



# Village of Risingsun

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## REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | JANUARY 25, 2022

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

John Dierksheide	Jared Capelle	Dan Conner	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanieta Rodriguez
P	P	P	P	P	P

**MOTION:** Accept minutes from previous meeting December 14, 2021.

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

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**GUESTS** -NO Guests

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

- Thank you to John D. for putting together the Kids Christmas Party this year it was a great turnout. Also, thank you Juanieta R. for pitching in you were a big help.
- On a sad note Lester Sterling a long time resident and Montgomery Townships Maintenance Supervisor has passed away suddenly. Our thoughts go out to his family.
- With the passing of Lester Sterling the village will be pitching in to help the Township until a replacement can be found.
- Please keep Larry Below in your thoughts and prayers as his health is not doing good.
- We have multiple complaints about residents on High St. We will assess the problem areas and start handing out citations to home owners.
- The down spout on the front of the hall has separated and is icing up on the ramp. Will need to get a long ladder and get it repaired asap.
- Council will be voting on Resolution R2022-001 to hire a new Magistrate for Risingsun Mayors Court we have selected C. Drew Griffith.
- We will be voting on entering into an agreement with the county engineers for street repairs and equipment rental for the year 2022.
- We will also be signing the Fire Contract between the Risingsun Fire Dept. and Jackson, Twp.
- We will also be voting on President / Vice President of Council, Street Comm. and Finance Comm.

- I will also ask that we form a ARP Comm. for the American Rescue Plan. I would like it to also include a citizen from the village. We have numerous possibilities for the use of these funds. The Comm. will present projects to council and we will then run by our Solicitor C. Speweik for approval.
- The street salt that was donated is not working out well. We will empty the truck and ask council to approve purchase of salt from the county engineers.

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

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Jared C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim W.  
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**ZONE REPORTS – Nothing to report**

- Mayor Whetsel assigned Earl M. to Larry B. old zone and Juanieta R. to Linda K. old zone.

**STREET COMM. – John D.**

- Nothing to report.

**FINANCE COMM. – Jared C.**

- Nothing to report.

**OLD BUSINESS: Nothing to discuss.**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- **Executive Session:** Personnel Motion: 1 – John D. 2 – Earl M. Time Out: 6:41p.m. Time In: 6:52 p.m. Motion: 1 – John D. 2 – Earl M. AIF – Yes
- R2022-001 Resolution to Hire New Magistrate  
**MOTION:** To pass R2022-001  
1<sup>st</sup> Jared C. 2<sup>nd</sup> John D.  
All In Favor – Yes Motion Passed  
Earl M. – Yes, Tim W. – Yes, Jared C. – Y, Dan C. – Y, John D. – Y
- Fire Contract with Jackson Twp. 3 year \$7500.00 / year.  
**MOTION:** To approve Contract  
1<sup>st</sup> Dan C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim W.
- Nominations for President of Council – Nominees: John D. / Jared C.  
Vote was 4 to 2 in favor of John D.  
**MOTION:** To accept John D. as President of Council  
1<sup>st</sup> Jared C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl M.
- Nominations for Vice President of Council – Nominee Jared C.  
**MOTION:** To accept Jared C. as Vice President of Council  
1<sup>st</sup> John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl M.
- Finance Comm.: Jared C. – Tim. W. – Earl M.
- Street Comm.: John D. – Dan C. – Juanieta R.
- Mayor Whetsel asked that the Finance Comm. sit with Shawn B. and go over salary accommodations going forward. He would also like the Finance Comm. to spend the day in the office with Gena R. (Fiscal Officer) sometime in May.

- Mayor Whetsel also asked that a Committee form to oversee the spending of the ARP funds going forward. He also asked that a village representative also sit with the comm. American Rescue Plan Committee members: John D. – Earl M. – Dan C. establish a date and get together.
- We received a agreement / quote from American Legal Publishing to codify the village. We will wait to sign until Mr. Speweik has reviewed.
- Council Member Juanieta R. brought up the vicious dog problem within the village as we are seeing more and more incidences. Mayor Whetsel advised that you will need to call the Sheriff and Dog Warden if you have issues.

**South East Ambulance Update – Earl Morse**

- 2021 year end numbers put the EMS at 90% nationwide for call times currently is one minute twenty seconds. 300 runs for the year.
- \$40,000 billable for the year.
- Start bidding out a new ambulance as this can take several years.
- Next levy in Nov. will need support of the community. The Village council will endorse the renewal.
- Covid dollars were spent on a Lucas power cot. Very expensive piece of equipment approx. \$100,000.
- The ambulance district is always open to suggestions from the residents. If anyone is interested in having the Ambulance at a community event please don't hesitate to ask. (contact Earl Morse)
- John D. asked if the Ambulance District had looked into other avenues to procure a used ambulance. Earl M. stated that those deals are long gone due to the covid funds the inventory is just not there.

**MOTION:** To Adjourn 1<sup>st</sup> John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl M. All in favor (yes) motion passed.

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting February 22, 2022 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall



**Geha Rathburn**  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk



**Rick Whetsel**  
Mayor