

MINUTES
Village of Evendale
Regular Council Meeting
December 12, 2023

Public Hearing: Purpose is proposed 2024 Village of Evendale Budget
Ord 23-66 - ORDINANCE MAKING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT
EXPENSES AND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND
DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. There were no comments and public hearing was closed.

The Village of Evendale Regular Council Meeting was called to order by Mayor Richard Finan at 7:00 pm.

Roll call- The following council members were present: Mayor Richard Finan, Council Members: Mr. Patterson, Ms. McDaniel, Mr. Sextro, Mr. Berke, Mr. Puthoff and Ms. Smiley-Robertson. Also present: Village CFO Cynthia Caracci, Village Law Director Kathy Ryan, Police Chief Tim Holloway, Fire Chief Mike Hauck, Recreation Director Adam Knight, Service Department Director James Jeffers, Dave Elmer and Village Clerk, Barb Rohs.

The mayor presented ORD #23-75 ORDINANCE APPOINTING IAN K. OBENSHAIN and ANDREW B. ROBBEN AS FIRE FIGHTER/PARAMEDICS FOR THE VILLAGE OF EVENDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-75 by title only was made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-75 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-75 was made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-75 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #23-76 ORDINANCE APPOINTING ROBERT J POTTER AS FIRE MARSHAL FOR THE VILLAGE OF EVENDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #22-76 by title only was made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-76 was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-76 was made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-76 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #23-64 ORDINANCE PROMOTING FIREFIGHTER-PARAMEDIC STEPHEN E. ROOS and ANDREW C. WILFONG TO LIEUTENANT-PARAMEDIC OF EVENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-64 by title only was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-64 was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-64 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-64 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #23-65 ORDINANCE PROMOTING LIEUTENANT-PARAMEDIC ANDREW AHLERT and JOSHUA R. ASBACH TO CAPTAIN-PARAMEDIC OF EVENDALE FIRE DEPARTMENT AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-65 by title only was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-65 was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-65 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-65 adopted.

After the ordinances were approved, oaths and introductions were made.

A motion to approved distributed minutes was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Sextro and unanimously approved.

Finance, Recreation, Service and GHF:

Mr. Berke reported November was another good month for the Village. November receipts exceeded expenditures in the amount of \$95,190 (not including TIF funds) and year to date revenue exceeds expenditures by \$4,283,224 (not including TIF funds)! Tax revenues in November 2024 were \$25,581 higher than this time last year with a total of \$1,124,114 in revenue for the month. Year to date the total tax revenue is \$16,466,106 which exceeds tax receipts at this time last year by \$1,400,116. Mr. Berke went through the ordinances that will be presented at this council meeting. GHF is restructuring of farm positions. The Recreation department is installing a keycard for pickleball. Phi Lambda Pi did their annual Rake n Run on November 11th. 26 teens raked leaves for 8 houses and collected over 200 bags.

Service/Engineering reported the Traffic Island Landscape and Rumpke contracts have been issued through 2028 calendar year. Working through phase 3 improvements at recreation center and Flock cameras- added 5 more camera and ongoing repair. A memorandum of marijuana dispensary will be an ordinance on tonight's agenda.

Police, Fire, CAC and Building Dept.-

Ms. Smiley-Robertson reported the fire department has submitted a list of additional items to be purchased due some funds remaining in the department's capital budget. Some examples will be a new radio for fire marshal and thermal imaging cameras. The department received a BWC grant for a motorized stair chair mover to assist people moving up and down stairs. Flock cameras continue to be an investigative tool for the department. The CAC events continues to sell out. There is public hearing for rental properties in January. Further discussion on the food trucks. GE is rebranding and putting up multiple signs. Spartan Drive clean up continues and problem tenants evicted. Some businesses along Reading Road are storing their vehicles along Reading Rd and being addressed.

The mayor reported the VOE finally closed on the property off of I-75 with the State of Ohio. The public is invited to the discussion on the capital items. The State of Ohio has received a AAA rating for the first time in their history. The service department building bids came in to high and being reviewed and modified. Former councilman Phil Schneider passed away.

Presentation of ordinances:

The mayor presented ORD #23-66 ORDINANCE MAKING ANNUAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR CURRENT EXPENSES AND FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-66 by title only was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-66 was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. A motion to adopt ORD #23-66 was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-66 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD# 23-67 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SET 2024 PART-TIME EMPLOYEE PAY RATES AND PROMOTIONS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-67 by title only was made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-67 was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. A motion to adopt ORD #23-67 was made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-67 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD# 23-68 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING MAYOR TO SET 2024 PART-TIME EMPLOYEE PAY RATES AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Puthoff recused himself. A motion to read ORD #23-68 by title only was made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-68 was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. A motion to adopt ORD #23-68 was made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-68 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #23 -69 AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE PAYMENT OF AMOUNTS DUE UPON CERTAIN CONTRACTS REQUIRING CERTIFICATION OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-69 by title only was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-69 was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-69 was made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-69 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #23-70 ORDINANCE MAKING APPOINTMENTS TO VARIOUS BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS IN VILLAGE OF EVENDALE AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-70 by title only was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-70 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-70 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-70 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #23-71 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 891, MUNICIPAL EARNED INCOME TAX, REGARDING MUNICIPAL INCOME TAX FOR TAX YEARS STARTING ON OR AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-71 by title only was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-71 was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-71 was made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-71 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD. #23-72 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 258.060 REGULATING THE MAXIMUM OF ACCUMULATION OF COMPENSATORY TIME FOR SWORN POLICE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-72 by title only was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-72 was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-72 was made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-72 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD # 23-73 IMPOSING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF 360 DAYS ON THE GRANTING OF ANY PERMIT ALLOWING ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF EVENDALE, OHIO AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. Mr. Elmer reported that on Nov 2 Issue 2 legalized the recreation marijuana. This will put a 360-day moratorium on sales, cultivation and retail until the licenses, certification and definitions get defined by the state. The VOE already prohibited medical marijuana dispensary and cultivations in January 2017. Ms. Ryan reported that a number of communities are enacting mortarium until the state develops agencies and other items to be addressed. The moratorium is until the state establishes the processes. A motion to read ORD #23-73 by title only was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-73 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Ms. Smiley-Robertson, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-73 was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Ms. McDaniel and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-73 adopted.

The mayor presented ORD #23-74 ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR OF THE VILLAGE OF EVENDALE TO NEGOTIATE, FINALIZE AND EXECUTE AN ELECTRIC SERVICE AGREEMENT FOR MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read ORD #23-74 by title only was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of ORD #23-74 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Puthoff, seconded by Mr. Sextro and approved on roll call A motion to adopt ORD #23-74 was made by Mr. Berke, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared ORD #23-74 adopted.

The mayor presented RES # 23-09 A RESOLUTION APPOINTING SPECIALISTS IN THE FIRE, POLICE AND SERVICE DEPARTMENTS FOR 2024 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. A motion to read RES #23-09 by title only was made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call. A motion to suspend the third readings of RES #23-09 was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Puthoff and approved on roll call. A motion to agree to the emergency section is made by Mr. Patterson, seconded by Mr. Berke and approved on roll call A motion to adopt RES #23-09 was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Ms. Smiley-Robertson and approved on roll call. Mayor Finan declared RES #23-09 adopted.

A motion to close the meeting was made by Mr. Sextro, seconded by Mr. Patterson and approved. Meeting was adjourned at 8:03.

Mayor

Attest:

Village Clerk