

**Council of the Village of Yellow Springs
Work Session Minutes**

Bryan Center Gym @8:15am

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

President of Council Brian Housh called the meeting to order at 8:03am.

ROLL CALL

Present were President Housh, Vice President Marianne MacQueen and Council members Kevin Stokes, Lisa Kreeger and Laura Curliss. Also present were Village Manager Josue Salmeron, and Village Solicitor Breanne Parcels.

WORK SESSION

Improving Communications and Work Flow among Council and Administration

***Council/Administration Relationships**

*** Processes/Duplicative Efforts**

*** Stress Level Check-In**

At the outset, Housh introduced Cindy Seick and Frank Jennings, who served as mediators for the first portion of the meeting.

The above agenda items were conflated, and each participant spoke to their perception of Council/Administration interactions, noting any hindrances or issues and suggesting a best practice.

Housh summarized that following a clear protocol around demands upon the budget and demands on staff time will help reduce conflict and duplication of effort. He noted as well that Council members are free to explore their own ideas and that there should be a process for efforts that are not specifically listed as Council or Staff objectives.

Review of Village Goals and Setting Priorities

***Capacity, Priorities**

Salmeron presented a report on his progress towards those goals established for him by Council as priority for completion by year's end. He noted completion or significant progress in all areas as of September 2020, and commented that this progress is occurring in the midst of a national emergency, which efforts have consumed a huge amount of his and staff time in the last 6 months.

Council discussed their 2020 goals in the context of the pandemic, noting that this has slowed progress, but has not stopped it.

Each Council member made suggestions regarding updates to the goals, and Housh stated that he would update the document for reference moving forward.

ADJOURNMENT

At 12:01pm, Curliss MOVED and Stokes SECONDED a MOTION TO ADJOURN. The MOTION PASSED 4-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

Please note: These notes are not verbatim. Video of the meeting is available for viewing on YouTube, accessible from the Village website at: www.yso.com. Minutes are available upon request from the Clerk of Council or, once approved, from the Village website.

Brian Housh, Council President

Attest: _____
Judy Kintner, Council Clerk