

October 24, 2024

MINUTES OF October 24<sup>th</sup> MEETING

All Commissioners were present. Staff, Commissioner Candidate Joe Sherman, and Michelle Laubis 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:

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| V112-269                 | Minutes of October 22, 2024:   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Striker-yes, Rush-yes |
| V112-270                 | OPWC Resurfacing   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes    |
| V112-271                 | OPWC Widening and Resurfacing  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes |
| V112-272                 | Appoint A. Conley HHWP   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes    |
| V112-273                 | Additional Appropriation   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes |
| V112-274                 | Pay Increases JFS  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Rush-yes, Striker-yes, Crowe-yes    |
| V112-275                 | Hire JFS   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes |
| V112-276                 | Varsity Letter to Museum from HH                                     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes    |
| V112-277                 | America Rescue Fund Money to SO for Trailer                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes |
| V112-278                 | Bills  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Striker | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Rush Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes    |
| V112-279                 | Release of Funds   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Crowe-yes, Rush-yes, Striker-yes |
| Signed:                  | New Lease for the Hardin Hills Rental House                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> -Rush    | 2 <sup>nd</sup> -Striker Roll Call: Striker-yes, Crowe-yes, Rush-yes |

Commissioner Rush attended the Board of Health Meeting Tuesday evening, and the HHWP meeting in Findlay on Wednesday evening.

Richard brought a proposal for the treasurer's office to remove the air handler, cut into side wall, bring lines in and install two mini splits and new roof unit. The quote is \$18,332.00 from Jacks Heating Plumbing and A/C. Richard will get another quote.

Alec Keller with Kenton Times joined the meeting.

**Kenton City Administration Monthly Update Meeting-** Cindy Murray Safety Service Director, and Lynn Webb Kenton City Mayor. 101 Smokehouse getting cleaned up. Light poles have not been ordered. It has been frustrating on our end. So, we will order and then it will be 6 months for delivery. Traffic lights, the old ones will stay up for a while, new ones will not be made until order is placed. They are going to pave then open the intersection and close franklin intersection. November 26<sup>th</sup> is the goal to have this done. The pavers will be laid with a machine. It will take about a week depending on how many cuts they have to make. We have not picked out trees yet; we're going to work with ODNR to get the right trees. Commissioner Striker- it looks like they took the handicap accessibility from the alley entrance to price funeral home. Cindy- we will look at it but the entire alley and parking will be getting done. Commissioner Crowe- is ODOT responsible for putting their signs back up? Cindy- doesn't really want the signs in our new concrete, hoping they can post on poles. Commissioner Crowe- are they going to put up snowflakes? Lynn- no, they are going to be back in January, so they would be up and down. Need to get a resolution regarding the two office chairs that we would like from Hardin Hills.

Commissioner Crowe called the **Records Commission meeting** to order. All Three commissioners were present along with Commissioner Candidate Michelle Laubis, County Auditor Mike Bacon, Clerk of Courts Stephanie Epling, County Recorder Brenda Rainsburg,

Prosecutor Office Katey Henson, and Nancy Motter from Hardin Hills. Hardin Hills submitted an RC-3 and RC-2 they had to update their RC-2 dates on personnel records. The Treasurer, Auditor, Sheriff Office, and Veterans office submitted RC-3's. Katey moved to approve the RC-2 from Hardin Hills. Brenda seconded the motion. All Ayes'. Stephanie moved to approve all RC-2 forms. Mike seconded the motion. All Ayes'

Commissioner Crowe left for the day.

**Nicole Mustain**- talks about lack of resources for animals other than dogs- two concerns based around animals. Homeless animals- stray cat came to my house. I called around and called our humane society, which I realize is a private entity. I called around to surrounding counties and shelters and humane societies. Most other county humane society deal with their own county. Hardin County told me to take it to Wyandot County. They only set up low cost spay and neuter clinics, and provided a food pantry for people who need food for their pets. They are referring everyone to the Wyandot humane society. Most of all shelters around us are full. Second concern, I have a neighbor that is not very good with their animals. They tossed their cat outside, not taking care of it. That is against the law in the state of Ohio. The police department was not concerned and had no clue about the law, and our sheriff department referred me to Wyandot County as well. Statistically whenever there is abuse of animals in the home there is usually abuse to people in the home. We should be concerned about that as a community. Millie at the shelter manager at the Wyandot county shelter. Since 2015 6300 animals have been from Hardin County. Including cats. That is very neighborly of them. She would love to work with the county and with our humane society to help however they can to get resources into the county. I am willing to help any way that I can. I've recently moved back to Hardin County in 2020, and the situations in my life personally. Millie at Wyandot County is willing to help the humane society at Hardin County so they can be functioning. Striker-are you concerned about just cats? Or all animals. Nicole- I of course am concerned about all the animals. Wyandot County has a large facility and can take large animals and some wildlife when necessary. I did contact Hancock County works a little bit different one of three or four counties in Ohio who has a dog warden as humane agent and is contracted under the county. Rush- have you seen the changes we've made recently to the dog warden and the sheriff office. Hopefully this will eliminate some of numbers. I don't know who to contact for Hardin County Humane Society. I am happy to call them, but I cannot find any information on them. I'm not placing blame on anyone. I am just trying to bring light to something that we should look into as a community, and I really felt like I needed to bring attention to. Wyandot does not have a humane agent. Every county has a vested interest to curb the homeless animal population.

Conference call with Damschroder Roofing Inc., **Jason Fleming with Garmann Miller**, and **Richard Lawson** regarding the reroof pending start date of 11/11/24. Preliminary discussion about where to stage material, where to put crane, and who to coordinate with. Commissioners agreed to crane on the west side entrance every other day in the early mornings. The plan is 14-18 working days. A week and a half per side. Would plan to be off site by December 9<sup>th</sup> barring any weather issues.

Roll call resulted as follows:

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
President of the Board-Roger E. Crowe

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
Fred M. Rush

\_\_\_\_\_, YES/NO  
Timothy L. Striker

Attest \_\_\_\_\_  
Clerk of the Board