



**Village of Ripley
Special Council Meeting
June 14, 2023, at 7:00pm**

The Village of Ripley's Council met on June 14, 2023, at the Community Building for a special council meeting. Present were Council Members Howard McClain, Alvin Wallace, Tiffany Regenstein, Nicole Hedges and Scott Eagan. Mayor Nowana Bingaman, Village Administrator Wayne Gates and Solicitor Nick Owens were also in attendance. Fiscal Officer Amber Ackley was absent from the meeting.

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

Mr. Eagan made a motion to adopt the minutes from the May 23rd council meeting.

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

Reading of weed control and litter ordinance. Ordinance drafted as an emergency. Making it a minor misdemeanor and a fine up to \$150.00 a day for each separate offense.

Mr. Wallace makes a motion to suspend the rules for ordinance #1377.

Mrs. Regenstein seconded the motion. Upon roll call, Scott voted no, all others voted yes.

Mr. Wallace makes a motion to adopt Ordinance #1377.

Mrs. Regenstein seconded the motion. Upon roll call, all voted yes. Motion carries. Will be posted in the newspaper, the village Facebook page, and the village website. Nine letters have been sent out. People have 30 days to comply with ordinance and then they will be fined.

Boat club lease payment. Memo 2029-2059, check was for \$30.00. The current lease expires in 2029. Bids have been put out. The previous administration did not do this. Anytime village property is owned or leased, it must be advertised for 5 weeks and goes to the highest bidder. Mr. Owens stated that this was not done in the past and that he recommends that the village does not accept the check until their contract is up, and the lot is put out for bid. The check will be returned to the Boat Club.

Greg Wilson provided the work order schedule to council and stated everyone is participating. Will be providing council with a monthly newsletter. There have been no complaints of brown water in the 8 days that the treatment plant has been up and running correctly. Better than 95% iron removal. The softening part is coming shortly. Mrs. Regenstein asked Greg/Wayne to put the newsletter on the village Facebook page and village website.

Mr. Gates stated that getting an OHM planner through the state provides an engineer assessment. On June 20th at the library there will be a planning meeting. 10:00am- Historic Groups, 11:00am – downtown businesses, 12:30pm- Ripley Rise group, 1:30pm-vacant building, and lot owners, 3:00pm-appalachian grant, 5:00pm-public meeting. This information will also be posted on the website.

Doug McDonald and Jeff Klump talked about the conversation that was had about 5 weeks ago about pushing the dock project back another year with all the issues going on and new opportunities available. If everything goes as planned the dock will be completed by 2024 but would like to push it back to 2025. K4 can hire engineers. They want to pull OHM into their contract to help with the project. No contract changes will be made. State and Federal levels are supportive of this and request a letter from the village. Work is not being stopped and communication will remain open, and information will be passed to Mr. Gates as it comes.

Madam Mayor stated that brush pick up in the village will be the 2nd Tuesday of every month. City buildings need to be contacted so a work order can be done. Street closure for Northern Yankee Moonshine- July 1st, August 5th, September 2nd from 4:00-9:00pm. July 8th – one year celebration 11:00-8:00pm. These closures were approved by Chief Herren. Lion's Club donation for fireworks.

Mr. McClain made a motion to donate \$500.00 to the Lion's Club for the 2023 July 4th celebration fireworks.

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

Madam Mayor stated that progress has been stopped on the Trapp and Wilson building. Clock needs to start again.

Mr. Wallace stated that the plywood ordinance needs to be enforced. Mr. Gates has not followed up on this yet.

Mrs. Regenstein asked about a Veteran's Banner order form. Receipts are being given when they are purchased. The family owns the banner, and they will stay up all year round.

Mr. Gates will get with Mike about putting a light up around the tennis court.

Mrs. Regenstein asked about surveying the lot where the food trucks are. Since the village owns it, there need to be no trespassing signs and the police need to keep an eye on that area.

Will be talking about tearing down the gazebo in the cemetery. Come to the next council meeting to voice your opinions.

Mrs. Hedges asked about an animal ordinance. There are people complaining about there being roosters in the village.

Mr. Eagan asked about the 2022 police cruisers.

They are not for sale at this time in case KSP needs the cruiser for their investigation. Once it has been cleared and is no longer needed it will be listed for sale again.

Mark stated that they sycamore tree on N. Front St is dead and the cottonwood has some limbs that need to be taken care of.

Dusty asked who was going to hold the Village accountable. The back of the police department needs to be mowed. Mr. Gates will have staff get this taken care of.

Sonja Cropper would like to share that this Saturday 2nd and Front Street there will be a Day in the Garden and then they will have something for Juneteenth at the Parker House. Rankin house will be BBQ on the hill, and it starts at 4:30pm on Saturday June 24th. BBQ is a donation. Flyers have been made and will be sent out.

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 8:42pm.

Nowana Bingaman
Nowana Bingaman, Mayor

July 11, 2023
Date

Amber Ackley
Amber Ackley, Fiscal Officer

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Nicholas R. Owens
Nicholas Owens, Solicitor

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