

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

**Zoom Platform**

**Thursday, February 25, 2021**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President of Council Brian Housh called the meeting to order at 8:00 am.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were President Housh, Vice President Marianne MacQueen and Council members Kevin Stokes, Lisa Kreeger and Laura Curliss (joined at 8:09am). Also present were Village Manager Josue Salmeron; Public Works Director Johnnie Burns, Planning and Zoning Administrator Denise Swinger, Public Works Director Johnnie Burns and Police Chief Carlson.

Topics were addressed as follows:

**Check-In.** All participants provided a general check-in statement and stated their hoped-for outcomes for the goals process.

**Discussion of In-Person Meeting Options.** Salmeron confirmed that the Village has the capacity to provide a space where citizens desiring an “in-person” experience can come to a room in the Bryan Center where they can view the meeting and make comment in front of a camera, if so desired. Face coverings, distancing and other best safety practices will be required. This is not currently in place, and several Council members asked that this be put in place soon.

**Village Team Update and Pending Projects.** Salmeron noted five core projects as primary goals for the Village team: Broadband; Water Infrastructure Improvements; Village Solar Projects; Safe Routes to Schools, Active Transportation Plan projects and Sanitary Sewer Improvements.

These were discussed in terms of intersection with Council goals, particularly environmental, housing and economic goals.

**Council Goals Discussion.** Council and the team worked through the draft goals document one section at a time. The Village relationship with Home, Inc., and the electric utility were particularly discussed.

There was some disagreement regarding whether or not the Village should develop a formal relationship with Home, Inc., and this matter will be brought to Council for further discussion and a draft proposal.

Dillon presented regarding the goal of a “structurally” balanced budget, and the strategies he sees as effective in this goal.

Chief Carlson presented his 2021 goals, including the formation of a “Care Team” to respond to persons in crisis, and the “de-militarization” of uniforms for a more approachable look.

Council ended the session before having covered the final five goal areas.

**Board and Commission Strategies:** This topic was held for later, due to time constraints.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 11:02am, MacQueen MOVED and Curliss SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

*Please note: These notes are not verbatim. Meetings are available through the*

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Brian Housh, Council President

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Attest: Judy Kintner, Council Clerk