signature was given to the Fiscal Officer to hold until ready for signatures.
- 2) Prepared a Resolution to adopt the new Basic Code 2023. They can go ahead and pass the Resolution even though they have not received the new book yet. They will follow the previous one until they receive the new one. That is what most Villages do.
- 3) Asked if Council used the Roberts Rules of Order Ordinance. Council responded they didn't know what that was. Tom explained that it is Parliament Procedures that Council already does, but they don't have to do that one since they haven't in the past. *Jason Francis* said it would be nice to have that.

Motion by Jason Francis, second by Mark Brewer, to suspend the rules on accepting the Ordinance 2023-4, Adopting and Enacting the American Legal Publishing's of Ohio Basic Code 2023 Edition, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Jason Francis, second by Mark Brewer, to adopt Ordinance 2023-4, Adopting and Enacting the American Legal Publishing's of Ohio Basic Code 2023 Edition, as an emergency, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

- 4) Subscription to pay for the Ohio Municipal League. I get a benefit from it because I can get the CLE's for a discounted cost. The Village benefit is they are the lobbying arm of the Village. Tom gave an example about how big tech tried to pass the mini tower legislation. There was a short discussion. *Jason Francis* said the emails are very helpful on what legislation is going on.

Motion by Mark Brewer, second by Donna Young, to pay the membership fee to the Ohio Municipal League in the amount of \$700.00, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

- 5) Talked to Matt Miller-Novak and we are waiting on their attorney to send us a copy or a draft of the agreement. There was a short discussion with questions. No matter when it is signed, it will still pay out the same and will be over the same time period, it just will start later. Even though Council has already approved the general terms, Tom will bring the actual agreement to the next meeting following the receipt of the document and go over it with Council, so there are no surprises.

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Mayor Jason Buda

- 1) Received a phone call from someone inquiring about building an archery range in the Village of West Union. *Mark Brewer* made the comment that he would like to see a shooting range.
- 2) Received a call from a member of another Village Police Department that would like a job with the Village of West Union. Mayor Buda said he will pass the information on to the Police Committee to handle. He has not officially applied.
- 3) Provided a list of Committees for this year for Council to review. The Zoning Appeals Board or the Zoning Planning Commission is not listed on the list because of questions he had for Council. There was some discussion and agreed that the Planning Committee needs to consist of the Mayor, a Council Member, and (3) citizens. The Zoning Appeals Board will need (5) members that are residents. Council members can be on the committee as a member. Council had a short discussion and determined Jason Francis to contact Alice Hoop to see which commission she prefers to be on. Discussed advertising to get people to apply for the boards and paying them \$25.00 a meeting. The Zoning Appeals Board will not meet unless there is something for them to meet about, and the Planning Commission will meet once a quarter, a minimum of once a year and that is to review the zoning and see if any permanent changes are needed. *Jason Francis*, recommend paying \$25.00 per meeting for the Zoning Appeals Board if they attend. *Mark Brewer* asked if it was for the Zoning Board also? *Jason Francis* said this is just the Appeals Board, the Zoning already has that in there. If a Council person, elected official or employee of the Village would be on the committee, they would not receive any payment.
 - A) Zoning Planning Commission - Mayor Buda, Jason Francis, (3) citizens still need to be added.
 - B) Zoning Appeals Board Committee – Mary Jane Campbell and the citizens need to added.

Motion by Jason Francis, second by Mark Brewer, to authorize payment in the amount of \$25.00 to each member per meeting for attending the Appeals Board Committee meetings **excluding:** Council members, Elected Officials and/or any Employee of the Village of West Union, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Jason Francis, second by Mary Jane Campbell, to advertise for open positions on the Zoning Planning Commission and Zoning Appeals Board Commission, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Mayor Buda asked Council if there were any changes that they wanted to make on any of the Committees. Mark Brewer asked if there was another one that they had talked about. Mayor Buda said it was the Disaster one that we were required to have from the Audit and the Record Retention, we had to add more people on it, per the Audit.

Motion by Mary Jane Campbell, second by Randy Brewer, to accept the West Union Village Council 2023 Committees, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

- 4) President of Council needs to be decided upon by the Council Members. There was a short discussion, *Mark Brewer* stated he was unable to serve since he held another commission. Tom Mayes explained the options on how they can do the nominations. *Randy Brewer* recommended Jason Francis and stated he done a good job last year. *Jason Francis* said Thank You.

Motion by Randy Brewer, second by Mark Brewer to appoint Jason Francis as President of Council, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

- 5) Fire Fighter Dependency Board. It is if a Fire Fighter were to be killed in the line of duty, they would handle help for the family and all their claims. We have not had to use it in 130 years and pray we never do. We are required to have (2) firefighters, (2) council members and (1) citizen. Last year it was Mark Brewer and Randy Brewer

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that served on the board. *JR. Kirker* stated that Billy Boone, Randy Walters, Mike Pell will serve also.

