

**MINUTES
ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
FEBRUARY 7, 2024
7:00 PM**

1. Council President Silver called the Special Council Meeting of February 7, 2024 to order at 7:02 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call

Members Present: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Silver

Members Absent:

Others Present: Jud Kline, Mayor
Steve Byron, Law Director
Bob Wilson, Fire Chief
Dana Kavander, Treasurer
Chris Kostura, Police Chief
Bob Zupan, Service Director
Annamarie Girardi, Council Clerk

4. A Motion to appoint Jeffrey Foster to the unexpired term of council ending December 31, 2025 was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Silver

Nays: None

Mayor Kline administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Foster.

Councilman Foster joined the meeting as an official member of Council on February 7, 2024 at 7:04 p.m.

5. Mayor Kline presentation of proclamation to Benjamin Wei

Councilwoman Staci Vincent introduced Ben and his family and spoke about his tremendous accomplishment of a perfect score on his ACT.

Mayor Kline presented Ben with a proclamation on behalf of Orange Village.

6. A Motion to confirm the appointment of Danette Gembariski as a full time Building Department Administrative Assistant was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Ullner.

Mayor Kline provided Ms. Gembariski's background as an Administrative Assistant. She was unable to attend tonight's meeting. Mayor Kline will administer the Oath of Office to her at a later date. If appointed, she will start on February 19, 2024.

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Foster, Silver

Nays: None

7. A Motion to appoint Council members Jeffrey Foster and Kimberlee Ullner to serve as Board Members of the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Mrs. Perry.

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Foster, Silver

Nays: None

8. A Motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 3, 2024 was made by Mrs. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Foster, Silver
Nays: None

9. A Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of January 10, 2024 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mr. Madden.

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Foster, Silver
Nays: None

10. A Motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of January 29, 2024 was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Foster, Silver
Nays: None

11. A Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December, 2023 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mrs. Ullner.

Mrs. Kavander explained the Treasurer's Report for December, 2023

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Foster, Silver
Nays: None

12. A Motion to approve the Tax Administrator's Report for December, 2023 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Perry.

Mrs. Kavander explained the Tax Administrator's Report for December, 2023

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Foster, Silver
Nays: None

13. A Motion to authorize the purchase of five (5) sets of JOMA snowplow blades from Winter Equipment Company for an amount not to exceed \$18,468 was made by Mrs. Ullner seconded by Mr. Bilsky.

Mr. Zugan explained that we applied for a grant for the items. This is a 100% grant. Mrs. Vincent inquired if we would be purchasing the items if we did not receive the grant. Mr. Zugan stated we would still be purchasing the blades.

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Foster, Silver
Nays: None

14. Audience comments relating to agenda items only

Amanda Kurland, 150 Valencia Circle

- Mrs. Kurland wanted to clarify that the Volunteer Firefighters Dependent Fund is only used when there is a death or permanent disability while discharging their duties as a firefighter. Mr. Byron confirmed that Mrs. Kurland's statement is correct.

15. Old Business of Pending Legislation and Motions

- None

16. New Business and Consideration of:

A. ORDINANCE 2024-3

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING ALL ACTIONS NECESSARY TO ACCEPT NORTHEAST OHIO PUBLIC ENERGY COUNCIL (NOPEC) ENERGIZED COMMUNITY GRANT, AND DECLARNG AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading

Administration requests suspension of the rules

Mr. Zupan explained that the grant funding will be used to upgrade the HVAC system at Village Hall.

A Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2024-3 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Foster, Silver
Nays: None

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2024-3 was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Mrs. Perry.

Ayes: Vincent, Perry, Bilsky, Madden, Ullner, Foster, Silver
Nays: None

- Ohio Division of Liquor Control request from Orange Place Clover LLC, DBA Courtyard Marriott, 3695 Orange Place

Mr. Byron explained that Council has the capability of objecting to a liquor license. Chief Kostura explained that the Police Department did not find any issues with the company applying for the permit. The Council Clerk will inform the Ohio Division of Liquor Control that we do not request a hearing.

17. Audience comments relating to matters which advance the good of the Village – no audience comments

18. Comments by the Mayor

- Discussion with Beachwood to relocate the boundary on Orange Place
 - o Met with Mayor Berns and their council is sending to their planning commission for review
 - o We maintain the road and Beachwood would be obligated to maintain the road
 - o We will have an MOU between the communities
- RFP for Community Wide Survey – to go out soon – hope to have information by the end of February
- Community Engagement Inquiry - will be sent out via enews, on website and Facebook
 - o Residents to participate in different areas
- Welcomed Councilman Foster and look forward to working with him
- Eclipse – April – purchased eclipse glasses that will be available to the residents in March
- Acknowledged Sgt. Debeljak and his wife Jessica, assailant was found guilty – sentencing will be in March. Recognized Sgt. Debeljak for his bravery. Sgt. Debeljak

thanked the administration, Council, Mayor and Chief Kostura. He explained he was out of work for 10 months and all the support was what helped him during his journey.

- Acknowledged Black History Month
- Paper Shredding is this Friday, February 9 from 9am until noon at Orange Village Service Department, 4680 Lander Road – there is a 5 box/bag limit

19. Comments by the Council President

- Welcomed Mr. Foster
- Leaf piles out in his development (leaf pickup will not occur until October 2024
 - o Notify the building department
- Planning and Zoning Representative
 - o Mayor Kline explained we need a council representative that will attend the meetings and report the findings – they are the first and third Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m.
 - o If you are interested, please contact Brent and council will vote next week

20. Committee Reports and Comments by Council Members

Perry

- Welcomed Mr. Foster

Madden

- Welcomed Mr. Foster

Foster

- No comment

Vincent

- Welcomed Mr. Foster and look forward to working with him
- Thanked all the candidates that applied for the vacant seat
- If trash is not picked up – contact Village Hall
- Grateful to Sgt. Debeljak and Jessica for attending tonight – thank you for your service
- Orange Schools update
- Black History Month – Films at Orange Schools on Saturdays in February
- Ballot Issue on Zoning
 - o Mayor Kline stated Vitalia will have a remote session on February 20, 2024
- Happy Chinese New Year

Ullner


- Great deal of qualified candidates and hope that those that applied continue to be involved
- Congratulated and welcomed Mr. Foster
- Kiwanis Service Award – for all ages to give back to the community
- Girl Scout update

Bilsky


- Welcomed Mr. Foster
- Thanked Sgt. Debeljak

21. Adjournment of the Special Council Meeting of February 7, 2024

Council President Silver adjourned the Special Council Meeting of February 7, 2024 at 7:52 p.m.



Annamarie Girardi
Council Clerk



Brent Silver
Council President