



# Village of Risingsun

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## REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | DECEMBER 22, 2020

**CALL TO ORDER:** 6:30 p.m. by Mayor Rick Whetsel

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

Larry Below	Dan Connor	John Dierksheide	Rachel Dissauer	Jared Capelle	Linda Krotzer
P	P	A	P	P	P

**MOTION:** Accept minutes from previous meeting November 24, 2020.

1<sup>st</sup>: Dan C. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Rachel D.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**MOTION:** Pay voucher #'s for December 2020:14206 to 14231 for \$26,227.13

1<sup>st</sup> Linda K. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jared C.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

### **MAYORS REPORT – Rick Whetsel, Mayor**

- John D. is out due to work.
- Ordinance O2020-017 amending O2020-016 Appropriations.
- Saturday Dan C, Rick W, and John D conducted second interviews for the open council seat.
- CARES Act "Redistribution" money came in it was approximately \$3200.00. The funds were set aside to purchase audio / video equipment for the council room to continue streaming council meetings. An air purifier was also purchased for the hall. These purchases will allow the village to bring better quality video and sound to the community while conducting open meetings during this time. The village hall will probably not be open to the public for a while and in person meetings will be on hold for most of the year.
- Thank you Rachel for all your hard work and dedication to village over the years. Your knowledge has helped me through some issues over the years and I greatly appreciate you.

**MOTION:** To go into Executive Session pertaining to personnel. Time Out: 6:35p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Linda K. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jared C.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**MOTION:** To return to regular council session. Time In: 7:03p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> Linda K. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel D.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**FISCAL OFFICERS REPORT – Gena Rathburn, Fiscal Officer / Clerk**

**MOTION:** To accept emailed reports/financials.

1<sup>st</sup> Jared C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Rachel D.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**STREET DEPT. – Mayor Whetsel**

- Getting some odd jobs sewed up before the end of the year
- Had to get another load of salt. Just focusing on intersections.

**POLICE DEPT. – Chief, Shawn Beckley**

- CARES ACT funds were a blessing as the dept. was able to advance in many areas due to this. Some of the items were new antenna, counsel, computer for cruiser. Confident that the cruiser is one of a kind in the county.
- Policy has been completed will put on flash drives for review as it is quite cumbersome.
- Procedure manual will be complete by March.
- 2021 looking having another Cook Out with a Cop.
- In addition, the toy drive was a success.
- Shop with a Cop was able to help three families.
- Annual Secret Santa was also a success handing out \$800.00.
- Linda K. added Great Job and glad that the dept. was all safe.

**FIRE DEPT. – Chief, Mike Cox**

- Mike C. was not able to attend due to work however; he did leave info with the Mayor. Montgomery Twp. Was able with sub grant funds to purchase a sanitizing wand for the Dept.
- Everything is running smoothly.
- Two new recruits.

**ZONE REPORTS: Mayor Whetsel**

- Zone 1 Dan C: Brick house across tracks with tires stacked up. Mayor suggested stopping in.
- Zone 2 Larry B: Nothing
- Zone 3 John D: Nothing
- Zone 4 Linda K: Nothing
- Zone 5 Jared C: Property with piled up with trash and mattress. Stopped by, spoke with them, and it will be cleaned up after the first of year.
- Zone 6 Rachel D: Milligan's old house on Union you can see trash piled on porch from street. Also, the vacant home Union looks to be coming along.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Electric bills with the added \$20.00 to bills to bail out Davis Besse. The PUCO has handed down an injunction. Will continue to follow.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- O2020-017 to Amend O2020-016 Appropriations and pass as an emergency.

**MOTION:** To pass O2020-017

1<sup>st</sup> Jared C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan C.

Roll Call: Rachel D – Yes, Linda K. – Yes, Larry B. – Yes, Jared C. – Yes, Dan C. – Yes, John D. – Absent All in favor Motion Passed

- Empty Council Seat, recommend everyone take some time to process and will vote in January.
- Pay Raises for Police. Shawn B. feels his dept. is the best in the county however; to recruit the pay needs to be competitive.  
Rachel D. would like to be a little frugal and respect the village community.  
Shawn B. that the patrol officers are staying due to the advancements in the dept. however, we need to offer a competitive wage to keep our great group together.  
Jared C. would like to revisit in February/March. Some items need fixing at the hall and feels we should perhaps minimize the proposed raises to just \$1.00/hr.  
Mayor Whetsel agreed and also added that this is the best group of Police this town has seen in a very long while. He has the utmost respect from both the Fire and Police Departments. He will be bringing this up for review later in the first qtr.

**MOTION:** To approve \$1.00/hr. raise the Police Dept.

1<sup>st</sup> Larry B. 2<sup>nd</sup> Dan C.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**MOTION:** To approve raise for the Fiscal Officer / Clerk from \$11.00 to \$15.00/hr with a \$200.00/mth health care reimbursement.

1<sup>st</sup> Rachel D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Jared C.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed


**Again, Thank You Rachel for your service of 44 years! You will be missed!**

Be Safe, have a wonderful Holiday and a Happy New Year.

**MOTION:** To Adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> Rachel D.. 2<sup>nd</sup> Linda K. All in favor (yes) motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** January 26th, @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall

  
Gena Rathburn  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk

  
Rick Whetsel  
Mayor