

**MINUTES
ORANGE VILLAGE COUNCIL
COUNCIL MEETING
DECEMBER 11, 2024
7:00 PM**

1. Council President Silver called the Council Meeting of December 11, 2024 to order at 7:01 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Roll call

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

4. A Motion to excuse Council Member Ryan Bilsky from the December 11, 2024 Council Meeting was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

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

5. Recognize Francesca Taracila, Lander Circle Kiwanis Student of the Month for December

Mrs. Vincent introduced Orange Village resident, Francesca Taracila, Student of the Month by the Lander Circle Kiwanis. She provided Ms. Taracila's many accomplishments including Girl Scout Silver Award she received for creating a kindness garden in front of the County Library. Mrs. Vincent stated she is the epitome of what the Orange C.A.R.E.S. program is all about. Mrs. Vincent congratulated Francesca and her family on this well-deserved achievement.

Ms. Ullner stated she has known Francesca since pre-school. She is in her Girl Scout troop, she is an asset to our community and she will do wonderful things in the future. Ms. Taracila thanked everyone for the opportunity that led to winning this award. She introduced her family and thanked them for encouraging her to continue her growth and she hopes her brother also does great things in the future.

6. A Motion to confirm the appointment of Brian Hitt to the Planning and Zoning Commission for a 3 year term ending December 31, 2027 was made by Mrs. Vincent seconded by Mr. Foster.

Mayor Kline stated that Mr. Hitt has been a member of the Planning and Zoning Commission for many years he is also a firefighter. He is an asset to the board and we look forward to his continued participation in guiding the community. Mr. Hitt could not attend this evening. The Oath of Office will be administered at the next Planning and Zoning/ABR meeting. Mrs. Vincent stated he brings a firefighter's perspective to the board.

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

7. A Motion to appoint 2 Council persons, Mr. Madden and Ms. Ullner, to serve as Board Members of the Volunteer Firefighters' Dependents Fund was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mr. Silver.

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

Council Members Kimberlee Ullner and Philip Madden were named to the Board.

8. A Motion to accept the insurance and risk management proposal of Wichert Insurance for property and liability insurance coverages in an amount not to exceed \$133,224 was made by Mrs. Perry seconded by Mrs. Vincent.

Mrs. Kavander explained the insurance proposal. There are many different insurance companies providing the different types of insurance. Mayor Kline stated that this needs to be approved by January 1, 2025.

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

9. A Discussion of the Bills to be paid in the month of December in the amount of \$420,375.00 and additional November expenses in the amount of \$607,465.82.
10. Audience comments relating to agenda items only – no audience comments
11. Old Business of Pending Legislation and Motions

A. ORDINANCE 2024-27

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, 2025, AND ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2025, CONFIRMING THE APPOINTMENT OF STEPHEN L. BYRON AS LAW DIRECTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading

B. ORDINANCE 2024-28

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING BLAIR N. MELLING AS THE PROSECUTOR OF ORANGE VILLAGE, PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THE PROSECUTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading

C. ORDINANCE 2024-29

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

D. ORDINANCE 2024-30

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 1143, DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW, OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF ORANGE VILLAGE, OHIO WITH REGARD TO PRELIMINARY AND FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS OF REAL PROPERTY. 2nd Reading

Ordinance 2024-30 has been referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission

E. ORDINANCE 2024-31

AN ORDINANCE APPOINTING SHORAIN L. MCGHEE AS THE ASSISTANT PROSECUTOR OF ORANGE VILLAGE, PROVIDING COMPENSATION FOR THE PROSECUTOR, AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY. 2nd Reading

12. New Business and Consideration of:

A. ORDINANCE 2024-32

AN ORDINANCE AUTHORIZING THE CERTAIN PARCELS OF PROPERTY IN ORANGE VILLAGE AND OWNED BY SEVERAL OWNERS TO OBTAIN SANITARY SEWER SERVICES FROM THE CITY OF BEDFORD HEIGHTS VIA THE CITY OF WARRENSVILLE HEIGHTS, REQUIRING THAT THE PROPERTY OWNERS MAINTAIN ALL SEWER FACILITIES CONSTRUCTED PURSUANT TO THIS AUTHORITY, AND REQUIRING THE PAYMENT OF ALL COSTS AND EXPENSES INCURRED BY THE VILLAGE IN INSPECTING AND PERMITTING THE PROPOSED SEWER IMPROVEMENT. 1st Reading

