

WOODVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS 530 LIME STREET
DECEMBER 16, 2024 – 7:00 p.m.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER** – Mayor Ty Tracy
- II. **ROLL CALL** – Elected Officials - Fiscal Officer, Barb Runion
- III. **ROLL CALL** – Administration & Audience – Fiscal Officer, Barb Runion
- IV. **PLEDGE TO THE FLAG** – Mayor Ty Tracy
- V. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Regular Council Meeting and Finance Committee meetings on November 25, 2024
- VI. **AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION**
 - a.
- VII. **CORRESPONDENCE**
 - a.
- VIII. **OLD BUSINESS**
 - a.
- IX. **REPORTS:**
 - a. ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL – Riffle
 - b. PUBLIC WORKS & MAINTENANCE – Dunn
 - c. ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – O'Connor ~Parking on First Street
 - d. FINANCE – Throop ~Finance Ordinance #1827
 - e. PUBLIC SAFETY – Fetzer
 - f. RECREATION & PARKS DEVELOPMENT – Ransom
 - g. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR – Brickley
 - h. POLICE DEPARTMENT – Chief Steve Gilkerson
 - i. SOLICITOR – Kuhlman, absent
- X. **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

ORD #25: EMPLOYING ROBERT A. KUHLMAN AS THE VILLAGE SOLICITOR – 2nd Reading

ORD #27: AUTHORIZING THE VA AND FO TO EXECUTE A LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE WOODVILLE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

ORD #28: AUTHORIZING THE INCREASE OF THE AMP R.I.C.E. PEAKING PROJECT SHARE

ORD #29: SETTING THE 2025 TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS

RES **ORD #30:** A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO DECREASE THE REVENUES IN THE GENERAL FUND (101), TRANSFER FUNDS FROM THE GENERAL FUND (101) TO THE RECREATION FUND (203), AMEND THE 2024 APPROPRIATIONS, AMEND THE CERTIFICATE WITH THE SANDUSKY COUNTY AUDITOR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY

ORD #31: AMENDING THE 2024 APPROPRIATIONS
- XI. **NEW BUSINESS**
 - a.
- XII. **MAYOR'S REPORT**
 - a.
- XIII. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
- XIV. **ADJOURNMENT**

MINUTES – November 25, 2024
WOODVILLE VILLAGE COUNCIL – REGULAR MEETING

Minutes of the Regular Meeting of Woodville Village Council held on Monday November 25, 2024 in Council Chambers 530 Lime St. at 7:00pm. Present at Roll Call: Mayor Ty Tracy. Council Members- Patrick Dunn, Denny Fetzer, Kelly O'Connor, Earl Ransom, Joe Riffle, and Tammi Throop. Administration: Chief Steve Gilkerson, Solicitor Bob Kuhlman, and Fiscal Officer Barb Runion. Audience: None/Caleb O'Connor entered the meeting at 8:00pm

Village Administrator Tom Brickley was absent.

Mayor Tracy called the meeting to order and led the Pledge to the Flag.

Minutes of the Finance Committee and Regular Council meetings on November 11, 2024 were approved as presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – None.

CORRESPONDENCE - Columbia Gas letter regarding increases of their Rider IRP rates. (attached)

OLD BUSINESS- None

REPORTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL- Riffle – No report

PUBLIC WORKS & MAINTENANCE – Dunn – No report.

Riffle would like to continue to explore an "opt – out" option for those residents that do not want the smart meters installed on their properties.

ENVIRONMENTAL & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT – O'Connor reported: 1. A concern regarding the reflective crosswalk signs located in the middle of Lime St. They are not visible due to the dirt build up on them from the traffic, and are creating a hazard. Council unanimously agreed to have the signs removed. 2. The Overflow Event Center had their Grand Opening ceremony and activities the past weekend and it was very well attended.

FINANCE – 1. Throop made a motion to adopt Finance Ordinance #1826 in the amount of \$319,365.48 Ransom second. VOTE- Yeas- Throop, Ransom, Dunn, Fetzer, O'Connor, and Riffle. Nays- None **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

Fetzer made a motion to move forward with the preliminary process of implementing a 1% income tax for the village. O'Connor second. Council discussed at great length the pros and cons of the percentage amount for an income tax, a police levy, or raising the property tax rate. An information sheet containing budget numbers, previous budget cuts, and revenue sources is attached. VOTE – Yeas – Fetzer, O'Connor, Dunn, Ransom, and Throop. Nays – Riffle **MOTION CARRIED 5-1**

PUBLIC SAFETY- Fetzer - No report.

RECREATION & PARKS DEVELOPMENT – Ransom reported: 1. The Woodville Business & Community Association (WBCA) would like to bring back the community Christmas Tree lighting event. 2. The quotes for possible projects for the Sandusky County Parks District grant program were not received in time to review for submission this year. The quote for paving the parking lot at the pool was too high to be considered for the grant. Projects will be prioritized for the next year.

