

**Council for the Village of Yellow Springs  
Regular Session Minutes**

**In Council Chambers @ 6:00 P.M.**

**Monday, March 16, 2020**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President of Council Brian Housh called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present in person were President Housh, Vice President Marianne MacQueen and Council member Laura Curliss. Present virtually were Lisa Kreeger and Kevin Stokes. Also present were Village Manager Josue Salmeron, Zoning Administrator Denise Swinger and Public Works Director Johnnie Burns.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

At 6:01pm, MacQueen MOVED TO ENTER EXECUTIVE SESSION for the Purpose of Discussion of the Potential Sale of Village Owned Real Estate. Stokes SECONDED, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A ROLL CALL VOTE.

At 5:57pm, Kreeger MOVED and Stokes SECONDED a MOTION TO EXIT EXECUTIVE SESSION. The MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (7:00)**

Housh explained that the meeting will be held as a Town Hall, and that several council members and participants will be joining the meeting through Zoom Meeting. He stated that virtual Town Hall meetings will be held every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7pm.

Housh noted that key stakeholders and community leaders are meeting daily to assure that Villagers' needs are being met, and that the most current information possible is being shared.

Housh noted the Yellow Springs Bulletin Board FB page as a good on-line resource and listed the Village information sites, including yso.com.

Housh suggested that anyone with a desire to assist or who has a need contact the Community Foundation at [YSCF@YSCF.org](mailto:YSCF@YSCF.org).

Housh stated that leadership intends to be as proactive as possible, and to offer careful, thoughtful responses to a continually changing situation.

Housh assured that utilities would stay on, and that the group is working with landlords to address rent issues that may arise. He also expressed concern for area service workers, commenting that this area is also being discussed.

Housh assured that citizens would be able to participate in the virtual town halls to the greatest extent possible.

Salmeron stated that the format for the meeting has been changed.

Housh asked for a motion to cancel the existing agenda.

MacQueen MOVED to CANCEL THE AGENDA. Curliss SECONDED and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 on a VOICE VOTE.

Housh asked for a motion to table the request for a one-year extension to the preliminary site plan for a PUD at Millworks.

MacQueen MOVED TO TABLE THE REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE PRELIMINARY SITE PLAN FOR MILLWORKS. Curliss SECONDED, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**REVIEW OF AGENDA**

**PETITIONS/COMMUNICATIONS**

There was no review of communications.

Brian Housh re: Inclusionary Voting  
Brian Housh re: Final Jail Tax Letter  
Josue Salmeron re: Statement on COVID-19 Response  
Chief Carlson re: Greene County Resources List  
Flier re: Dealing with Racism Workshop

## **VIRTUAL TOWN HALL REGARDING VILLAGE RESPONSE TO COVID-19 SITUATION**

Salmeron gave a general statement regarding the situation at hand, reassuring Villagers that essential services will continue to be provided to the Village and to Miami Township. Salmeron added that supportive services are being provided as well, as the Village Team works with area non-profit entities to provide these.

Salmeron stated that disconnect letters will not be issued in the coming weeks, and that no essential services will be disconnected during this time.

Public Works Director Johnnie Burns noted that his team has been split into two groups, which will alternate work days to minimize exposure. He commented that the meter readers will no longer enter homes to read meters, but that read cards will be left for residents in those homes.

Chief Carlson stated that the PD is at full staff and is taking appropriate measures to ensure safety. He noted that dispatchers are prioritizing calls, and that a caller might expect to be asked “a few more questions” than in the past. He asked for cooperation, and added that all services will continue to be provided as usual.

Chief Altman, MTRF, affirmed that the Fire Department is implementing a no visitor policy is being highly vigilant regarding protective gear, and is ready to respond to needs as normal.

Lisa Abel, President of the Yellow Springs Development Corporation and President of the YS Community Foundation Board, stated that she has been working to bring together volunteer entities to serve emerging local needs. Abel noted response to food insecurities and responses to financial need for both residents and businesses.

