

**Council of the Village of Yellow Springs
Retreat Minutes**

IN COUNCIL CHAMBERS @ 9am-2pm

Saturday, January 19, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Brian Housh called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

ROLL CALL

Present were President Housh, Vice President Marianne MacQueen and Council members Kevin Stokes, Lisa Kreeger and Kineta Sanford. Also present was Village Manager Patti Bates.

Topics were addressed as follows. No decisions were made, and no votes were taken.

Board and Commission Matters: Role/responsibility of Liaison; Impact of Commission upon staff; Budget Process.

Council discussed the goals of each of their commissions generally, concluding that there are four commissions likely to plan for expenditures in advance, at a total of about \$20,000.00 for all four. Since that leaves five thousand dollars for any other commission to request from, they determined to have the four expending commissions simply apply for their budgets in the coming weeks.

Forms and processes for commission purchases were discussed. All liked the possibility that forms could be made available online once Clerkbase is up and running.

Regarding Clerkbase, the availability of websites for commissions was addressed as a goal, given the inaccessibility of the e-gov site.

Village Manager Search Process.

Council discussed ideas for assuring a fully representative Citizen Committee and for assuring a high level of community engagement in general.

Charter Review Discussion.

Council discussed this and determined to explore the idea of identifying a few key items for the ballot rather than enacting a comprehensive Charter review.

Sunshine Law and Communication with Boards/Commissions.

This was reviewed, and best practices briefly discussed.

Council Goals: Balanced Budget Goal.

There was a good general discussion of how to continue to assure that items that draw from the budget are funded in some manner.

Participatory budgeting was discussed, and ways to ensure involvement.

Working Lunch: What's going right with citizen engagement.

Station Manager Sean Devine joined the group for this conversation. The idea of deeper involvement and scope for Channel 5 was discussed.

Council Goals: Work through of goals document with staff priority documents.

Goals were worked through in serial order, and ideas for increasing citizen engagement were discussed.

ADJOURNMENT

At 2:03 pm, Stokes MOVED and Sanford SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Please note: These notes are not verbatim. A DVD copy of the meeting is available for viewing in the Clerk of Council's office between 9am and 3pm Monday through Friday or upon request from Channel 5.

Brian Housh, Council President

Attest: Judy Kintner, Council Clerk