

Hiram Village
Public Hearing & Special Council Meeting

11617 Garfield Road, Hiram, Ohio 44234

June 28, 2022

The following Members of Council were present: Mrs. Greenwood, Mr. Hemphill, Mr. McCreight, Mr. Spencer and Mr. Szell. The following were also present: Mayor Lou Bertrand, Fiscal Officer Susan Skrovan, Police Chief Brian Gregory, Village Administrator James McGee and Assistant VA Steven Schuller.

Others present: None

The public hearing for Resolution 2022-20 on the 2023 Budget could not be called to order due to the legal notice which could not be placed in the newspaper in time to allow for the 10-day notification to the public. The public hearing will be re-advertised for July 12, 2022 at 6:45 pm before the regular Council meeting.

The Mayor called the special meeting to order at 6:07 pm. The purpose of this Special Council meeting was to consider the rescinding of the vote on Resolution 2022-16 to authorize the use of ARPA funds by the Village Administrator to make improvements to the rear parking lot of the Rosser Municipal Building.

Mayor Bertrand opened with discussion on Robert Rules of Order, which is what Council follows as parliamentary procedures. Paul Spencer spoke about the procedures and stated the only act Council can take tonight would be to rescind it. Chris Szell said, correct because that is all that is on the agenda. Paul said remember that this is an aggressive act toward one of your fellow Council members. Against a decision that was made at the last Council meeting by two of our members. Chris McCreight asked how it was an aggressive act? Paul said basically, we are telling you that we did not like your vote so we are going to rescind it and correct your mistake. Chris said he is not asking them to change their vote; only to revisit it. The Mayor explained the rules to rescind or reconsider are basically the same actions. We did not have all of our members present at that time. Chris Szell asked James and Steve how soon they need to have a decision made and what are the ramifications? Steve said there was no ramifications because there was no contract signed; we told him Council approved the funds and he could do the work. We told him to go ahead, unaware that legislation was going to come before Council after it was approved. The Mayor said we do not have all six of our members here now; he thinks it is a bad idea to vote on this tonight. Susan felt to rescind the motion would only bring it before Council for consideration again. Beth Greenwood will not be present at the next Council meeting. More discussion.

A motion to rescind the vote on Resolution 2022-16 was made by Mr. Spencer and seconded by Mr. Hemphill. Paul asked, said so the funds for \$45,000; where else could they be used? Susan said the ARPA funds could be used to shore up revenue losses in the General Fund, for employee's wages, for equipment, for paving, infrastructure, parks. Susan said Chris Szell has stated several times that he would like to see it shore up the General Fund until we can come up with a solution. Chris said he has spoken with the Department Heads and this is something that has been postponed. We have talked about improving our facilities. This would improve our parking for staff and for our park parking. Paul does support the paving. Chris McCreight shares the question about priorities. Paul Spencer called for the question. The result of the roll call vote was 5-0 in favor.

A motion to adjourn the Special Council meeting was made by Mr. Szell and seconded by Mr. Spencer. The result of the voice vote was 5-0 in favor. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

These minutes are pending approval by Council.



Mayor Lou Bertrand

ATTEST:


Fiscal Officer Susan J. Skrovan