



**Village of Ripley  
Regular Council Meeting  
May 23, 2023, at 6:30pm**

The Village of Ripley's Council met on May 23, 2023, at the Community Building for a regular council meeting. Present were Council Members Charles Poole, Howard McClain, Scott Eagan, Alvin Wallace, Tiffany Regenstein, and Nicole Hedges. Mayor Nowana Bingaman, Village Administrator Wayne Gates, Fiscal Officer Amber Ackley and Solicitor Nick Owens were also in attendance.

Madam Mayor opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance, with Mrs. Regenstein offering prayer.

Ronda Pendland, treasurer of the Ohio Rural Heritage Festival and Chandra Berry, president of the Ripley Lion's Club are here to let the community know that the Lion's Club Festival will take place on June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup>. The Heritage Festival will take place on August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 26<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Pendland asks council if they are required to sell DORA cups if they have a F Permit.

Mr. Owens stated that under this permit, it allows you to essentially become a DORA area, but it would need to be a roped off area. If you wanted to allow your customers to walk around outside of your roped off area then you would need to sell the DORA cups to your customers.

Mrs. Pendland asked that since DORA cups would need to be purchased, if the Village would be willing to either donate those cups or split the cost of the cups with them.

Mr. Eagan stated that if we did not donate cups to the establishments who had to initially purchase them then it would be unfair to donate the cups for the festivals.

Council will discuss the cost of the cups for the festival.

Mrs. Pendland states to council that she has concerns about the Food Truck Ordinance that was put into place and is asking council to suspend the Food Truck Ordinance for the duration of the festival.

Mr. Eagan suggested not suspending the ordinance but rather just not allowing the food trucks that are participating in the festival to purchase a permit.

Madam Mayor suggested that since the festival is assuming the responsibility of making sure their vendors have all of the legal and necessary paperwork and permits, that the village should waive the \$20 permit fee to set up at the festival.

Mrs. Regenstein makes a motion to waive the \$20 fee to set up at the Lion's Club festival on June 30<sup>th</sup> and July 1<sup>st</sup> of 2023 and the Ohio Rural Heritage Festival August 24<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> 2023 for all vendors that will be set up for the 2023 season and that all of applicant requirements apply.

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

Mr. McClain made a motion to accept the minutes from the May 9, 2023 council meeting.

Mrs. Regenstein seconds the motion. Upon roll call, all voted yes with Mr. Eagan abstaining from the vote. Motion carries.

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

Mr. Eagan makes a motion to adopt Resolution #331. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING FUND TRANSFERS FOR FREEDOM LANDING.

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

Mr. Gates stated that there is some confusion within the lawn ordinance and asks council if there can be any clarification or changes made. Mr. Gates requests that the \$100.00 per day fine replace having the village take care of the issue and then assess the cost from their taxes.

Mr. Owens will revise the ordinance and present it to council for approval at the next council meeting.

Mr. McDonald is here with an update for council on the projects that are taking place in Ripley. See exhibit "A".

Madam Mayor reads the information on the Ripley Appalachian Community Grant Program Advisory Committee and appoints its members. See exhibit "B"

Assistant Police Chief Merv Clemons is here to give council their report for the month of April 2023. See exhibit "C".

Police Chief Corey Herren and Assistant Chief Merv Clemons present their proposal to council to rent 101 Main Street and making this the new location of the Ripley Police Department. See exhibit "D"

Mr. Wallace makes a motion to lease 101 Main Street for the new location for the Ripley Police Department at a rate of \$700 a month with the rate being evaluated after one year.

Mrs. Hedges seconds the motion. Upon roll call, votes are as follows: Charles – NO, Tiffany – YES, Howard – YES, Alvin – YES, Nikki – YES, Scott – YES. Motion carries.

Mr. Gates stated to council that the Veteran's Banners are complete and will be up before Memorial Day.

Madam Mayor asks where we are with the tree trimming around the village.

Mr. Gates stated that he has been in contact with the Tree Committee and they are going to have their arborist come down and take a tour of the village and give their input.

Madam Mayor would like to pass on thanks from the Ripley Lion's Club to lineman Mike Staley and his crew Joey King and Tyler Farrow for his help in replacing the electrical pole at the Lion's Club Park.

Madam Mayor stated that Police Chief Corey Herren's probationary period is up and would like to ask council to appoint Chief Herren as a permanent full-time hire.

Mrs. Regenstein asked if K-9 Bragi should be added to the ordinance.

Mr. Owens steps out to draw up ordinance #1377.

Mrs. Regenstein would like to thank the village employees for taking care of the park.

Mr. McClain wants to address the rumor that the village is closing Front Street. This rumor is not true. We are not closing Front Street.

Mr. Eagan stated that the Finance Committee met at 5:30 and everything is on track for the year with just a few things to note. The Street Department is 7.5% over budget but this is caused by a \$75,000 lump purchase that was done at the beginning of the year. Mr. Gates and Mr. Wilson have suggested a transfer of \$40,000 from the State Highway Fund to the Street Department Fund.

Mr. Eagan makes a motion to suspend the rules for Resolution #332. A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING A TRANSFER OF \$40,000 FROM THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND TO THE STREET CONSTRUCTION MAINTENANCE AND REPAIR FUND AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

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

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

Mr. Eagan stated that the next thing to note is that the Trash Fund is 2.8% over budget year to date and our first step on that is an analysis of the invoices that Rumpke is billing for.

Mr. Eagan would like to state that the Walk to Remember fundraiser brought a lot of people into the village and would like other people to think about hosting those along with Festivals and things of that nature.

Mr. Eagan thanks Mr. Gates for getting the stumps removed from the cemetery.

Mr. Eagan stated that we had priority buildings #1 and #2 and Mr. Wallace has taken care of building #1. Is the #2 building the new number one and what are our next steps. Mr. Eagan asks Mr. Gates to compile a new list of properties for council to look into.

Madam Mayor would like to ask council to appoint Chief Herren as a permanent full-time hire.

Mr. Poole confirms the permanent appointment of Chief Herren to the Ripley Police Department.

Mrs. Hedges seconds. Upon roll call, all voted yes. Appointment carries.

Dusty Faul would like to thank council for giving him the opportunity to bring the food truck to Ripley.

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 8:41pm.

<u>Nowana Bingaman</u>	<u>June 14<sup>th</sup> 2023</u>
Nowana Bingaman, Mayor	Date

<u>Absent / Abstain</u>	<u>June 14, 2023</u>
Amber Ackley, Fiscal Officer	Date

<u>Nicholas R. Owens</u>	<u>6/14/23</u>
Nicholas Owens, Solicitor	Date