Motion by Jason Francis, second by Donna Young, to appoint Mark Brewer, Randy Brewer, Billy Boone, Randy Walters, and Mike Pell to serve on the VFDF Board, roll call vote: abstain – Mark Brewer, (5) yea, motion passed.

Shelley Gifford, Village Treasurer – Had nothing to add.

Melissa J. Hall, Fiscal Officer – Had nothing to add.

Council member, John R. Lafferty – Had nothing to add

Council member, Mark Brewer –

- 1) Requested an Executive Session for compensation of personnel.
- 2) Russellville offered to sell the Village a Pump Rescue truck with 35,000 miles for \$25,000.00. We will be putting an older fire piece of equipment on govdeals and probably the starting price is around \$12,000.00 - \$15,000.00. I believe there is money to purchase the truck for \$25,000.00 out of three different funds. Shelley looked this up and verified. The money they will receive on selling the fire equipment on govdeals will go back into those three funds. *Solicitor, Tom Mayes* verified with Jerry Kirker that the truck that will go out on govdeals is owned and titled to the Village. Tom will prepare an Ordinance to put it out on govdeals for a minimum bid price. He will need the Vin# Make and Model and Year to prepare the document for the next meeting. *JR. Kirker* said this Rescue vehicle will not be available until the first of February. This will help take some of the road miles off of our rescue we have now, that we just got back from being serviced. We will make it just strictly an engine, it is not recognized as an engine because it has a rescue on it. *Mark Brewer* requested to see pictures of the truck. *Jerry Kirker* showed pictures to Council. It has a big light tower on it. *Jason Francis* had some questions on why they were selling it and if there was anything wrong with it. *JR. Kirker* said they had just bought another one. They have had pump tests performed every year and there is nothing wrong with it. It has a light system, a remote control that will bring it up. Tom Mayes will prepare the Resolution for Auditing purposes that will state what funds the monies will come from. Shelley Gifford is to get Tom the funds information. There was a discussion as to whether they needed a motion for the intent to purchase, but the decision was made to hold off and do everything through the resolution next meeting.

Council member, Jason Francis –

- 1) In regards to the Audit, it was mentioned FDIC, the limit will insure us for our money, they are recommending we put some money in a different bank, did we ever follow up or do that? *Shelley Gifford*, said no, we have never had any trouble with that before. *Jason Francis* asked if there was any other bank we could use for that, because if something would happen and the bank would crash, they would only insure so much of our money. *Randy Brewer* stated I think the First State Bank is getting just a shade over what we are getting now, it is whatever you guys want to do, but I have a dog in the fire so. *Jason Francis* said he is not saying we switch everything over, just saying if the economy crashes and National Bank loses all of the money they have, so much of our money is insured, \$750,000.00 or something to that effect and if we have money over that amount that wouldn't be insured. The State is saying we have to insure our money. *Mary Jane Campbell* said it is per account and that is an easy fix. *Tom Mayes* stated that other businesses just have one bank. *Jason Francis* said we just need to get clarification, so we would be insured. *Shelley Gifford* said she would go to the bank tomorrow and see what they say. *Donna Young* asked how long we have been with the National Bank? *Shelley Gifford* stated as long as I have been here, 28 years.

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- 2) Regarding the Zoning, we did not cover the Airbnb or residential drug treatment facilities because there is really not enough information out there for us to research because it is still kind of new. I think we do have an ordinance or resolution ready to go in case we were not able to figure out that in time. *Tom Mayes* said I don't think I updated the date, but I still have the Moratorium. Go ahead and we can come back to this.

Council member, Mary Jane Campbell –

- 1) Dwight had called and I had told him to get on the agenda, so that is taken care of.
- 2) The zoning was taken care of.
- 3) Someone had called about chickens. Council had a short discussion about the chickens and roosters. Jason Francis commented that if the price of eggs were to continue to go up, we might want to consider allowing poultry for a period of time.

Council member, Randy Brewer – Had nothing to add.

Council member, Donna Young –

- 1) Asked if there was any response back from Holly Johnson on the list that was sent to her. *Jason Francis* stated just that they had received it and that everything that was on our list was applied for. *Jerry Kirker* said that that was one of the things she was going to talk about tonight, but she called and said she was sick and she would not be able to be here, but wanted to be on the agenda for the next Council Meeting on January 24, and she will talk about all that.
- 2) This is about Melissa, usually I would go into executive, but I am not. I feel that you are doing one heck of a job. I really do. I know if someone comes in with something you are Johnny on the spot or you will find out. I would like to see you get an increase in pay of \$1.00. *Randy Brewer* said we gave her an increase last month. *Donna Young* stated I know that, I want to do it again, she is worth every penny of it. I will make a motion to do it and in a year from now she can be evaluated. *John R. Lafferty* asked how many months has she been on the job now? *Melissa J. Hall* said she started August 23, 2022. *John R. Lafferty* said “has it been that long?” *Donna Young* said she feels it has been longer. In fact, I went in, I didn't vote for her, she knows it and we talked about it, but I have seen what goes on, I have been in the office and I honestly feel she doesn't make enough for what she does and I am being very sincere. She gets things thrown on her every other day that is something new because the description in the paper wasn't what you say - black and white. It wasn't, was it Shelley? *Shelley Gifford* – “no it was my job they advertised for.” *Donna Young* said she has had an awful lot on her plate and I feel she should be paid for it. *Melissa J. Hall* commented Thank You.

