**Village of Arlington Heights**

Regular Council Meeting

Monday December 18th, 2023 – 7:00 p.m.

Regular meeting of the Village of Arlington Heights Council was called to order by Mayor Crase with prayer led by Pastor Sallee and the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Roll Call:** McKinney present, Ott present, McFerron present, Davis present, Gil absent, Smith Present and Fiscal Director Braun present.

**Guest Speakers:**

Wade Johnston (Executive Director) & Brad Bowers from Tri-state Trails came and spoke to council and residents regarding the Mill Creek Triangle Trail Project. Wade explained in details the future plans and areas that are already developed. Arlington Heights is being asked to be a part of and have a representative to participate in the feasibility study for the area the trail would cross through in Arlington Heights. Councilmember McFerron volunteered to be represent the Village, late January 2024 will be the next upcoming meeting. There is no cost to the Village to participate in this study.

Mr. Johnston answered a couple questions regarding who would maintain the trail and what parts of the trail is already completed? Mr. Johnston explained that it is still TBD on who will maintain the trail, the hopes are that Great Parks will maintain it but there are other options. The trail is completed Wyoming to Glendale gardens.

**Approval of the Council/Special Meeting Minutes for November 2023**

**Motion to approve the minutes made by:**  McKinney seconded by Smith.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Gil absent, Ott yes, Davis yes, Smith yes and McKinney yes.

**Passed 5-0**

**Report of Officers:**

**MAYOR'S REPORT**: Mayor Crase read the Mayor’s Court report.

**FISCAL DIRECTOR (Megan Braun):** Nothing to report.

**Motion to approve the payment of bills for November 2023 made by:**  Davis seconded by McFerron.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Gil absent, Ott yes, Davis yes, Smith yes and McKinney yes.

**Passed 5-0**

**Reports from Council:**

McKinney read Reading Fire/EMS & Police Department Report.

**FINANCE:**

Davis read the expenses and balances for the month of November 2023. For November, expenses were $110,775.15 and receipts were $55,875.42.

**Reading of Resolutions/Ordinances:**

**Resolution #6-2023** A resolution authorizing temporary appropriations to meet current expenses of the Village of Arlington Heights for 2024 and declaring an emergency.

**Motion to adopt made by:** Davis seconded by Smith.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Gil absent, Ott yes, Davis yes, Smith yes and McKinney yes.

**Passed 5-0**

**Motion to suspend the rules for Ordinance(s) made by:** Davis seconded by McFerron.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Gil absent, Ott yes, Davis yes, Smith yes and McKinney yes.

**Passed 5-0**

**Ordinance #12-2023** An Ordinance setting the pay rates for the Service Department Director, Mayor’s Clerk of Court & Fiscal Director and declaring an emergency.

**Motion to adopt made by:** Davis seconded by McKinney.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Gil absent, Ott yes, Davis yes, Smith yes and McKinney yes.

**Passed 5-0**

**Ordinance #13-2023** An Ordinance repealing and replacing chapter 38 of the codified ordinances of the Village of Arlington Heights regarding Municipal income tax and declaring an emergency.

**Motion to adopt made by:** Davis seconded by McKinney.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Gil absent, Ott yes, Davis yes, Smith yes and McKinney yes.

**Passed 5-0**

**Ordinance #14-2023** An Ordinance setting the rules and regulations for the conduct of the business of council of the Village of Arlington Heights, Ohio 2024 and declaring an emergency.

**Motion to adopt made by:** McKinney seconded by McFerron.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Gil absent, Ott yes, Davis yes, Smith yes and McKinney yes.

**Passed 5-0**

**Ordinance #15-2023** An Ordinance authorizing the Mayor, on behalf of the Village of Arlington Heights, Ohio, to hire a full-time Service Department worker and declaring an emergency.

**Motion to adopt made by:** Davis seconded by McFerron.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Gil absent, Ott yes, Davis yes, Smith yes and McKinney yes.

**Passed 5-0**

\*Connor Stidham new full-time service dept. worker was introduced to council and residents.

**Remarks from Visitors:**

Resident Ruby Taylor thanked everyone who helped with the Seniors Christmas lunch as well as she thanked our service department & the church for all their hard work.

**Motion to Adjourn**

**Motion to adjourn made by**: Davis seconded McFerron.

**Roll Call:** McFerron yes, Gil absent, Ott yes, Davis yes, Smith yes and McKinney yes.

**Passed 5-0**

**ATTEST: APPROVE:**

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**Fiscal Director Mayor**