

June 17, 2024

COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ANNUAL BUDGET

June 17, 2024 at 6:45 p.m.

PRESENT AT ROLL CALL: Council Members Brewer, de Rojas, Hobson, Lanuzza, Shoemaker; Mayor Day, Administrator Snell, Chief Myers, Fiscal Officer Graves. Council Member McKnight was absent.

A Public Hearing was held at 6:45 p.m. on the proposed budget for the Village for the year ending December 31, 2025. No comment from the public was made.

Lanuzza made a motion to close the public hearing. Seconded by Hobson. All yea, except McKnight.

Hearing closed at 6:50 p.m.

The Fredericktown Village Council met in regular session on June 17, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fredericktown Municipal Building.

PRESENT: Council Members de Rojas, Brewer, Hobson, Lanuzza, and Shoemaker; Administrator Snell; Chief Myers; Fiscal Officer Graves.

ABSENT: Council Member McKnight. Hobson made a motion to excuse the absence of Council Member McKnight. Seconded by Lanuzza. All Yea.

Mayor Day called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INVOCATION: Roger Hartwell, Crossroads Church, Waterford.

MINUTES:

Lanuzza made a motion to approve the June 3, 2024 Council meeting minutes with change of date from May 20 to June 3. Seconded by Hobson. All Yea, except McKnight. de Rojas, abstained.

VISITOR COMMENTS:

- Tom Carter and Colin Carter shared plans for building one triplex and one duplex at Taylor Commons on Taylor Street. They may sell these units instead of renting them. Hobson made a motion to approve the addition to the Planned Neighborhood District at Taylor Commons. Seconded by Shoemaker. All Yea, except McKnight.

LEGISLATION

(Third Reading) **ORDINANCE NO. 2024-12 - AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE FISCAL OFFICER TO SUBMIT THE PROPOSED 2025 BUDGET FOR THE VILLAGE OF FREDERICKTOWN TO THE KNOX COUNTY AUDITOR**

Hobson made a motion to pass Ordinance 2024-12. Seconded by Brewer. All Yea, except McKnight.

(Emergency) **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-15 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR TO PUBLICLY SOLICIT A REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS (RFQ) FOR THE DESIGN AND ENGINEERING OF THE PROPOSED 2025 WATER INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS PROJECT, AND DECLARING THIS RESOLUTION AN EMERGENCY**

Lanuzza made a motion to waive the 3 readings of Resolution 2024-15. Seconded by de Rojas. All Yea, except McKnight.

Lanuzza made a motion to pass Resolution 2024-15. Seconded by Brewer. All Yea, except McKnight.

(Emergency) **RESOLUTION NO. 2024-16 - PRELIMINARY ODOT LEGISLATION (SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENTS)**

Lanuzza made a motion to waive the 3 readings of Resolution 2024-16. Seconded by Shoemaker. All Yea, except McKnight.

Lanuzza made a motion to pass Resolution 2024-16. Seconded by Shoemaker. All Yea, except McKnight.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Wendy from Compass Point Planning is still working on draft of new Subdivision regulations.
- Still waiting to hear about Water Improvement Grants: U.S Representative Troy Balderson, \$2,700,000. State Senator Andrew Brenner, \$750,000.
- Snell has not heard back from Solicitor Landon about the proposed tower lease agreement.
- Lanuzza and Snell were guests at the State House on June 12. The House passed House Bill 330, which includes naming portion of State Route 13 the “William ‘Bill’ Burgett” Highway. The bill now moves to the Senate.

NEW BUSINESS: None

VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT:

- See June Admin Report.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT:

- Council reviewed the bills, financial reports and bank reconciliation statement for the month of May 2024. Hobson made a motion to approve the financial reports, bills and bank statement for May 2024. Seconded by de Rojas. All Yea, except McKnight

POLICE CHIEF REPORT:

- National Night Out, August 6th from 6-9 p.m. at Merrin Park.
- Department completed annual weapons qualifications.

ZONING INSPECTOR'S REPORT: None

SOLICITOR'S REPORT: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: Next meeting to be determined.

