

**Village of Misenheimer
Council Minutes
Community Building
July 8, 2013 6PM**

Council Present: Michael Riemann, Mayor
Michael Herron, Mayor Pro Tem
Peter Edquist, Council Member
Mike Burrage, Finance Officer

Visitors Present: Marina Shankle, SNAP

Staff Present: Pam Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk
Erik McGinnis, Chief of Police

Council Absent: Jim Gullledge, Council Member

Call to Order: Mayor Riemann called the Council meeting to order at 6:02 PM declaring a quorum present.

Introduction of Visitors: Mayor Riemann welcomed visitors and staff attending the meeting as named above.

Approval of July 8, 2013 Council Meeting Agenda: Herron made the Motion to approve the Agenda as presented. Edquist seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 4/0.

Approval of June 10, 2013 Council Minutes: Herron made a Motion to approve the Council Minutes as presented with no revisions. Burrage seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 4/0.

Public Comment Period: No public was present.

Administrative Report-June 2013 (Mayor, Police Chief, and Administrator): Mayor Riemann updated Council regarding the engagements that he had attended and/or participated in since the last meeting's Administrative Report.

In addition, Mayor Riemann advised Council regarding the following:

- Mayor Riemann advised Council that Duke Energy continues to dig and test the soil at the inactive substation at the Village limits. Burrage estimated that he thought that the substation had been in the Village approximately fifty (50) years. Riemann added that Duke Energy is keeping the Village advised regarding their progress and next steps in dismantling the substation.
- Mayor Riemann advised Council that the NCDOT contractors are still working on the bridges on Reeves Island Road and Wesley Chapel Road. McGinnis noted that NCDOT indicated that they planned on completing the work by the end of July.
- Mayor Riemann advised Council that he had discussed with Pfeiffer University revising the chime and hymn schedule. The chimes located at the Chapel were recently repaired and are operable again. Currently, the chimes are on a summer schedule since the students are not on campus. There was a Village resident concern that the chimes and hymns were too frequent and on occasion too loud. The chimes and hymns schedule will be changed for special events at Pfeiffer University and when the students return for classes. Edquist suggested that a decibel meter be purchased to utilize with Village Noise Ordinance enforcement efforts. Chief McGinnis responded that the Village Noise Ordinance does not utilize specific decibel measurements to determine a violation but that a meter could be utilized. Edquist was interested in the price of a meter.
- Mayor Riemann advised Council that the Merner Terrace speed table project has been completed. The asphalt pavement was dovetailed into the existing Pfeiffer University pedestrian foot bridge that crosses the creek.
- Mayor Riemann advised Council that he continues working with property owners along the proposed Carolina Thread Trail corridor for Misenheimer, Richfield, and New London. Support is needed from the property owners by September 2013 so that a grant can be submitted in October 2013.

Council members Herron and Edquist reported that they had attended the Planning Board's meeting on June 12, 2013 as Council representatives. David Fencl, NC Department of Commerce (NCDOC), continues to facilitate the Board's review of the Village's zoning map, plan, and Ordinances. There has been a lot of hard work done and good consensus reached.

Chief McGinnis advised Council regarding the following items:

- Chief McGinnis advised Council that based upon the June 2013 Police Report that things had been quiet in the Village with the Pfeiffer University students on summer break.
- Chief McGinnis advised Council that the beaver dam blockage along the creek on Matton's Grove Church Road near the Village limits has been disturbed by the recent heavy rains. He has names of contractors that could remove and relocate the beavers and intends to make contact with them to get pricing information before the August 12, 2013 Council meeting.
- Chief McGinnis advised Council that the maps regarding the Peeler variance were recently signed and notarized.
- Chief McGinnis advised Council that he has had requests from retired officers to serve the Village in an unpaid auxiliary capacity. Serving in this capacity allows these officers to retain their credentials. Council requested that staff provide additional information to consider at the August 12, 2013 Council meeting.

Pam Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk, advised Council regarding the following items:

- Humphrey advised Council that she had attended a Centralina Council of Government (CCOG) CONNECT our Future Program forum meeting in Pineville. CONNECT plans on arranging a Community Growth Workshop in Stanly County to be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at the Agri Civic Center. Three (3) sessions will be held that day (AM, Lunch time, and PM). Participants will need to be recruited.
- Humphrey advised Council that Terry Wilbur, Faust Historic Restoration, had provided the Village with updated detailed cost information regarding the next possible restoration steps to be considered for the historic Gladstone Academy property. Council was provided the estimate document for their reference and review.