To be referred to the Planning and Zoning Commission

Mr. Byron stated Council has the authority to determine if utilities are allowed to be provided in the Village. Lakes of Orange Phase 7 was the most recent instance. This will allow the Omni Development to install the sewer work in Phase 1 and connect to Bedford Heights. Mrs. Vincent asked who was responsible, Mr. Byron stated the current owner of the property would be responsible and it is currently Pulte Homes that owns the property. Maintenance will be handled by the Mayor Kline stated they are coming to Planning and Zoning next week with the final development plans with the utility design and they need to know they will have authorization to through Warrensville Heights. They will then go to Warrensville Heights Council for their approval.

Council President Silver referred Ordinance 2024-32 to the Planning and Zoning Commission.

13. Audience comments relating to matters which advance the good of the Village - no audience comments

14. Comments by the Mayor

- Paper Shredding is Friday, December 13 from 9am until noon at Pepper Pike City Hall, 28000 Shaker Blvd
- Holiday Light Collection continues every Friday from 7am – 3pm until January 10, 2025 at the Orange Village Service Department, 4680 Lander Road
- Walnut Hills Residential Public Information Session will be held on Monday, December 23 at 7pm at Orange Village Hall
 - o Ms. Ullner requested they consider having another meeting in January due to the holiday
 - o Mr. Silver/Ms. Ullner requested to place a pdf on the website
- Happy Holidays and Happy New Year to all
- Thanked Bob Zupan for the Northeast Ohio Service Directors Association (NOSDA) luncheon that he attended today – many mayors and directors attended the event

15. Comments by the Council President

- Inquired about a timeline for the Omni/Vitalia property
 - o Mayor Kline stated it depends on what transpires at the Planning & Zoning meeting
 - o January 1, 2025 council meeting will be canceled
 - o Wished everyone a Happy Holiday

16. Committee Reports and Comments by Council Member

Perry

- No comments

Madden

- Happy Holidays

Foster

- Happy Holidays
- Thanked all the department members

Vincent

- Winter Market – thanked Liz for providing the winter market and Rebecca Elsworth who brought a group of orchestra members from the middle and high school to perform
- Orange for the Holidays coupon book – keep it in your car, lots of great coupons
- Orange Community Ed and Rec issue of the levy will be on hold until the next meeting
- Arts & Culture will meet on January 9
- Welcomed the 2024 residents to the Village, she delivered approximately 50 packets to the new residents this year
 - o Thanked Councilman Madden for his assistance
- Check mailbox to make sure your address is clearly visible
- Wished her mom a very happy birthday
- Wishing everyone a very happy holiday and a healthy, safe, prosperous New Year

Ullner

- Kiwanis meeting will be December 18 at the Orange Senior Center at 7:00 pm
- Orange C.A.R.E.S. meeting – January 14 at 7:00 at Village Hall
 - o Meeting update – for all residents and planned activities
 - Sweets box – send to next resident to enjoy store bought treats
 - o Questions about the committee contact Sheryl Kline, committee chair
- Thanked everyone for all they provided to us – really appreciate everything they do
- Happy Holidays to everyone

17. A Motion to adjourn to executive session for the purpose of discussing the appointment and compensation of village employees was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Ms. Ullner.

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

Council adjourned into executive session at 7:35 p.m.

18. Adjournment of the Council Meeting of December 11, 2024

A Motion to adjourn the Council Meeting of December 11, 2024 was made by Mr. Silver seconded by Ms. Ullner.

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

Council Meeting of December 11, 2024 was adjourned at 7:56 p.m.


Annamarie Girardi
Council Clerk


Brent Silver
Council President