

Village of Misenheimer
Council Meeting - Community Building
Monday, February 10, 2020 6PM

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

Staff: Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk
Erik McGinnis, Chief of Police
Guests: Mike Riemann

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 Mike Riemann.

5. Approval 02/10/20 Agenda: Micah Edquist moved to approve the agenda as presented. Peter Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

6. Approval of 01/13/20 Council Meeting Minutes: Mike Burrage moved to approve the 1/13/20 Council meeting minutes as presented. Micah Edquist seconded the motion and it was approved by a 5/0 vote.

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

8. Carolina Thread Trail (CTT) – Railroad Crossing – Mike Riemann: Mike Riemann conveyed that he wanted to establish his focus for the Carolina Thread Trail for the next few years. He was seeking clarification to determine if Council was still interested in a monetary commitment toward the railroad crossing at Highway 52 and Wesley Chapel Road. He reported that he has approval and a contract from Norfolk Southern Railway Company for the crossing; however, he is unsure how long the railroad will wait. Mr. Riemann wants to have the money committed for the project before signing the contract. He plans to apply for a matching grant with the Carolina Thread Trail for \$35,000 and is seeking approximately \$35,000 from the Village.

Micah Edquist moved to appropriate up to \$35,000 in matching funds for FY 20/21 for the Highway 52 and Wesley Chapel Road railroad crossing. Jeff Watson seconded the motion and it was approved 5/0.

Mike Riemann left at 6:41 pm.

9. Review Unaudited Financial Status at 01/31/20: Micah Edquist reported the following reconciled bank balances at 01/31/20 as follows:

General Fund	\$489,524
Powell Bill Fund	\$101,659
Carolina Thread Trail	\$ 6,372 (Grant #2) Trail Acquisition Grant (Village, Richfield & New London)

10. Police Report – January, 2020: Chief McGinnis reported 69 traffic stops, 63 total charges, 15 warning citations and 5 arrests. There were 9 mutual aid requests from the Stanly County Sheriff’s Office and State Highway Patrol. There were 12 citations and 8 warnings written on Highway 49. The average speed was 73mph with 80 mph being the highest and 70 mph being the lowest speed in a 55-mph zone.

11. Capital Improvement Plan – 5 year: Council reviewed the prioritized list from last month to determine which items should remain in the 5-year plan and which ones to include in the upcoming budget year.

Council decided that a sidewalk from the Carolina Thread Trail head to the post office was priority. This project is attainable and would encourage connectivity and recreational traffic as well as commencing the Village enhancement.

Discussions about Gladstone regarding usage and hurdles ensued. Sewer, occupancy, and structural hurdles exist and are too costly to pursue. Conversation about a self-guided museum rendered the most feasible use at this time with minimal cost.

12. Budget Focus/Priorities FY 20/21: Preliminary discussions include a community event along with the annual cultural and recreational sponsorships - Pfeiffer Homecoming Sponsorship and Arts Council. Gladstone discussion included installation of a water line from the tap to the back of the building, river rock around the perimeter with a few flag stone stepping stones and seasonal decorations. An awning and interior painting for the police station were discussed along with hand gun replacement for the police department.

13. Other Business: Anita Blair informed Council that the personnel policy update was currently being reviewed by our legal counsel. Once completed she will provide copies well in advance for Council review before the policy is presented for approval.

14. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

Mayor Pro Tem Jeffrey Watson

Date

Anita Blair, Administrator/Clerk

Date