



# Council Work Session

October 8, 2024 at 6:00 PM

2829 Minerva Lake Rd.

## Minutes

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### **Present:**

Councilpersons Camara, Paessun, McNamara, Koss, Martin, Grant  
Mayor Tiffany Southard, Planner Eric Fischer

### **FIRE HYDRANTS: 00:03:48**

- 🌳 Columbus Fire has recently inspected/flushed hydrants in the Village; 4 are missing. Planner Fischer will reach out to our Hydrant Contractor to develop a plan to repair/replace; possible need for supplemental appropriations

### **STREET PAINTING: 00:05:28**

- 🌳 Paul Peterson submitted estimate to paint lanes at MLR & SR3 and Farview north of MLR- will be proceeding with work as soon as purchase order is ready.

### **STRAY CATS: 00:06:40**

- 🌳 Mayor has been made aware of resident concerns regarding stray cats in the Village; some are in favor of those who feed and shelter these animals, and others wish they would not do so. Mayor will ask Code Enforcement to look into code and report back.

### **INVASIVE TREES: 00:08:11**

- 🌳 Resident concern shared regarding Black Elder Trees; MinervaFlora has presented a plan to remove some invasives- will look into options
- 🌳 AquaDoc has been asked to provide a quote to remove cattails and trees from the ponds in the MI section of the Village; the hope is to have them removed in November and treated in the spring

### **TREES AROUND THE LAKE: 00:15:39**

- 🌳 A tree survey has been suggested; Mayor would like to have the dead, invasive and trees that will need to be removed for the upcoming lake remediation project taken out- THEN do a survey. Discussion followed regarding the best way to move forward. The Mayor doesn't want to spend money on surveying trees that we KNOW will be coming down any way. Her hope is to work with an arborist to determine what might be able to be done within certain budget parameters to at least get started. Council would like to see the Village to reach out to a tree service to see what might be able to be done for \$70,000 in 2024.

### **2024 REVISED RULES OF COUNCIL: 00:26:45**

- 🌳 Council approved the 2024 Rules of Council, but the revision including the adoption of the "Committee as a Whole" was never approved-it was tabled. Council was asked to take a look at the proposed 2025 Council Calendar.

### **NOISE ORDINANCE: 00:29:37**

- 🌳 Looking for an update-Legal may be working on this-staff will check in

### **TREE LAWN TREES: 00:30:40**

- Residents have shared concerns about trees in the MI area; some are hanging over sidewalks making it challenging for pedestrians. Mayor would like to establish policy, so that it may be shared with residents. Council believes trees in the tree lawn are the responsibility of the homeowner-research being done on exact codes to cite. Village will get estimates for pruning of tree lawn trees that are on Village property.

### **WALKING PATH TUNNEL: 00:44:03**

- Councilperson Martin shared photos of the tunnel on the walking path; erosion is causing major problems. Staff will cut the rebar that is sticking out in the area, and will look into options for a remedy.

### **LAKES: 00:54:45**

- Options being considered: walking paths all around the South Lake (some residents may not be in favor of this)-Council must decide exactly what will be engineered so that Jacobs Engineering may prepare properly.-discussion to continue when Planner Fischer arrives

### **MAINTENANCE BUILDING: 00:56:50**

- 3 Bids were received; Village can enter into agreement with low bidder (\$658,580); location (moving back on proposed site added between \$50,000 and \$100,000 to cost of project. Once the contract is awarded, council can consider scope changes to present to contractor to save money. Council intends to move forward with awarding the contract, but is fine with administration seeking cost cutting measures.

### **LAKES-continued: 01:07:23**

- Staff and Admin has met with Village Engineer Flickinger. We learned that the permits for this project only last 5 years. Resident and council concerns have been shared. A potential plan that would be the most economical and financially beneficial to the most residents is to fill in small part of the North Lake and build a pathway connector from the Jordan Road area to the rest of the Village (rather than building a bridge). A small area of the South Lake will also be filled in (hopefully to help eliminate excess trash collecting in the southeast corner of the lake). Trees were discussed a little further.

Based on the above discussion, Council President Camara would like to bring someone in to help the Village organize and prioritize projects based on timelines and fiscal standing. Council and Administration would like to see a Master Plan developed for projects going forward

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 PM

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Jeffrey Wilcheck, Fiscal Officer

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Tiffany Southard, Mayor