FY 12/13 Financial Status-Unaudited at 6/30/13: Humphrey, Administrator, advised Council that Revenues of \$438, 941 and Expenditures of \$437, 062 had been recorded at fiscal year-end on 6/30/13. However, there will be revenues and expenditures related to FY 12/13 that will be received or paid in FY 13/14. Powell Bill Receipts of \$14,239 were not spent during FY 12/13 and are in a separate checking account earmarked as restricted. Edquist requested that the Village Fee Schedule be included for review at the August 12, 2013 Council meeting.

FY 13/14 Public Safety Approved Budgeted Item Purchase Request and Approval:

- Chief McGinnis advised that he may be able to purchase the Tasers directly from Taser with more of a discount than purchasing them from a distributor. Edquist commented that he is interested in seeing all of the possible saving options prior to the order being placed. Chief McGinnis stated that he would negotiate the best possible discount for the Village. Burrage made a Motion to approve the budgeted purchase request to purchase three (3) shotguns (approximately \$1,200) and five (5) Tasers (approximately \$5,680) for the Police Department. Herron seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/1 with Edquist voting No.

FY 13/14 General Fund Approved Budgeted Item Purchase Request and Approval:

- Herron made a Motion to approve the budgeted purchase request to purchase the street signage and poles (approximately \$3,000) and the commercial grade front door for the Community Building (approximately \$3,000). Edquist seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 4/0.

Stanly County Animal Control Ordinance Discussion of Adoption by Resolution: Mayor Riemann advised Council that Stanly County had recently adopted a revised Animal Control Ordinance effective June 3, 2013. Stanly County is contacting all County municipalities to request their endorsement via Resolution to have the County be responsible for enforcing the Ordinance in each municipality. New London, Stanfield, and Norwood have approved the Resolution to have the County enforce the Ordinance in their municipalities. The Village could adopt their own Animal Control Ordinance but would then be responsible for enforcing it. In addition, if the Village adopts the County's Animal Control Ordinance and has a special Village consideration, the Village would be responsible for enforcing the special consideration.

Mayor Riemann stated that he had read over the Stanly County Animal Control Ordinance and tried to think of possible Village specific issues. Burrage commented that the worst experiences are with abandoned animals. Mayor Riemann commented that the Village needed an Ordinance whether it's the County's or the Village's. Edquist stated that he was gun shy about the County Ordinance and all of the considerations and possible violations. Burrage commented that a resident complaint has to occur first. He also stated that the Stanly County Animal Control Ordinance protects those doing the right thing with their animals vs. those not doing the right thing. Mayor Riemann indicated that he was in favor of adopting the Stanly County Animal Control Ordinance for the Village as it would be difficult writing a Village Animal Control Ordinance in addition to enforcing it locally.

Burrage made a Motion to adopt the Resolution Authorizing the Application and Enforcement of the Stanly County Animal Control Ordinance for the Village. Riemann seconded the Motion and it was approved by a vote of 3/1 with Edquist voting No.

Anniversary Celebration Committee Update: Edquist advised Council that the Celebration Committee is in the same status as of the last Council meeting. He agrees that time is short to plan the event for late September, 2013 in conjunction with the Pfeiffer University Alumni and Homecoming event to be held on Saturday, September 28, 2013. Edquist stated that considerations are being given to hold events at the Community Building, Pfeiffer University, and Gray Stone Day School. Burrage shared that his company had used a vendor that provided ice cream that was well received. Edquist advised Council that he plans on providing more information later in July.

November 2013 Village Elections-Three (3) Seats: Three (3) Council seats will be open for the Tuesday, November 5, 2013 election. Mayor Riemann does not plan to run for Council. Herron and Edquist advised that they plan to file by the July 19, 2013 deadline. Council instructed Humphrey, Administrator, to utilize the Village web site, the USPS, and the phone calling system to advise residents to consider serving on the Village Council.

Other Business: There was no Other Business to discuss.

Adjournment: Council adjourned the meeting at 7:19 PM.

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J. Michael Riemann, Mayor	Date	Pam M. Humphrey, Administrator/Clerk	Date

**The next Council Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 12, 2013 at 6PM at the Community Building.
The next Planning Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, August 25, 2013 at 6PM at the Community Building.
The next Board of Adjustment Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 6PM at the Community Building.**