

**MINUTES
ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
SEPTEMBER 4, 2024
7:00 PM**

1. Council President Silver called the Special Council Meeting of September 4, 2024 to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll call

Members Present: Vincent, Foster, Madden, Perry, Ullner, Silver
Members Absent: Bilsky
Others Present: Jud Kline, Mayor
Steve Byron, Law Director
Mike Roberts, Police Chief
Larry Genova, Fire Chief
Bob Zupan, Service Director
Anna Girardi, Council Clerk

4. Discussion of the 2025 Cuyahoga County Supplemental Grant

Mayor Kline explained the grant program and the eligible project types. The floor was opened for others to provide their input.

Jagmeet Dhingra, 4100 Cambridge Ct (received via email)

- Chief Roberts read the resident's statement: "My suggestion is to apply for grants for setting up street lights, especially on Harvard. Driving in winters in the dark with snow and treacherous weather can be made much safer by setting up street lights on Harvard Road."

Dolores Momon, 28450 Harvard Road

- Longtime resident – 35+ years, the traffic and speed on Harvard has increased. Feels it is a tragic accident waiting to happen. Noticed the speed signs in Woodmere, Beachwood, Shaker Hts. She thinks it reminds you to be cognizant of your speed and slow down. She has almost been hit several times when turning into her driveway. Several cars go around her when she is turning into her driveway into head on traffic. Feels this can be another tool to help our community. Thanked us for opportunity for to speak.

Mayor Kline explained that the police department would like to apply for funding to purchase eight (8) TC-600S solar-powered permanent digital radar signs on Harvard, Brainard, Lander, and Emery Roads with StreetSmart Data Collection & Reporting Software. The software will allow the police department to evaluate the effectiveness of the program. Data will include the number of vehicles, speeders, average speed and peak speed times. Over 200 motorists were cited for speed in 2023. These are NOT speed cameras.

Ms. Ullner and Mr. Silver stated maybe we should apply for the full amount and add more signs. Chief Roberts stated he would leave that up to councils discretion. Ms. Ullner stated there is a great deal of speeding in the developments. She also felt it was a great idea and would like it to be considered for the developments.

Mayor Kline stated we may be able to order a few more for the secondary roads. Chief Roberts stated he plans to have more officers in the developments monitoring full stops at

stop signs and speeding. They plan to provide a warning to residents first. Mrs. Vincent also felt the signs in developments would be helpful. Mr. Silver stated he felt they would be good for the smaller developments. Chief Roberts stated he feels comfortable to place it on secondary roads if that is what the public would like; we just need to be strategic of placement.

5. A Motion to approve the Special Council Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2024 was made by Mrs. Vincent, seconded by Mr. Foster.

Ms. Ullner stated there was an issue with her comment relating to the Party in the Park, it states “Suggested move the “meeting” to... should be event. Council Clerk will make the change.

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

6. A Motion to approve the Council Meeting Minutes of August 14, 2024 was made by Mrs. Ullner seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

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

7. Audience comments relating to agenda items only

Stacy Golden, 4969 W Woodcrest

- Ordinance 2024-14 to adopt the Land Bank – wondering how a parcel of land would be part of this
 - o Mayor Kline stated there is currently one
 - o What type of impact will it have – Mayor Kline stated it will allow Orange Village to accept property into the Land Bank instead of the County Land Bank
 - o She feels there will be cost for a parcel of land
 - We currently have many properties that the Village maintains – these were deeded to us
 - Good stewards of land if someone is able to build on it
 - Mayor Kline stated the property we are speaking about to acquire is connected to our park and it would be used by the Village for additional parking or green space such as we are for the current park
 - Mr. Silver stated if we felt the property would be an albatross we would not have to accept the land
 - Ms. Ullner asked Mr. Byron to explain the process (only for vacant land)
 - Mr. Byron stated that the property can come to the Village
 - The County Treasurer receives notice they are delinquent and we can accept this
 - Ms. Ullner reiterated that Orange Village has the capability to purchase this land at zero cost to the Village. Council would have to approve the purchase of the land.
 - o Mr. Byron explained that this is not part of the Village Charter but it is an Ordinance that has to be enacted by State Law in order to accept any parcel of land
 - It is a tool that is available if the need arises

