

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
March 11, 2019

Council Present: Michael "Frizbee" Herron, Mayor **Staff:** Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk
Jeff Watson, Mayor Pro Tem
Peter Edquist
Mike Burrage

Visitors: Nancy Hatley, Stanly County Schools,
SCoVE Director
Dr. Jeff James, Stanly County Schools, Supt
Lee Snuggs, RRRPO Director

Council Absent: Micah Edquist

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: Anita 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 Visitors: Mayor Herron introduced Nancy Hatley, the Stanly County Virtual Education Director from Stanly County Schools.

5. Approval of 3/11/19 Agenda: Peter Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

6. Approval of 2/11/19 Council Meeting Minutes: Jeff Watson moved to approve the 2/11/19 regular session Council meeting minutes as presented. Mike Burrage seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

Mike Burrage moved to approve the 2/11/19 closed session Council meeting minutes as presented. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0.

7. Public Comment Period: No public comments were heard.

8. Stanly County Virtual Education Presentation – Nancy Hatley, Director

Lee Snuggs arrived at 6:05 pm.
Dr. Jeff James arrived at 6:07 pm.

Nancy Hatley explained that SCoVE is a K-12 school program designed to support home school educators. In the 2017/2018 school year there were currently 703 home schools with an estimated 1089 students and 619 private school students. This program allows students to utilize Stanly County School courses either seated and/or virtual in addition to their home schooled courses. With 3 course enrollments, a student can participate in sports, special events, clubs and organizations in the school of their residency. Books and devices are provided for the students who participate in this program. Text books are provided free of charge. The only fee attached is a technology fee of \$15. This program also increases funding for the schools.

Dr. Jeff James reported that Stanly County Schools received a USDA Telepresence Grant. This will allow home schooled students to participate in live classrooms virtually. They are installing \$500,000 of equipment and will be moving from a 1 gigabyte network to a 10 gigabyte network in the fall with the capability of going up to 1 terabyte.

Nancy Hatley, Dr. Jeff James, and Lee Snuggs all left at 6:34 pm.

9. Municode Website Presentation – Chris Rogers – A virtual presentation of Municode websites was presented by Chris Rogers. He stepped through various standard website designs offered to smaller municipalities. He focused on navigation and ease of use covering 3 standard menu structures. All components of the website are searchable and the website is expandable. This is a tool to promote Misenheimer and the first impression that most will see. The annual hosting fee includes unlimited support, not just for technical help. The web team is available if additional pages are needed for special events or other needs and this is included in the cost of hosting. Hosting includes high security, data backup in two data centers, disaster recovery, guaranteed uptime and ADA compliance.

Mike Burrage left at 7:07 pm.

Jeff Watson moved to keep moving forward with a new website to be budgeted in FY 19/20. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0 with Mike Burrage being counted with the majority vote.

10. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 2/28/19 – Anita Blair reported the following reconciled bank balances at 2/28/19 as follows:

General Fund	\$ 475,665
Powell Bill Fund	\$ 84,303
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 8,131 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

11. Budget Focus/Priorities FY 19/20: Anita Blair reviewed remaining Gladstone and capital outlay budgeted items for the current fiscal year.

Council wanted to move forward with the purchase of an historic sign for Gladstone that was part of the current year budget. Anita Blair is to get pricing and design choices for the Gladstone sign.

Additional discussion took place about the large oak tree at Gladstone. Anita Blair reported that David Underwood with CCD, Inc. dba Underwood’s Tree Service made clear that the tree still may die sooner rather than later. The tree has deteriorated since last summer when he suggested that the dead wood be trimmed out to try and keep the tree a few more years. Council Member Micah Edquist had also reported to the administrator that neighbor Jon Byers did not want the tree to be cut down. Peter Edquist moved to accept the quote from CCD, Inc. to clean up around the large oak tree at Gladstone, trim out the dead wood and remove debris for \$1,510. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 4/0 with Mike Burrage being counted with the majority vote.

Anita Blair reported that pay increases have been evaluated and discussed with the police chief and finance officer. She reviewed the proposed increases but noted that once the overall budget is determined and the proposed insurance increases are projected, they may need to be adjusted. Police budget requests were two computers, one taser and an in-car radio. Council was in favor of budgeting for a fall picnic and a personnel policy review.

12. Police Report – February, 2019: The police report reflected 75 traffic stops, 90 total charges, 2 vehicle crashes, and no arrests.

13. Keep Stanly Beautiful – Spring Litter Sweep – April 13 – April 27, 2019 – Anita Blair reported that Keep Stanly Beautiful, Inc. partnering with the NC Department of Transportation (NCDOT) are requesting all municipalities to participate in the Spring Litter Sweep April 13-April 27th. Council unanimously decided to mark April 13th as the date for the Misenheimer litter sweep beginning at 8:30 at the Community Building to organize the volunteers and provide coffee and donuts for those who participate. The litter sweep will take place from 9-12.

14. Other Business: A reminder was given to Council members to contact Anita Blair about setting up the new Village email.

15. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Mayor Michael “Frizbee” Herron

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

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