

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
January 8, 2018

Council Present:	Michael "Frizbee" Herron, Mayor Jeff Watson, Mayor Pro Tem Micah Edquist, Finance Officer Peter Edquist Mike Burrage	Staff:	Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk Erik McGinnis, Police Chief
		Visitors:	Shannon Beamon, SNAP Wayne Sasser-Candidate for the 67 th District House of Representatives Wil Huneycutt, Auditor

Council Absent: None

1. Call to Order: Mayor Herron called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

2. Moment of Silence: Mayor Herron requested that a moment of silence be observed.

3. Ethics Statement: Blair read the Ethics Statement asking if any Council members present may have any potential conflict(s) of interest or any known or perceived conflict(s) of interest related to the meeting Agenda presented. None were noted.

4. Introduction of Staff & Visitors: Visitors as noted above were welcomed to the meeting.

5. Approval of 1/08/18 Council Meeting Agenda: Burrage made a motion to accept the agenda as presented. M. Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

6. Approval of 12/11/17 Council Minutes: M. Edquist made a motion to approve the 12/11/17 Council meeting minutes as presented. Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

7. Public Comment Period: Wayne Sasser, retired Albemarle pharmacist, introduced himself as a candidate running for the 67th district of the NC House of Representatives seat. He explained the changes in District 67 and noted that Misenheimer is still in District 67 as well as Richfield and New London. He noted that Palmerville, Badin, East Albemarle and Albemarle 3 are no longer in District 67. Our Senate district is now Rowan and Stanly County.

Shannon Beamon arrived during the public comment period.

8. Audit Report Presentation & Acceptance – Maxton C. McDowell, CPA – Wil Huneycutt presented the fiscal year 16/17 audit. He reported that the Village received an unmodified opinion, a clean opinion, meaning no issues or material misstatements were found. At year end, combined ending fund balance of the governmental funds was \$689,772 with a net increase of \$35,941 in the general fund, a net decrease of \$34,396 in the Carolina Thread Trail Fund for a net overall increase of \$1,545. At the end of the fiscal year, unassigned fund balance for the General Fund was \$482,412 which is 97.5% percent of total general fund expenditures which is a very good position. Expenditures were slightly higher due to the purchase of two new police vehicles. The auditor also commented on net pension liability of \$92,534 and total pension liability of \$32,330. These are actuarial estimates that are required by the statutes to be recorded on the books and reported but is not something that can actually be paid. He stated that the pension fund is underfunded and the market has not kept up with the rate of retirees along with what has been promised as the reason for this inclusion on the financials.

9. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 12/31/17 - M. Edquist reported the following bank statement balances as of 12/31/17:

- General Fund \$ 521,366
- Powell Bill Fund \$ 76,438
- Carolina Thread Trail \$ 8,129 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

He reported that bank balances will begin reflecting the Gladstone expenditures in the next few months.

10. Ordinance Amending the Village Charter: Mayor Herron presented the ordinance to amend the charter of the Village of Misenheimer to provide for elections of the Village Council to be conducted using the nonpartisan plurality method as opposed to the nonpartisan primary method which is currently in place. Burrage moved to accept the ordinance as presented. P. Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

11. Police Report – Chief McGinnis reported activity for the month of December, 2017. There were 106 stops, 97 charges, and 1 vehicle crash. The focus is still on Graystone traffic and Pfeiffer crosswalks.

12. Richfield Police Coverage Discussion – Council noted that if coverage could be done practically without undue liability to the Village they would be more receptive. The consensus was that one additional officer working 168 hours per month in Richfield was not sufficient. Assessing the makeup of both communities, Richfield’s needs would outweigh Misenheimer’s needs even if they did have full coverage. Most issues brought forth negatively impacted Misenheimer.

M. Edquist moved to decline the request to provide police coverage for Richfield. P. Edquist seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

13. Historic Gladstone Update: M. Edquist reported that the ceiling has been torn out. The roof will be replaced next and electrical must be decided on soon. Contractor proposed to replace all boards on the South side. Council was not in favor of a complete replacement. This will be addressed with the contractor.

Additional costs could be incurred on the electrical but pricing will be obtained and approved beforehand. Council concurred to get electrical to code with four additional receptacles in the stage area including a 220 outlet. M. Edquist presented his thoughts on the placement of the light boxes. External lighting should also be considered. Council discussed the possibility of using ceiling fans versus light fixtures; however, no decision was made on which would be used. Edison bulbs on long extension rods was also suggested along with consulting with David Drye, the local antique dealer to glean knowledge on lighting of the era.

A roof sample of the selected color, burnished slate, was presented for Council’s approval. Council unanimously agreed on the color.

Whitewashed siding samples were presented. Council wants the new wood to be prepared to appear older before whitewashing to closely match the old whitewashed wood.

Colors for the interior walls and ceiling were discussed. Council deferred the paint choice to the Village Administrator.

Sealing the floors naturally was also discussed pending the wall color choice and natural floors are complimentary; otherwise, selection will be brought forth to Council for approval.

M. Edquist mentioned that the overall grounds should be considered (benches, parking, etc.) in the upcoming budget year.

14. Sidewalk Discussion/Plan of Action – M. Edquist moved to table the sidewalk discussion until the Bicycle Pedestrian Plan was complete. P. Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

15. Other Business – M. Edquist noted that budgeting will start soon. He recommended that Council consider visiting towns that have the appeal that we want and get a 5-10 year vision on development. Burrage suggested that Pfeiffer be included in our long-range planning.

16. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date