Motion by Donna Young, second by John R. Lafferty to raise Fiscal Officer, Melissa J. Hall pay from \$16.00 to \$17.00 per hour, beginning next period, roll call vote: abstain – Jason Francis, 5-yea, motion passed

Solicitor Tom Mayes found the old version of the Moratorium and he did not have it noted how long it was to be for. *Jason Francis* said since we do not have the members for the body, I think we should do it for six months to a year. There is not a lot of research out there that would help us. There is legislation in Columbus that they are working on. West Chester did theirs for two years. *Mayor Buda* asked if this is on the drug treatment homes. *Tom Mayes* -this is just for the drug counseling centers. I would wait on doing anything with the Airbnb because there is actual legislation that should be coming out soon on it. *Jason Francis* - all this is saying is we are not allowing any more to come in to the Village until we figure out what we can do. *Mayor Buda* asked what was behind the Airbnb issue. *Jason Francis* stated there is legislation coming out on it. *Tom Mayes* said the reason they were zoning them out is because essentially people were buying houses in residential districts and just treating them as short-term rentals. *Jason Francis* stated we are not for or against the

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Airbnb. What we are saying is we don't have enough information at this time to properly zone it. The same thing with the drug treatment facilities. *Mayor Buda*, so this would be to not allow anyone to put them in until we decide what we are doing. *Jason Francis* - "yes". *Tom Mayes* said he will have to bring this to the next meeting because he did not have the Airbnb's listed, so he would need to amend it to add Airbnb to it or have two different ones. One for Airbnb and one for Drug treatment facilities might be the way to go, that way if you resolve one prior to resolving the other. Tom Mayes gave an example. *Mary Jane Campbell* - we were lumping them together so there would be no issues of discrimination and end up with a lawsuit. *Jason Francis* - there are things we do not know that we cannot properly zone for because there is not enough information. We cannot tell them they can't be here, but for us to properly zone and for them to have fair and equal opportunity we really need to research this. Council had further discussion on possible options.

Motion by Jason Francis, second by Mark Brewer to suspend rules, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Jason Francis, second by Donna Young, **ORDINANCE 2023-3** Declaring and Authorizing a Moratorium effective January 3, 2023 until July 3, 2023 on the issuance of a Zoning Certificate or other approval for treatment or professional services, uses, or facilities and declaring the same as an emergency, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Mark Brewer, second by Donna Young at 8:41 p.m. to enter executive session for ORC§ 121.22(G)(2), roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Donna Young, second by Jason Francis at 9:06 p.m. to exit executive session, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Mark Brewer, second by Donna Young at the Village Administrator's recommendation to raise Jenny Caldwell pay rate up by \$2.00 per hour, beginning next pay period, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Motion by Mark Brewer, second by Donna Young to hire Danni Studebaker at a yearly salary of \$68,000.00, with two weeks of vacation, effective beginning next pay period, OPERS remains the same, roll call vote: all yea, motion passed.

Mark Brewer announced there will be a Police Committee Meeting on January 10, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

Mary Jane Campbell said that the minimum wage went up to \$10.10 per hour and asked if anyone was making less than that. Council was unaware of anyone making less than that working for the Village.

Jason Francis brought up the Zoning and the Planning Commissions as to whether a motion was needed to advertise for the open positions. Asked Council what their thoughts were on coming up with a description to put in the advertisement, since they are new positions. *Mayor Buda* asked about the time of the term that council members and the mayor would serve. Jason Francis said it should be staggered so that when a term comes up there will be someone serving with experience. Tom Mayes said the terms are only (4) years, the only time you have a (6) year term is at this very beginning and then it is (4) year terms, but you are staggering them every (2) years.

Jason Francis questioned whether or not they had already made a motion to advertise for the open positions for the Zoning Commission and the Planning Commission. It was determined they had previously done a motion for this. Jason Francis and Mary Jane will help work on the advertisement they want for the paper.

Mark Brewer said the last order of business is whether we want to purchase a new storm siren or do you want to wait until the next meeting. Council had a short discussion and

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agreed that the Village needs one. Council decided to wait until Jerry was able to get a price.

Mayor Jason Buda asked if anyone had anything else? If not, I will need a motion for adjournment.

Motion by Donna Young, second by Mark Brewer at 9:12 p.m. to adjourn, roll call vote: all yea. motion passed.

Mayor, Jason Buda

Fiscal Officer, Melissa J. Hall