- Issue with Ordinance 2024-18
 - o Has there been any discussions at this time
 - o Ms. Ullner stated this Ordinance has been in effect for many years, being new on Council she felt that it is best that the decision is not just by the Council President but by the Council as a whole
 - She requested that Mr. Byron make the change to the Ordinance

8. Old Business of Pending Legislation and Motions

A. ORDINANCE 2024-14

AN ORDINANCE TO ADOPT AND IMPLEMENT THE PROCEDURES UNDER CHAPTER 5722 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE TO FACILITATE THE REUTILIZATION OF NONPRODUCTIVE LAND SITUATED IN THE VILLAGE OF ORANGE, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd Reading

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2024-14 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mrs. Perry.

Mrs. Vincent asked if the County Land Bank encourage this, Mayor Kline stated he found out that we can add our own Land Bank while speaking with the County. He feels it is a great tool for our community. Ms. Ullner stated a great deal of legislation states “declaring an emergency”. Mr. Silver stated it allows the ordinance to become effective immediately instead of 30 days.

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

B. ORDINANCE 2024-15

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 933.01(B) TO REVISE THE FEES TO BE CHARGED TO RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS FOR EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES, REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 3rd Reading

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2024-15 was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

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

C. ORDINANCE 2024-18

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 105.09, LOCATION OF MEETINGS; AUTHORIZATION OF ELECTRONIC MEETINGS AND ELECTRONIC ATTENDANCE AT MEETINGS OF CHAPTER 105, OPEN MEETINGS, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE. 2nd Reading

Ms. Ullner stated that she had some changes. Mrs. Vincent stated she has no issue with it except that electronic attendance takes a great deal of time to set up. Are we expecting to set this up anticipating that Council will approve the attendance at the meeting? Mr. Byron originally set this up so the Council President has the authority but the Council may not allow them to join the meeting. Mr. Byron’s recommendation moving forward and have the vote of council during the meeting. Ms. Ullner stated that she would like to

take this out of the President of Council's hand. She feels this will relieve the council president of the decision that is solely on that person. She would like the wording to be included in the case that the Council President were to deny someone to attend a meeting and council members would have voted for it.

A motion to instruct the law director to amend Ord. 2024-18 to repeal section 105.09 was made by Mrs. Perry there was no second.

Mr. Byron stated he will work with Ms. Ullner to rephrase the Ordinance and bring it back to 3rd reading next week.

9. New Business and Consideration of:

A. ORDINANCE 2024-19

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 143.01 AND 143.15 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE TO CHANGE THE COMPOSITION OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT AND TO MODIFY THE EMPLOYEES ELIGIBLE TO QUALIFY AS POLICE/SAFETY OFFICERS, REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY.

1st Reading

Administration requests suspension of the rules.

Chief Roberts stated this was part of what he feels this is just reclassifying the Executive Lieutenant as the Deputy Chief. It is also removing the clerk as a police safety officer should not be a police officer. Mayor Kline stated we would like to appoint the Deputy Chief next week but

A Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2024-19 was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Mrs. Vincent

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

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2024-19 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Ms. Ullner.

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

B. ORDINANCE 2024-20

AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR VILLAGE EMPLOYEES, REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading

Administration requests suspension of the rules.

Mr. Byron stated in order to pay the Deputy Chief you must add the pay to the pay ordinance.

A Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance 2024-20 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mr. Silver.

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

A Motion for passage of Ordinance 2024-20 was made by Ms. Ullner seconded by Mr. Foster.

Mrs. Perry stated we need to add a stipulation concerning if they receive training for EMT certifications and they were leaving for another position. Chief Genova stated he does not know about this. Mr. Byron stated that the Service and Police Department that already have their certifications, that they receive the stipend as a Firefighter/EMT.