FINANCE, PUBLIC WORKS, SAFETY:

- Public Works: Gibson Chen, AVETIN Engineering discussed options for upgrades at sewer plant. De Rojas made a motion to have Chen work on a proposal for the upgrade options at a cost of \$4,680.00. Seconded by Lanuzza. All Yea, except McKnight.
- Finance: Discussed Rite-Aid closure. Hobson asked if we could get information about the taxes the Village would lose with the closure. Graves will bring information to next meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMITTEE REPORTS: None

ADJOURNMENT – Lanuzza made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Shoemaker. All Yea, except McKnight.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Mayor Jerry Day

Suzan Graves, Fiscal Officer

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
FROM: BRUCE SNELL, VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR
DATE: JUNE 17, 2024
SUBJECT: ACTIVITY REPORT

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

The Fredericktown Community Development Foundation (FCDF) met on May 13th to discuss economic development in the community. We have starting meeting on the second Thursday of the month, so we meet next at the FLS Board of Education Building on July 11th.

BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS

The Board of Zoning Appeals did not meet in May as there was no business to discuss and we do not anticipate a BZA Meeting being scheduled in May.

OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION

We have heard nothing new back from the OPWC in regards to our finding request. We had requested grant funding in the amount of \$129K for a \$268K project for the 2024 Street Improvements. The project finished thirty-two in scoring but only the top thirty-one projects were selected for funding at this time. I was assured by the Executive Committee, which scores the applications, that not all thirty-one projects will actually materialize, once the requesting parties are required to begin executing their projects, and our project will likely be funded after all.

PLANNING COMMISSION

The Planning Commission met on Tuesday, May 28th to discuss Tom Carter's proposed addition to his development of five residential duplexes on Taylor Street. Mr. Carter would like to add a triplex and an additional duplex (five living units total). Mr. Carter plans on coming before Village Council in July to present his proposed addition for Council approval. The Planning Commission recommends that Council approve Mr. Carter's proposed addition to Taylor Commons.

SERVICE DEPARTMENT

The service department repaired a water leak on Taylor Street, at Second Street, this past week. We repaired a water leak on Susan Street the week before. The vac-truck is a life-saver of sorts for the crew. It makes water leaks much safer to repair than using the backhoe, as we did before we had a vac-truck.

STREETSCAPE

- Old streetlights have been removed and new street lights have been installed.
- Concrete curbs and sidewalks have been completed.
- The electrical contractor is waiting on supplies to install and electrify the receptacles at the tree grates.
- Paver brick installation should be completed the week of June 17th.

- Paving will likely take place in later June and street lines and parking spaces will be painted after paving has been completed.

SUBDIVISION REGULATION REVIEW

The Planner has indicated that she is partially finished reviewing our current Subdivision Regulations and she hope to have them a revised draft version of new and improved Subdivision Regulations for Council review later this month.

BRIDGE ENHANCEMENT AND NEW SIDEWALK FUNDING

We have been formally notified that our applications for TAP funding for the proposed SR 95 overpass enhancements and for the Bollinger Drive and W. Sandusky new sidewalk construction have been awarded funding. We have been awarded up to \$550,000 funding for the bridge enhancements, which will cover ninety-five percent of the costs of enhancements, based on the engineer's cost estimate. In addition to the sidewalk funding, we have been awarded \$800,000 for new sidewalk funding. This is federal funding, administered by ODOT and there will be no local match required for the sidewalk work. Obviously, this \$1.35 million in funding is in addition to the previous \$1.3 million in federal funding we had received for the Streetscape.

UTILITIES

We have been discussing the future of the WWTP. As you know, the current biosolids press and microwave (for killing harmful bacteria) is over twenty-years-old and, like any mechanical equipment, has a finite life. We are currently exploring options as to how we will approach this in the future. Gibson Cheng, with Avetin Engineering, will be at the Public Works Committee Meeting to present a proposal to for the committee's consideration. For under \$5,000, Gibson is willing to present several options to us, inn regards to how best to move forward in the way of managing our biosolids.

We recently formally requested federal funds for replacing roughly 18,000 linear feet of antiquated 4" water main and twenty-five fire hydrants, replacing the 4" water line with 8" PVC. The estimated construction and administrative costs for the project is \$2,999,150, with the local share being ten percent (\$299,915). The Fiscal Officer has indicated that we do have the cash reserves in the Water Fund to cover our local share. We have received word back from U.S. Representative Balderson's Office that our request has been sent to the Appropriations Committee for further consideration. This is a very big deal for the Fredericktown Community, as the requested funding would provide us with the ability to make much needed improvements to our 100-year-old under-sized four-inch mains without raising water rates to cover the debt service a project of this magnitude would require.

WILLIAM "BILL" BURGETT MEMORIAL HIGHWAY

Acting Mayor Lanuzza and I were invited to attend an Ohio House of Representatives session Wednesday to see HB 380 being passed by the House. The bill will include the naming of the William "Bill" Burgett Memorial Highway, which will cover the State Route 13 Bypass. This bill will now go to the State Senate for consideration.