

**Village of Ripley
Regular Council Meeting
April 25, 2023, at 6:30pm**

The Village of Ripley's Council met on April 25, 2023, at the Community Building for a regular council meeting. Present were Council Members Howard McClain, Alvin Wallace, Tiffany Regenstein, Nicole Hedges and Scott Eagan. Village Administrator Wayne Gates, Fiscal Officer Amber Ackley and Solicitor Nick Owens were also in attendance. President of Council Charles Poole sat in for Mayor Nowana Bingaman as she was absent from the meeting.

Mr. Poole opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, with Mrs. Regenstein offering prayer.

Mr. McClain made a motion to accept the minutes from the March 28, 2023 council meeting with the correction that Mr. Strunk was NOT in favor of closing the alley way.

Mrs. Hedges seconds the motion. Upon roll call, all voted yes. Motion carries.

Mr. McClain makes a motion to accept the minutes from the April 11, 2023 council meeting.

Mr. Wallace seconds the motion. Upon roll call, all voted yes. Motion carries.

Harriett Groh is here to let the community know about the Memorial Day Service on Monday May 29, 2023 at 1:30pm. Ms. Groh would like to have the Ripley Police Department present and doing traffic control during this time.

Mr. Poole would like to thank the community and all of the volunteers who participated in clean up day.

Dusty Faul would like to thank the council for the opportunity to bring his food truck to Ripley. Even though he doesn't agree with how everything will have to be done, he will follow the rules and regulations that the council has set. He would just like to make sure that it is fair for everyone.

Ripley Life Squad is here to give a little bit of information about the AirEvac contract for the village citizens and let the community know that they will be covering the cost of the 2023-2024 contract in the amount of \$6098.00. There will be raffles and fund raisers in the future to help support the Ripley Life Squad.

Mr. Poole thanks the Ripley Life Squad for their hard work in the community and their support of the village.

Reps from The Ohio State University are here to talk about the results of the Village of Ripley, Ohio Business Retention and Expansion Survey. See Exhibit "A"

Doug McDonald is here to give council an update on the projects in Ripley. See Exhibit "B"

Mr. McDonald also stated to council that they could give any resolution recommendations to Mr. Owens and see what he could come up with. Money will be put back into the StarOhio account as it is reimbursed from the state. Council will get a report and Fiscal Officer Amber Ackley will keep council updated on reimbursement payments and invoices.

Fire Chief Tony Pfeffer is here to give council his annual report for 2022. See Exhibit "C"

Mr. Poole stated that he appreciates the report and all of the hard work the Fire Dept does.

Assistant Police Chief Merv Clemons is here to give council his March 2023 report along with the 1st quarter report for 2023. See Exhibit "D"

Police Chief Corey Herren is here to address council about issues he is having with DORA. He is having people not following the DORA rules and he would like to have signs in the bars near the exits and signs attached to the original signs that are along the DORA perimeter reminding citizens of the rules.

Mr. Gates stated that the work on the water plant is continuing. The new website is live and has been updated. The mowing ordinance will go into effect on May 1, 2023 grass cannot be 8 inches or higher or residents are subject to the Village mowing for a charge.

Mr. Gates stated that we are still looking for volunteers for the Historic Preservation Committee.

Mr. Poole stated that the Dogwood Festival on May 6, 2023 will have a K-9 presentation at 12:00pm.

Mr. Gates stated that the work order app that has been implemented can track employee productivity and can show what work has been completed. These work orders can be separated by department.

Mr. Poole asks Mr. Gates if there is an update on the house on Hamburg St.

Mr. Gates stated that the insurance company had asked for 90 days to get things situated and that the end of those 90 days is fast approaching. He will reach out for an update.

Mrs. Regenstein wants to make sure that the park is mowed on May 19th for field day and asked for extra trash receptacles for that day.

Mrs. Regenstein also asked for a list of all village owned properties. This has been discussed before but there was no follow through.