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

C. ORDINANCE 2024-21

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SUBSECTION 521.06(A), DUTY TO KEEP SIDEWALKS IN REPAIR AND CLEAN OF CHAPTER 521, HEALTH, SAFETY AND SANITATION, TO REQUIRE THE REPAIR OF THE VILLAGE'S RECREATIONAL TRAILS IN CERTAIN CIRCUMSTANCES, REPEALING CERTAIN ORDINANCES, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 1st Reading

Mayor Kline stated this came from the Building Department. A number of homes that were built have damaged the recreational trails. This ordinance provides the authority for the building department to seek funds from these individuals for damages to our recreational trails. My Byron stated they are currently responsible for damage to the roads, this Ordinance allows the building department to seek funding for the trails that are damaged.

D. RESOLUTION 2024-9

A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT BY THE VILLAGE OF ORANGE, OHIO FOR THE REPLACEMENT OF THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY CIGARETTE TAX FOR ARTS AND CULTURE.

Mayor Kline stated that the county in 2006 instituted a cigarette tax for arts and culture. It was approved again in 2015 and it will be on the ballot this year. This is a resolution of support of this tax. Cuyahoga County Arts and Culture has been fantastic in providing grants.

A Motion for passage of Resolution 2024-9 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Ms. Ullner.

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

E. RESOLUTION 2024-10

A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY FISCAL OFFICER.

Mrs. Perry stated it has “Regular” meeting instead of “special”, Council Clerk will make the change prior to signing. Mrs. Perry stated this is a housekeeping measure. There is no increase in taxes.

A Motion for passage of Resolution 2024-10 was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Mrs. Vincent

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

10. Audience comments relating to matters which advance the good of the Village – no audience comment
11. Comments by the Mayor
 - Hydrant Flushing – currently taking place
 - o Run water for several minutes if you have yellow, orange, or brown-tinted water coming from your faucet
 - East Technical Rescue Team is currently training at the Orange Village Service Department
 - Computer, flag, household hazardous waste collection will be this Friday from 7am – 3pm at the Orange Village Service Department Recycle Center, 4680 Lander Road
 - Orange Community Farmers Market - Saturday, September 7 from 8am until noon at the Orange Village Amphitheater – parking is located off Pike Drive
 - Community Wide Survey completed - plan is to make a formal presentation to council at the October 9th meeting – report will be available to council prior to the presentation
 - Scrap Tire Collection begins on Monday, September 9 and continues through Friday, September 20 at the Service Department 7am-3pm
 - Branch Chipping - Monday, September 16
 - Tree Preservation Ordinance will be coming to council next week – it will affect the final development plan for the Omni Project
12. Comments by the Council President
 - Orange for the Holidays
 - - Moving forward with it – Jeff and Phil have volunteered
 - Watermain break
 - o Thanked the Service Department
13. Committee Reports and Comments by Council Members
Vincent
 - Condolences to the Hirsch family and all the families of the hostages
 - School shooting in Georgia – heart goes out to the entire community
 - Farmer’s Market over 30 vendors
 - o Shoutout to the Service Department, Elizabeth for all her assistance, she will be featured on our next slice of Orange segment
 - Orange Schools Centennial Celebration
 - o Please contact her if you would like to be involved in the parade
 - Orange Schools update
 - o Next meeting – Monday, September 9
 - Planning and Zoning update
 - o Lakes of Orange Phase 8
 - Thanked everyone for their great discussions

Foster

- Look forward to being more a part of the community/discussions

Madden

- No Comment

Perry

- Gardeners have a table at the Farmers Market. If you would like to donate items please place them

Ullner

- Ethics Commission
 - o Seminar on November 18 – 10:00 – 11:00 at Mayfield Village
 - o Anyone can attend

Mayor Kline stated there are new security doors being installed, we are waiting on a few more parts and they will be completed next week.

14. Adjournment of the Special Council Meeting of September 4, 2024

Council President Silver adjourned the Special Council Meeting of September 4, 2024 at 8:39 p.m.



Annamarie Girardi
Council Clerk



Brent Silver
Council President