Abel noted a fund that is being developed to which residents can apply for funds for personal expenses as needed. This fund will also be accepting donations and matching funds.

Regarding child care and youth services, this is a self-organizing group of which the CF is supportive.

Volunteer match-up is underway through the CF.

Communications are another way in which the CF is committing to the community, Abel said, noting the Town Hall meetings three times a week and delivery of the YS News to every 45387 address this week.

Abel gave information as to contacts for both those wishing to serve and those in need of assistance – [YSCF@YSCF.org](mailto:YSCF@YSCF.org) and 937-767-2655. She lauded Village leadership for facilitating these responses.

Sheryl Wynn, Accreditation Coordinator for Greene County Public Health, joined the meeting via Zoom and gave a statement regarding available testing sites and information regarding transmission prevention.

Sound during this transmission was disrupted, and Salmeron stated that he would record Wynn’s statement and broadcast it at a later point.

Several persons contacted the Village with questions as follows:

Can Tylenol be safely used for this virus? Wynn responded yes, this is safe.

Several persons asked whether voting was still on for Tuesday.

Chief Altman responded that he had information from the Statehouse that a Franklin County judge has rejected Dewine’s request to postpone the election, and this has been immediately appealed to the Ohio Supreme Court.

Chief Carlson stressed that a doctor’s note is required to obtain a COVID-19 test at an area test site.

Wynn confirmed this.

Altman noted that one's family doctor is the first point of contact for those with symptoms unless these include difficulty breathing or a fever of 100.4 or greater. He noted the danger of overloading hospitals.

Carlson stated that officers are handing out snacks during the day to area kids, and have a list of those who may need more contact or support.

Salmeron stated that School Superintendent Holden is coordinating food delivery for students who qualify for free or reduced cost meals.

Melissa Heston called in with information regarding the next three weeks of breakfast/lunch options for students. She noted several sources of food provision, and noted numbers to contact to either donate or receive supplies. The YS Farmer's Market will operate virtually until further notice.

Responding to a query, Salmeron stated that service provision has already begun.

Housh noted a Facebook listing of available restaurant deliveries provided by the YS Chamber of Commerce.

Salmeron noted that Tom's Market is coordinating deliveries to seniors at present and provided contact information.

All Mayor's Court cases are continued until April 27<sup>th</sup>, per Mayor Conine.

Housh noted that curbside voting is available if there is voting.

Salmeron, Housh and MacQueen all noted ideas for helping others, from physical distancing and sanitizing to check-in phone calls and volunteer possibilities.

Salmeron noted that the virtual Town Hall meetings will continue to be broadcast every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. He reiterated useful websites for information sharing, and repeated phone numbers for inquiries and volunteer possibilities.

Housh announced that the election set for Tuesday has now been cancelled per the Greene County Board of Elections.

#### **PUBLIC HEARINGS/LEGISLATION**

All legislation was postponed.

#### **SPECIAL REPORTS**

Special Reports were postponed.

#### **CITIZEN CONCERNS**

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

Old Business was postponed.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

New Business was postponed.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT**

There was no Manager's Report separate from the information provided during the Town Hall session.

#### **CLERK'S REPORT**

There was no Clerk Report.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS\***

April 6: Executive Session 5-7pm For the Purpose of Conducting Interviews for the Position of Village Solicitor  
Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update (Sorrel)  
Possibilities for Donation Line (Jeannamarie Cox)  
Dog Park Plan Update (Burns/Lapedes)  
Treasurer's Report  
Human Relations Commission End of Year Report  
April 20: Finance Department Quarterly Report  
Supplemental Ordinance

Storm Water Management Update  
Resolution Approving a Contract with XXX for Services as Village Solicitor

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 7:48pm, Kreeger MOVED and MacQueen 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 any time via youtube link from the Village website:*

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Brian Housh, Council President

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Attest: Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council