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**Village of Woodstock Village Council
REGULAR MEETING
Woodstock Municipal Building
February 10, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Meeting was called to order by Phil Garland, Mayor

Roll Call: Current, Y; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, Y; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, A.

Also in attendance: Alison Boggs, Village Solicitor

Pledge of Allegiance

2. SET AGENDA

Zizzo moved and seconded by Current to set the agenda.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, Y; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, Y; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, A.

Motion Carried; Y.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Belcher moved and seconded by Polatsek to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2025 Regular Council Meeting.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, Y; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, Y; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, A.

Motion Carried; Y.

4. FISCAL OFFICER REPORT

Total receipts for the month of January were \$19,805.04 and expenditures were paid for the month totaling \$11,079.19. Receipts include about \$7,000 distributed to us by RITA in error. The overpayment will be corrected in February and March. Expenditures included \$1,162 in legal fees.

North Lewisburg's most recent invoice (1/17/2025) shows a balance due of \$162,008.19.

The annual financial report was submitted to the Auditor of State in January. A notice was published in the Urbana paper and one copy is kept in the municipal building for public review as required.

Weidner moved and seconded by Belcher to accept the financial statements for January 2025 and approve January 2025 expenditures as presented by the Fiscal Officer.

Floor is open for discussion on motion.

Roll Call: Current, Y; Weidner, Y; Polatsek, Y; Belcher, Y; Zizzo, Y; Morgan, A.

Motion Carried; Y.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor stated that there's a need to hold a public meeting within the next couple of weeks to explain the coming sewer rate increase. Weidner suggested that a one page mailing be sent to everyone with a sewer account to notify them of the meeting and its purpose. The Mayor had drafted a proposed one paragraph letter and read it to Council. Council agreed that Saturday, March 1 at 10:00AM would be an appropriate date/time for a public meeting. Hallinan stated that he would mail the letter to each sewer account mailing address and duplicate addresses when it's finalized.

6. PUBLIC

Resident Bryant Bailey distributed to Council a bound document titled "Conditional Use Permit 'Support Our Veterans' Cottage Housing Development." The document was presented as an application for a Conditional Use Permit. It was requested that it be passed on to the chairman of the Board of Zoning Appeals. A representative of Plan4Land, also present, stated that the possibility of an on-site sewage treatment facility was analyzed and determined to be feasible if necessary because of the current restrictions on the Woodstock system. He stated that they would like to move forward with the conditional use permit while the sewer issue is being resolved. Herron stated that he would forward a copy of their document to the board members so that a meeting can be scheduled.

7. VILLAGE SOLICITOR

Solicitor Boggs stated that the Mediator, in response to an inquiry from the Judge, stated that the parties have not yet reached an agreement but that he feels we're close. The Mediator then proposed a number of dates for continuation of mediation. We responded on Feb. 4. No choice of dates has been received from North Lewisburg's attorney as of today. Their first set of interrogatories and requests for documents has been completed, but they have since requested the documents in their "native form." There's been no response yet to our request for clarification. The Court has not yet ruled on their motion for a partial judgement on the pleadings. The Mediator stated that he is fine with an "attorneys only" meeting for the next session. The Mediator was also informed of some of our concerns, specifically an inappropriate system design and lack of maintenance on the part of North Lewisburg.

Herron stated that he was subpoenaed personally for documents. The requests are the same as the requests made to the Village.

There needs to be a determination regarding what we owe for services from 2018. Their position so far is that this issue isn't severable from their whole proposal. They also aren't willing to discuss details, stating that they can be worked out later.

8. VILLAGE ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Zizzo asked about the status of alternatives to North Lewisburg. Herron referred to the spreadsheet previously distributed to Council via e-mail. Discussions were held with three different engineers. One is working on a proposal after analyzing flows and capacities. Another firm, Choice One, was unable to help us with the new local treatment plant option, but referred us to a firm that may be able to help with that option.

The owner of the bar had his liquor license approved and is working on kitchen improvements prior to opening. He also owns the lot behind the municipal building. He's planning to gravel that lot and a lot he owns across Burnwell from the post office for parking for his bar.

Andy Heath who farms land in the area recently installed new drain tiles east of the Village. Today he dropped off a chart indicating a share of the cost assignable to each property benefiting from the installation. The Village share is shown as \$1,251 for 4.9 acres, probably mostly for the ballpark. He was told that the proper way to recover costs would've been to petition and vote prior to the work. Copies were made for all members requesting one.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

10. **NEW BUSINESS**

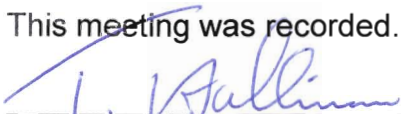
None.

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

Zizzo moved seconded by Polatsek to adjourn.

Motion Carried; Y.

This meeting was recorded.



Tom Hallinan, Fiscal Officer



Tom Belcher, Council President



Phil Garland, Mayor