



# Village of Risingsun

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## REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | AUGUST 22, 2023

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

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ROLL CALL:**

John Dierksheide	Ryan Caudill	Dan Conner	Tim Woodruff	Earl Morse	Juanieta Rodriguez
P	P	A	P	P	P

**MOTION:** Accept minutes from previous meeting(s) July 18 & Special Meeting August 1 2023.

1<sup>st</sup>: Juanita R. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Ryan C.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**GUESTS** –Justin Aldrich / Barb Braden – Vacate Alley

- Barb and Justin reside at 123 Railroad Street and are requesting the alley between 123 Railroad and 211 Railroad be vacated thru to Maple Street. To alleviate traffic and trash concerns with neighborhood. They discussed with council the rules as they will be responsible for the closure as well as the upkeep to the surface (maintenance and snow removal). Council had a concern with the couple wanting to put a post in the neighbor’s yard to secure the barrier. They are asking that they get something in writing and notarized allowing this to happen. This will avoid any later concerns with the construction of the barrier. Gena will keep the information on file.

**MOTION:** To vacate alleyway between 123 Railroad and 211 Railroad.

1<sup>st</sup> Ryan C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Tim W.

All in favor (Yes) Motion Carries

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

- 3 Pieces of legislation for this evening. 1 Ordinance to supplement 2023 appropriations. 1 Ordinance to open a fund for a FEMA grant received by the Fire Dept. and to Read the Ordinance to Proceed for Street Light Assessment.
- Thank You! Todd Morel for putting a long day in helping with some trimming in village. This was part of a community service project put on by his employer.
- Mayor asked council to consider adding an additional stop sign to Main Street at the corner of Main and Pearl Street. There have been numerus complaints of speeding vehicles thru the area. Rick noted that we will need an ordinance 3 reads, posted for 60 days then run with 15 days as a warning period. Council agreed and the Mayor will discuss with Corey Speweik.
- Wood County Engineers were called due to a hole above the culvert off of Main Street that runs under the railroad. Will wait to hear their feedback.
- Limbs will be Monday August 28<sup>th</sup>. Mosquitos will be sprayed before Labor Day.

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

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

- 1<sup>st</sup> Earl M. 2<sup>nd</sup> Juanieta R.  
All in favor (yes) Motion passed

**POLICE DEPT. – Chief Shawn Beckley**

- Police cruiser has been in the shop 3 x in the past month for repairs. It has stalled and not started and is becoming a bit of a safety concern for the officers. The council entered into discussions the Police stated they would like a Chevy Tahoe. Chief stated that the vehicles are going super-fast and that the 2023 models are all gone. Need to open a po to get the vehicle ordered and would take delivery in April to the supplier and then be retrofitted and to the station in June.
- **MOTION:** Chief Shawn Beckley would like 65,000. To purchase a new Tahoe police cruiser. 1<sup>st</sup> John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Ryan C. AIF (Yes) Motion Carries

**FIRE DEPT. – Chief Mike Cox.**

- Fire Dept. received the FEMA Assistance to Firefighter Grant for SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus). The award was for \$153,000. Congratulations.
- Hose Testing done, pump testing coming in September.
- Happy Birthday Jennifer Cox

**ZONE REPORTS – Nothing to report**

- Onsel properties are in the process of getting surveyed.
- Will call the school and see if the shop class would like to help with the picnic tables.
- Working on community grant for next year.

**STREET COMM. – John D.**

- Nothing

**FINANCE COMM. –**

- Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- Chickens where are we at. Rick W. stated he would discuss with C. Speweik to get our legislation revised and decide what is best for the village.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- 2023-007 Ordinance to amend O2022-011 as a supplement and as an emergency.  
**MOTION:** Juanieta R. 2<sup>nd</sup> John D.  
Roll Call: Juanieta – Y, Earl – Y, Tim – Y, Ryan – Y, Dan – absent, John - Y
- 2023-005 Ordinance to Proceed for Street Lighting and declaring an Emergency (2<sup>nd</sup> read)  
**MOTION:** Ryan C. 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl M.  
Roll Call: Juanieta – Y, Earl – Y, Tim – Y, Ryan – Y, Dan – absent, John – Y
- 2023-008 Ordinance to open a new fund for the FEMA grant 2905.  
**MOTION:** John D. 2<sup>nd</sup> Earl M.  
Roll Call: Juanieta – Y, Earl – Y, Tim – Y, Ryan – Y, Dan – absent, John – Y
- December 1<sup>st</sup> will be the Tree Lighting in Central Park




➤ December 8<sup>th</sup> will be the Kids Christmas Party at the Village Park.

Earl M – Addressed council to receive some feedback from a proposal that was brought to the Township Trustees. Perry Township would like to be put under contract for ambulance services thru Montgomery Township. Earl and council discussed seemed to be a win win as Montgomery Township now has a 2<sup>nd</sup> ambulance in service.

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

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting September 26, 2023 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall  
Finance Meeting: September 26th @ 5:45p.m.

  
Gena Rathburn  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk

  
Rick Whetsel  
Mayor