

Committee (COTW) Meeting Minutes

Public Safety, Parks, Building & Facilities, Cemetery, Refuse, Water Sewer, Streets Alleys, Finance, Economic Development and Personnel

Monday April 17, 2023

Meeting Called to Order: 6:00 P.M. Meeting Adjourned: 8:45 P.M.

ATTENDANCE		PRESENT	ABSENT & EXCUSED
Village President	Jason Beam	X	
Trustee	John Taylor	X	
Trustee	Karen Brandau	X	
Trustee	Amanda Johnson		X
Trustee	Dan Galle	X	
Trustee	Sam Bennett	X	
Administrator	Steve Brown	X	
Administrative' Assistant	Connie Johnson	X	
Village Clerk.	Sarah Jern		X
Village Attorney	Attorney Jacobs		X
Audience	ESDA Director, Leonard Guild		X

Public Comments:

* No Public comments.

Public Safety:

*Discuss and reviewed Policing, Henry County is not able to provide Cambridge with a full-time officer at this time due to staff shortage, they will continue to provide the village service through their county officers.

*Discuss Caden Bowers is training with Officer Stout for Ordinance Violations as he will assist issuing violations. Discuss providing him with attire to identify his position as Ordinance Community Service Officer. Discuss what he should use for transportation while issuing ordinances.

*Discuss Officer Stout's pay scale, an hourly increase as well as a yearly review for increase was discussed. He has served Cambridge as part-time officer for 18 years and provides the Village excellent service. A minimum amount of hours would be required as a stipulation of a pay increase. Discuss looking into a pay scale for new hire part-time officers in the future.

*ESDA Report- No Report

Parks:

*Discussion of Park Projects, Concrete is continuing around the bathrooms, sidewalks will begin soon. A new piece of playground equipment has been ordered.

*Discuss a Dog Park will be checking into a location and the liabilities that the Village would be responsible for. Discussion will continue.

*Discuss lighting through the center of College Square, will continue looking at types of lighting that would be adequate for this area.

*Discuss the net above the backstop at Hand Park needs repaired, discuss the options of chain link fencing verses a net. Will evaluate and obtain quotes.

*Discuss adding a skatepark at Hand Park, further research will continue.

*Discuss options of adding additional parking at Hand Park.

*Discussion of Park Program, Stacey Carey would like to manage a two-week program as she has done in prior years. This is a great summer program for children. Money is available in the budget for this program.

*Arbor Day Proclamation, Requirement for Tree City USA to list Arbor Day as a Holiday.

Building and Facilities:

*No items to discuss.

Cemetery:

*No items to discuss

Refuse:

*Discuss renewal Recycle contract with Eagle Recycling. Adam Jaquett presented a new contract and was available to answer questions. Eagle has provided Cambridge with excellent service in prior years. With increasing cost, the curbside recycle contract has yearly increases -\$4.80 1st year-\$4.99 2nd year-\$5.19 3rd year-\$5.40 4th year-\$5.62 5th year per household. Discuss adding an additional dumpster alongside the current downtown recycle dumpster, to accommodate the amount of recycling that is dumped there.

Water Sewer:

*No items to discuss.

Streets Alleys:

*No items to discuss

Finance:

*Reviewed March 2023 finance report, discussing that a supplementation will not be needed for year end. Reserves need to be built back up in the water/sewer budget.

*Preliminary Bills list was reviewed, noted that 3 RDA payouts were made before the end of 2022-2023 Fiscal Year.

*Discussion of Improvement Grant submission for repainting the Historical Society building for improved appearance.

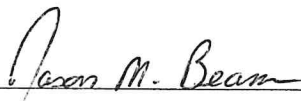
*Discussion of 2023 -2024 Budget, Discuss and reviewed Motor Fuel revenues and Expenses. Discuss and reviewed TIF revenues and expenses.

Economic Development:

- *Discussion of RDA for Chris Thompson building located on N East St. He would like to house a kid's video gaming service with no attendant cameras used for monitoring, possibly add adult gaming in the future. Discuss more information is required to explain building set up and business operations.
- *Discussion of Liquor License designations, the video gaming current liquor license needs to be changed to a B1, the ordinance will be amended and changed.
- *Discussion of Building purchase, there is currently 2 buildings on Prospect St. in the downtown area that were damaged by fire. These buildings remain an eye sore for our downtown area. The village has an opportunity to purchase the buildings and the adjoining lots. Discuss purchasing them and pursuing the opportunity for future businesses.
- *Discussion of zoning variance request, a homeowner on 1st Street is requesting a zoning variance for miniature horses to be on their acreage adjacent to their home. She has the miniature horses at another location at this time and would like to relocate them to her acreage. Discuss checking with the county and see if there is a limit on the amount of miniature horses an area can house, and possibly setting a limit in the zoning variance request if approved.
- *Discussion of Ridgeview expansion, six acres which is owned by the Village is currently being rented out for farm usage. This acreage may be beneficial to split into lots for sell to build new homes in the subdivision. Discuss surveying the area and further explore options.

Personnel:

- *Discussion of Trustee appointment, Trustee Bennett needs to be re- appointed. There is one open trustee spot on the Village board, this needs to be filled within 60 days.
- *Discussion of Building Inspector appointment, this spot is vacant John Witter will fill this position at this current time. Discuss he will be appointed to fill the Building Inspector position.



Village President, Jason Beam



Administrative Assistant, Connie Johnson