Mr. McClain stated that the Permit Committee met and had vigorous discussions about the process for bringing food trucks to Ripley. The committee wants to make sure that anyone bringing a food truck to Ripley is properly permitted. The committee discussed village property next to First State Bank and are looking into making that a Food Truck Park that would have 3 spaces with electrical hookups. The fee for these spaces would be \$20 a week or \$100 a year and a deposit would need to be made for use of the electricity.

Mr. Eagan stated that it seems that we will be auctioning off 2 of the old trucks that the village owns and would like Mr. Gates to put that on social media and get the word out. Mr. Eagan would also like there to be a minimum set for the Ford Explorers once they go out for bid.

Finance meeting scheduled for May 9, 2023 at 5:30 is cancelled.

Mr. Eagan stated that he has had several residents ask him about the flushing times. This was supposed to be happening at night time when it would affect the residents as little as possible. Asks if this can be moved back to later in the evening and suggests between 8pm-10pm for a start time.

Mr. Eagan asks about the stumps in the cemetery. Stated that he spoke about this with Mr. Gates about 6 months ago and would like an update.

Mr. Gates stated they had a verbal conversation about it then and again a few weeks ago and stated that he submitted a work order for that to be done the day before.

Mr. Eagan suggested that once the stumps are removed Mr. Gates contact the Tree Committee for recommendations on what we need to do in the cemetery. Catherine Drive is beautiful and we need to start working on the rest of the cemetery.

Mr. Eagan asks Mr. Gates to give an update on the mowing situation for the cemetery.

Mr. Gates stated that the previously contracted company 4Kings Lawncare is no longer contracted with the village as they realized that they job was too big. Jerry Jones will be taking over at \$1500 per mow.

Mrs. Hedges asks for an update on the Liberty Monuments progress.

Mr. McClain stated that they monument was taken down because the concrete base was falling apart. We have been in contact with a monument company in Georgetown about replacing it with granite. There is a 18month – 2 years wait on a piece of granite that size. The plaques that were on the monument are here at the Village offices for safe keeping. It has not been torn down just to be torn down. It is being replaced.

Mr. Wallace stated that Sharon Winer from the Power Boat Association has invited him to Dayton in June to meet the committee and he would like Mr. Gates, Mr. Eagan and Mr. Owens to also attend.

Mr. Eagan makes a motion to enter EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO OHIO REVISED CODE SECTION 121.22(G)(1) OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE. SPECIFICALLY, 1.) TO CONSIDER THE EMPLOYMENT, DISCIPLINE, OR COMPENSATION OF A PUBLIC EMPLOYEE OR MORE THAN ONE PUBLIC EMPLOYEE.

Mr. Wallace seconds the motion. Upon roll call, all voted yes. Motion carries.

Entered executive session at 8:11pm

Back on record at 9:18pm. No action taken in executive session.

Mr. Eagan offers the first reading of Resolution #331. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS FOR FREEDOM LANDING.

Mr. Wallace makes a motion to increase the annual salary for the Fire Chief from \$8,300 to \$16,600.

Mr. McClain seconds the motion. Upon roll call, the votes are as follows: Howard – YES, Tiffany – NO, Scott – Abstained, Alvin – YES, Nikki – YES. Motion carries.

With no further business to come before the council, Mr. Eagan makes a motion to adjourn, with Mrs. Regenstein seconding the motion. Upon roll call, all voted yes. Motion carried and council adjourned at 9:21pm.

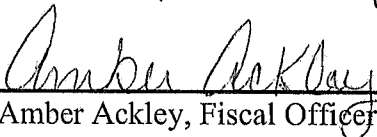


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~~Nowana Binghaman, Mayor~~

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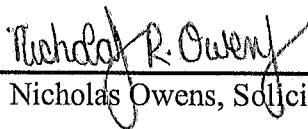
CHARLES POOLE Acting Mayor



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Amber Ackley, Fiscal Officer

Date



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Nicholas Owens, Solicitor

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