

November 02, 2023

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 2nd MEETING

Commissioners were all present. Staff and Commissioner Candidate Joe Sherman recited the pledge at 9:00. Purchase orders and bills were reviewed and signed. Pending issues were discussed with the following resolutions approved and signed:

- V110-321 Minutes of October 31, 2023:
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-322 Reimbursement Annex Utilities for October
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-323 Reimbursement to Ditch Maintenance
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-324 Reimbursement to Pike Repair
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-325 Payment of Ditch Maintenance Bills
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-326 Bills
1st-Crowe 2nd-Rush Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes
- V110-327 Reallocation: Engineer, Prosecutor salaries
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes
- V110-328 Rescind V110-302 done in error
1st-Crowe 2nd-Striker Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes
- V110-329 Out of County Travel
1st-Rush 2nd-Crowe Roll call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes

Commissioner Crowe moved to approve the security upgrade by Commercial Communications, Inc., to Municipal Court, per Judge Grimslid's request, at a cost of \$18,298.78 to come from M064-M06 **America Rescue Funds**. Update includes a public safety BDA repeater, indoor antennas, power supply, surge protection and cables. Installation included. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes.

Commissioner Crowe moved to approve the additional painting to clean and scrape and paint the ceiling and floor of the porch at the Yost house per the quote by **C & Y Painting**. An additional to V110-179. Commissioner Rush second. Roll call; Striker-yes, Rush-yes, Crowe-yes.

The **Treasurer** submitted the October Investment Report. Total interest for October was \$104,383.92. Total interest year to date 2023 was \$1,058,222.01. Total interest year to date for 2022 was \$285,729.65.

Holli Underwood-**Alliance**. The Alliance will look into remaking the Historical signs. Peterman Associates are walking the Jones Rd site. Holli will be the first point of contact for the project. Harvest Pride has been listed with a realtor. She had a referral from the Toledo Port Authority for a small business loan in Mt. Victory. She referred them to Quest. Discussion needs to be held on getting into the doors to do visits at local manufacturing sites. Ada CIC meeting will work with the Alliance on housing development areas. COKPA-she will start sitting in meetings to provide support as an Advisor. City of Kenton Transportation Project is being discussed to assist with weather, directions, public relations. The Local Revolving Loan Program is being reviewed by Attorney Mike Hood. Vibrant Communities is a Jobs Ohio program that can match funds on creative ideas for any building owner. The Alliance is asking if they can be the applicant to assist multiple store owners. Good timing for buildings to be renovated along with the road work being done. A Community Reinvestment Area can be for the entire county but would be easier to do a survey for certain areas to see how it works. Similar to Enterprise Zones but can include residential. Other day to day projects are on-going. Discussion on the April 8 eclipse. Information will be placed on the Alliance web page as vendors submit to them.

Richard Lawson, **Maintenance Supervisor**. C&Y Painting should be done today. May not get to the porch ceiling and floor. Shingles are looking old. Simon Kenton Addition alarm system is being installed today by Guardian Alarm. North Annex one sump pump failed, new was ordered this morning. A temporary pump is being used. Upgrades are moving along well. Data install is done. IT will finish. Some electrical repair to do. Light switches were moved across the room. Christmas lights are being worked on. Will do work orders as needed. Nov. 9 Drywall Medics will be at the North Annex. Nov 13 the painting will start. Flooring install will follow. Furniture should arrive mid-January. Door locks have not been determined. Annual fire alarm inspection was done at the courthouse yesterday. Commissioner Striker reminded him to put a ceiling fan, exhaust or something at the West Annex men’s room. First of December Drywall Medics will replace the drywall on the west wall. He will pull off all utilities and replace.

Katey Henson, representing the Prosecutor. Discussion on the **New Attorney Program**. Commissioners would like more definitive numbers per attorney. General Fund budget. The 2024 budget request are \$1.3 million over revenue. Law Enforcement and Courts are where expenses are. These positions are additional. Plan and total cost? Who hires, fires, manages? Independent contract. The contract would define the work they are to provide. Will not replace all the defense attorneys. It is hoped they would stay in the community and run for elected offices. This is for the future, who knows what the future will need. The individual would be doing work in each court. Details need to be worked out and presented to the Commissioners.

Commissioners worked on the 2024 Budget. The Auditor stopped in for discussion.

Roll call resulted as follows:

_____, YES/NO
 President of the Board-Timothy L. Striker

_____, YES/NO
 Roger E. Crowe

_____, YES/NO
 Fred M. Rush

Attest _____
 Clerk of the Board

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