ADMINISTRATOR – Brickley – No report, absent. Mayor Tracy reported that Kris Gerwin will be retiring in April of 2025. Also discussed Runion's retirement in March of 2025, and what the organization of the offices looks like due to those retiring.

POLICE DEPARTMENT- Chief Gilkerson reported: 1. Have a potential officer applicant to replace Officer LaGreca. 2. The Fire Chief Schnitker is working with the Sandusky County Health Department to provide boxes containing free Naloxone/Narcan to aid in saving lives due to an opioid emergency. Chief Schnitker would like to place one somewhere in the downtown area of the village. Council unanimously agreed to Chief Gilkerson working with Chief Schnitker on the placement of a box.

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SOLICITOR – Kuhlman reported that Judge Fiser will be retiring soon.

FISCAL OFFICER- Runion presented the following ordinances for council's consideration:

ORD #25: EMPLOYING ROBERT A KUHLMAN AS VILLAGE SOLICITOR – 1ST Reading

ORD #26: AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FOR A GIFT OF APPRECIATION TO ALL VILLAGE EMPLOYEES Fetzer made a motion to suspend the rules. Riffle second. VOTE – Yeas - Fetzer, Riffle, Dunn, O'Connor, Ransom, and Throop. Nays- None. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.** Fetzer made a motion to adopt Ordinance #26-2024. Riffle second. VOTE – Yeas - Fetzer, Riffle, Dunn, Ransom, O'Connor, and Throop. Nays- None. **MOTION CARRIED 6-0.**

NEW BUSINESS – None.

MAYOR'S REPORT- Mayor Tracy reported: 1. Attended the ribbon cutting ceremony for The Overflow Room's grand opening on November 15. The event was very well organized with great entertainment and food. 2. The third Conversation & Coffee with the Mayor will be held on December 4 at 7:00pm at Speed Trap Diner.


The next Finance Committee and Council meetings will be held on Monday, December 16, 2024 at 6:30pm/ 7:00pm respectively.

Mayor Tracy adjourned the meeting at 8:31pm



Mayor Ty Tracy

ATTEST:



Barbara J. Runion, Fiscal Officer

November 22, 2024

As it has for several years, Columbia Gas of Ohio in 2024 is investing in infrastructure replacement programs that benefit both our customers and your community.

As authorized by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio (PUCO) in its Opinion and Order in Case Nos. 21-0637-GA-AIR, *et al.*, Columbia may recover certain infrastructure investments made in the previous calendar year. Columbia will soon make its annual filing with the PUCO to set rates for its Infrastructure Replacement Program Rider (Rider IRP).

In February, our application will request an increase of an estimated \$27.8 million, to be collected through the Rider IRP, beginning May 2025. Columbia's noticed Rider IRP rate will raise bills by approximately \$1.31 per month for the SGS rate class. Columbia also has noticed an 8.46% surcharge for the GS rate class and a 21.67% surcharge for the LGS rate class.

Under its Infrastructure Replacement Program, Columbia is replacing aged cast iron, wrought iron, unprotected coated steel, and bare steel distribution pipe, as well as hazardous customer service lines.

Replacing our aged distribution main with modern pipe produces several benefits for our customers and our communities:

- It reduces leaks, which enhances the safety of our system and means we have to dig up streets, sidewalks and lawns less often.
- It allows us to operate distribution systems at higher pressures, which keeps water from infiltrating lines and disrupting service, and better supports economic development in older neighborhoods.
- It lowers our operating and maintenance costs, and these savings get passed on to our customers.
- It creates local construction jobs and increases local tax revenue.
- It relieves customers of repair bills in the hundreds or thousands of dollars if their customer service line develops a hazardous leak. Prior to 2008, these service lines were customer-owned equipment.

The actual Rider IRP is subject to PUCO approval. You are not required to take any action, but should you wish to view our pre-filing notice or any other public documents in this case, you may visit the PUCO's online Docketing Information System at www.puco.ohio.gov, and review the filings made for Case No. 24-1065-GA-RDR.

VILLAGE OF WOODVILLE, OHIO
MINUTES OF OPEN COMMITTEE MEETING
PER H.B. 111 EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 9, 1994

DATE: 11. 25 2024

ADMINISTRATIVE & PERSONNEL _____

PUBLIC SAFETY _____

RECREATION & PARKS DEVELOPMENT _____

PUBLIC WORKS & MAINTENANCE _____

FINANCE X

ENVIRONMENT, PLANNING &
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT _____

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Barb Runion Earl Ranson Joe Rittle
Tammi Thoop

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Ordinance 1826
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

EXECUTIVE SESSION, (IF NECESSARY)... TIME:

STATE PURPOSE:

NAMES OF PERSONS AT EXECUTIVE SESSION:

RETURN TO OPEN SESSION. (STATE TIME) _____

DATE, TIME AND PLACE OF NEXT COMMITTEE MEETING:

CHAIRMAN

