

**Minutes of the Council Meeting
December 16, 2024**

Mayor Sharon Lally called the meeting to order. The December Council Meeting was held in Council Chambers at the Municipal Building. Those present were Hunter Boschert, Robert Ernst, Donald Kessel, Tracy Naticchioni, Jeanne Perkins and Christine Resnik.

Reading of the Bills and Bank Reconciliation

Mayor Lally asked for the reading of the bills and bank reconciliation. Mr. Kessel stated that the bills had been paid and bank statement had been reconciled for the month of November 2024. Ms. Resnik made a motion to approve the bills and bank reconciliation, seconded by Ms. Perkins. All members present voted Aye.

Reading of the Minutes

Mayor Lally asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the November 18, 2024 Regular Council meeting. Mr. Ernst made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Mr. Boschert. All members present voted Aye. The November minutes were approved.

Communications

Business Intelligence, Inc made a donation to The Shield in the name of the Fairfax Police Department in appreciation of service and friendship.

Assistant Police Chief, Rodney Naticchioni recognized Officer Nathan Staggs' patience and professionalism in the safe return of a runaway autistic child who was in the creek-bed. Through careful listening and consideration of her request for space, he was able to determine why she was upset. After some time in which he was engaging with her at her level, he was able to peacefully and safely re-unite her with her parents.

Committee Reports

None

Mayor's Monthly Report

\$4,359.00 was received in Mayor's Court fines, forfeitures and fees for the month of November, 2024. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to approve the Mayor's Monthly Report. Mr. Kessel made a motion to accept the Mayor's Monthly Report, seconded by Mrs. Naticchioni. All present voted Aye. The Mayor's monthly report has been approved.

Administrator's Report

There is an ordinance under New Business to accept the grant from Hamilton County for the Community Development Block Grant program. The Village will be awarded a \$30,000 **Community Development Block Grant (CDBG)** to use in 2025 for the purpose of assisting the senior citizen population that may be lower income to have

exterior home improvements completed. A representative from Hamilton County will meet with me after the first of the year to discuss specifics of how the program will work.

Paving on Murray near Sports Club: Neyra Paving who recently did the Watterson Road repaving work has completed the paving repair on Murray near the Sports Club entrance. The first pay request has been processed for the Watterson Project and we should be receiving final billing soon for the remainder of the project.

Frisch's officially announced they will be closed as a result of their court date on December 13, 2024. It is not known yet when the company that owns the property will be ready to market that site. Thank you again for your input on council's wishes for future developments. This information will be shared with the development community that may be looking to propose various developments of that site in the future.

We got word today from Robert Gerwin that his contractor is scheduled to do the **Wooster Road repair** this week. We do have a few days of rain in the forecast, but tomorrow and Thursday look to be rain free so hopefully they can get the work completed one of those days. The contractor will more than likely set up a zone with cones and westbound traffic will be diverted to the median area right by Dunkin.

Police Chief Report

Taser instruction training began today; two sergeants and one patrolman took over this duty which will be implemented this week. Auto theft and theft from auto is a result of a key fob left in an unlocked vehicle, Chief asked everyone to remind neighbors not to leave keys or fobs in the car. The RCIC computers are being installed and should be up and running in January. Chief Bronson attended an Ohio State Patrol luncheon honoring WWII and Korean War veterans. He was also invited to the Cincinnati Rotary Club event concerning the AEDs. There were no incidents during the Walmart black Friday events. Toy Drive/Jack's Closet included Sgt. Day, Sgt. Kaiser, Lt. Naticchioni, Clerk Pennington, Property Maintenance Officer McCord and Chief Bronson. Councilmember Resnik, Fire Chief Siefke, RCIC Jim Kovac and Tim Bronson also attended. Donation made Mariemont School District FAB Affair. Be aware that Amazon drivers frequently use personal vehicles.

Fire Chief Report

There were 28 calls for service in the Village. Breakfast with Santa was a really good time, thank you to all who came up. We continue to appreciate all the Village support. Some discussion was held concerning fire hydrants marked for attention. Chief Siefke stated that the Carlton hydrant is fixed but the one at High Street & Lonsdale is not. He will follow up and may be contacted tomorrow with the response.

