

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
September 10, 2018

Council Present: Michael “Frizbee” Herron, Mayor
Jeff Watson, Mayor Pro Tem
Micah Edquist, Finance Officer
Mike Burrage

Staff: Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk
Erik McGinnis, Police Chief

Visitors: Danny Belcher, MPD Police Officer
Jesse Deal, SNAP
Peter Ascutto

Council Absent: Peter Edquist

1. Call to Order: Mayor Herron called the meeting to order at 6:01 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 Visitors: Mayor Herron welcomed Jesse Deal with the SNAP, Peter Ascutto, and Officer Danny Belcher, Part-time Misenheimer Police Officer.

5. Approval of 09/10/18 Agenda: M. Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

6. Approval of 08/13/18 Council Minutes: M. Edquist moved to approve the regular session minutes as presented. Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0. A motion was made by M. Edquist to approve both the Personnel and Economic Development Closed Session Minutes. Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

7. Public Comment Period: Peter Ascutto returned to present Council with follow-up information on Stanly County schools. He reported a net gain of 112 students between graduating seniors and kindergarten. Actual growth was 89 students. Eight schools lost students. The western part of Stanly County lost 66 students. He noted that the Oakboro STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) school that was re-opened two years ago lost 20 students over the prior year. This school received a “D” overall with the Science score being the lowest of all elementary schools in the County. The only “F” received in Mathematics was received by the Oakboro STEM school.

He wanted to remind Council that the sales tax referendum is coming up with the money being spent only on public education needs. He implored to look at each candidate running for office to see what the candidate stands for rather than just voting for the party.

Mr. Ascutto left at 6:20 pm.

8. Police Report – August, 2018: Chief McGinnis reported 108 traffic stops with 85 total charges and 4 arrests. There were 2 drug arrests, 1 weapon arrest, and 1 involuntary mental commitment.

Chief McGinnis reported that Officer Belcher is an experienced officer and has been working with the Village part-time for 15 years and 2 additional years prior to the Village incorporation with the campus police.

M. Edquist moved to approve Danny Belcher as a Full-time Police Officer effective August 31, 2018.
M. Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Officer Belcher left at 6:29 pm.

9. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 08/31/18 – M. Edquist reported the following bank statement balances as of 08/31/18:

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| General Fund | \$ 449,072 |
| Powell Bill Fund | \$ 71,158 |
| Carolina Thread Trail | \$ 8,130 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London) |

10. Speed Sign Installation Quotes: Blair reviewed speed sign installation quotes from Rite Lite Signs, Inc., Casco Signs, Inc., and Webster’s Electrical Service. Quotes ranged from \$1,911 to \$5,960. Blair reported on the effort that each vendor made prior to submitting their quotes. M. Edquist reported first-hand knowledge of Webster Electrical’s work. M. Edquist moved to accept the \$3000 quote from Webster Electrical to install the electronic speed signs. Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

11. Gladstone Project List: Blair reported that the light fixtures have been shipped. The following items need to be completed before the fall event.

- 1) Install culvert to have an ingress and egress
- 2) Trim out dead and hanging limbs from hardwood tree at road-side property line.

12. Village Fall Fish Fry: Blair reported that Greene’s Catering expressed concern about getting their trailer in at Gladstone for the event. Their recommendation from an event standpoint was that the Community Building was better suited for the event due to the level terrain and shelter availability. Due to declining attendance in recent years, Council was reluctant to move the event back to the Community Building. They felt that having the event on the Gladstone grounds would be an additional draw.

M. Edquist made a motion to cancel the fall event this year and wait until an event could be held at Gladstone. Burrage seconded the motion and it passed 4/0.

13. Other Business: No other business was heard.

14. Closed Session to Discuss Economic Development Pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4)(5):

At 7:08 pm, Watson moved to go into closed session pursuant to NCGS 143-318.11(a)(4)(5). M. Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Watson moved to return to open session. M. Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date