

**MINUTES
ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 13, 2023
7:45 PM**

1. Council President Kurland called the Council Meeting of December 13, 2023 to order at 7:45 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call

Members Present:	Perry, Bilsky, Kline, Vincent, Duber, Silver, Kurland
Members Absent:	
Others Present:	Kathy U. Mulcahy, Mayor Steve Byron, Law Director Chris Kostura, Police Chief Robert Wilson, Fire Chief Robert Zupan, Service Director Brian Mader, Village Engineer Anna Girardi, Council Clerk

4. Orange Community Education and Recreation Director, Jill Korsok - potential state funding for a new senior/art center and gymnasium

Orange School Board approved a request to pursue \$7.5 million in funding for this project— est. \$8.4 million for the project and they have donors and funding. Ms. Korsok provided information concerning the senior/art center and gymnasium. They are seeking funding from the state. Everything has to be sent in by Monday.

Mr. Kline made a motion for Orange Village Council to support OCER to pursue the funding available from the state for an Orange Community and Art Center seconded by Mrs. Kurland.

Ayes:	Perry, Bilsky, Kline, Vincent, Duber, Silver, Kurland
Nays:	None

5. A Discussion of the Bills to be paid in the month of December in the amount of \$396,285.26 and additional November expenses in the amount of \$547,865.93.

Mayor Mulcahy stated that \$584,000 was for the debt service payment.

6. Audience comments relating to agenda items only – no audience comments
7. Old Business of Pending Legislation and Motions

A. ORDINANCE 2023-23

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH STEPHEN L. BYRON AND SINGERMAN, MILLS, DESBERG & KAUNTZ, CO. L.P.A., FOR LEGAL SERVICES BEGINNING JANUARY 1, 2024, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN L. BYRON AS LAW DIRECTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd Reading

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-23 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mr. Kline.

Ayes:	Perry, Bilsky, Kline, Vincent, Duber, Silver, Kurland
Nays:	None

Mr. Byron thanked Council and is looking forward to working with the new Mayor.

B. ORDINANCE 2023-24

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING BLAIR N. MELLING AS THE PROSECUTOR OF ORANGE VILLAGE, PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THE PROSECUTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd Reading

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-24 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes:	Perry, Bilsky, Kline, Vincent, Duber, Silver, Kurland
Nays:	None

C. ORDINANCE 2023-25

AN ORDINANCE APPROVING AND CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN HOVANCSEK & ASSOCIATES, INC., AS ORANGE VILLAGE ENGINEER AND REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading

Administration requests suspension of the rules

A Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2023-25 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mr. Silver.

Ayes:	Perry, Bilsky, Kline, Vincent, Duber, Silver, Kurland
Nays:	None

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-25 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mrs. Perry.

Ayes:	Perry, Bilsky, Kline, Vincent, Duber, Silver, Kurland
Nays:	None

8. New Business and Consideration of:

A. ORDINANCE 2023-28

AN ORDINANCE DECLARING A ONE (1) YEAR MORATORIUM ON ACCEPTING FOR FILING, AND CONSIDERING, REVIEWING AND APPROVING, APPLICATIONS FOR MARIJUANA SALES AND RELATED ACTIVITIES IN ORANGE VILLAGE, PROHIBITING THE SALE OF MARIJUANA IN ORANGE VILLAGE FOR ONE (1) YEAR AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading

Discussion ensued concerning Ordinance 2023-28.

B. ORDINANCE 2023-29

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING VARIOUS SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 111 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE TO CHANGE THE START TIME OF REGULAR COUNCIL MEETINGS AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading

A Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2023-29 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Perry, Bilsky, Kline, Vincent, Duber, Silver, Kurland
Nays: None

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2023-29 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Perry, Bilsky, Kline, Vincent, Silver, Kurland
Nays: Duber

C. RESOLUTION 2023-7

A RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCILMAN BRANDON DUBER ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE COUNCIL OF ORANGE VILLAGE.

A Motion for passage of Resolution 2023-7 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Perry, Bilsky, Kline, Vincent, Duber, Silver, Kurland
Nays: None

9. Audience comments relating to matters which advance the good of the Village

Scott Bilsky - former Councilman and resident of Orange Village – current Pepper Pike resident

- Met Mayor Mulcahy about an Orange Village issue and she suggested he get involved with the community. He began as a member of the Finance Committee, ran for Council - which led him to where he is today
- Stated Mayor Mulcahy is a lasting legacy and wished her well
- Mayor Mulcahy thanked Mr. Bilsky for coming out

10. Comments by the Mayor

- 936 council meetings and 672 P & Z meetings – so much to feel proud of. More than a job – what she does and who she is. Grateful to all the residents for allowing her to represent them.
- Goals and accomplishments are listed in all the newsletters
- Thanked all the department heads
- Read a statement from an employee to her
- Good fortune of having parents that were very supportive

11. Comments by the Council President

- Thanked Mayor Mulcahy for her 39 years of service to Orange Village
- Thanks to Brandon Duber for his years of service to Orange Village. Passion is evident and will be missed.
- Respect the will of the voters and hope to work with Mayor-elect Kline in the future
- Appreciative and enjoyed working for the residents of Orange Village
- Thanked the Village employees for answering all her questions
- Honor and privilege to be a part of the finance committee, member of Council and be President of Council, look forward to serving in any way that is possible
- Happy Hanukkah, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

12. Committee Reports and Comments by Council Members

Duber

- Thank you for the resolution – very kind
- Thanked everyone in Orange Village
- Mayor Mulcahy we have done good things together and wished her well
- Advice to council – look at what decisions you make and look toward the future of Orange Village
- Thanked everyone

Silver

- Inquired about the Miles Road waterline
 - o Mr. Zupan provided an update – Solon is looking to get bids – will not be until the end of 2024 - will not begin until 2025
- Congratulated Mayor Mulcahy and Brandon Duber
- Both of your efforts
- Mayor wanted to get to know everyone and made it a point to be at all picnics and events to get to know everyone

Perry

- Stated she would not be on Council if it wasn't for Mayor Mulcahy
- Pleasure working with you – over 50 years of combined experience

Bilsky

- Thanked Mayor and Mr. Duber for everything they have done and wished them good luck

Kline

- Thanked Amanda and Brandon for their service to the Village – Brandon has always challenged him and made him better
- Mayor Mulcahy appreciate her mentorship and leadership to encourage him to move forward
- Need to do everything to continue to improve the quality of life in OV

Vincent

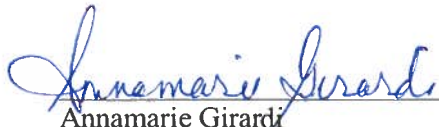
- Happy Birthday to her Mom!
- Thank you to Terry, Bob Z and Larry for their assistance
- Thanked Jill for coming tonight about the art center/gymnasium
- Thanked Amanda and Brandon for their work on council
- Gratitude to Amanda and Kenny for Corky and Lenny's
- Orange for the Holidays Coupon Book
- Tribute to Mayor Mulcahy poem


13. Adjournment of the Council Meeting of December 13, 2023

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of December 13, 2023 was made by Mrs. Kurland seconded by Mr. Duber.

Ayes:	Perry, Bilsky, Vincent, Duber, Silver, Kurland
Nays:	Kline

The Council Meeting of December 13, 2023 was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.


Annamarie Girardi
Council Clerk


Brent Silver
Council President Pro-Tem