New Business:

Ordinance 17-2024

Ordinance No. 17-2024 Authorizing Retention of a Consultant for the Office of the Village Fiscal Officer and Declaring an Emergency. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Mr. Kessel made a motion to suspend the three readings, seconded by Mrs. Resnik. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Kessel made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Naticchioni. All present voted Aye.

Ordinance 18-2024

Ordinance No. 18-2024 Authorizing the Village Administrator to Enter into an Agreement of Cooperation with Hamilton County, Ohio Pursuant to Provisions of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as Amended, and Declaring an Emergency. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to suspend the three readings. Mr. Kessel made a motion to suspend the three readings, seconded by Mr. Boschert. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Ernst made a motion to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mr. Kessel. All present voted Aye.

Resolution No. R14-2024

Resolution No. 14-2024 2025 Appropriations. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Mrs. Naticchioni made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Perkins. All present voted Aye.

Resolution No. R15-2024

Resolution No. R15-2024 Consenting to the Appointment of a New Member of the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Village of Fairfax, Ohio. Mayor Lally asked for a motion. Mr. Ernst made a motion to approve the Resolution, seconded by Mrs. Resnik. All present voted Aye. Mayor Lally welcomed Mark Schneider and his wife, Paula who were in attendance.

Resolution No. R16-2024

Resolution No. R16-2024 Consenting to the Appointment of Two Members to the Board of Zoning Appeals for the Village of Fairfax, Ohio. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to approve the Resolution. Mrs. Naticchioni motioned to approve the Resolution, and Mrs. Perkins seconded it.

Appointment of Fire Board Trustee

Mayor Lally announced that Mr. Carson Shelton is stepping down from the Fire Board. With Council approval, she'd like to appoint Mr. Mike Wood to serve as Trustee effective

1/1/2025. Mr. Don Kessel made a motion to approve which was seconded by Mrs. Tracy Naticchioni. All present voted Aye.

Appointment of JEDZ Trustee

Mayor Lally announced that Mrs. Jeanne Perkins will represent the Council as Mr. Carson Shelton's replacement as JEDZ Trustee. Mr. Kessel motioned to approve Mrs. Perkins and was seconded by Mr. Boschert. All present voted Aye.

Old Business:

Ordinance 15-2024

Ordinance No. 15-2024 Amending Ordinance No. 6-2017, as Amended, providing for a Labor and Custodian Force for the Village of Fairfax, Ohio and adding the full-time position of Permanent Maintenance Person 2 to such Labor and Custodian Force. Mayor Lally asked for a motion to adopt the Ordinance. Mr. Ernst motioned to adopt the Ordinance, seconded by Mrs. Resnik. All present voted Aye.

Council Discussion:

The missed garbage pickups by Rumpke caused some concern. Mrs. Kaminer shared that she was advised late Tuesday and emailed the company promptly. As a matter of course, she also encourages our resident(s) to contact the vendor also because it usually results in a faster, better response. Once advised of the skipped cans, Rumpke sends a "circuit rider" to come back through for pickup.

The status of the St. Margaret Mary property was also discussed. It is believed that the rectory may have been sold, no new information concerning the other buildings.

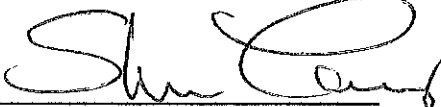
Five minutes for audience questions/comments:

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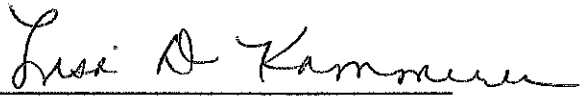
ADJOURN:

Mayor Lally requested a motion to adjourn.
Motion to Adjourn: Ms. Naticchioni
Motion was seconded: Ms. Perkins
All present voted Aye.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35pm.



Sharon Lally, Mayor



Lisa Kammerer, Fiscal Officer