

# Village of Risingsun

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## REGULAR MEETING | TOWN HALL | FEBRUARY 27, 2024

**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	Juanietta Rodriguez
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**MOTION:** Accept minutes from previous meeting January 2024.

1<sup>st</sup>: Juanietta R. 2<sup>nd</sup>: Earl M.

All in favor (yes) Motion passed

### MAYORS REPORT – *Mayor Rick Whetsel*

- Two ordinances this evening; 2024-001 Setting pay ranges for hourly employees and 2024-002 Ammend Chapter 181 of the income tax and declare an emergency.
- Corey S. is reviewing park and street levy renewals for this upcoming November. He also has started the process of obtaining restitution from Robin Hindalls Sureity Bond.
- We are looking into generating revenue to accommodate the purchase of a new police cruiser. We have got the interest rate down to 5.5% and have also looked into selling off the 8 acres on Rt. 23 thru Don Rose Auctioneers. Don Rose has handled many auctions for the Fire Dept. and will be selling the old cruiser when it is finished.
- Talked with Mary Stahl and will be getting zoning meetings up and running. Reviewing ordinances will be the first priority. We will also be looking at hiring a zoning officer. Rick and Dan will be heading up this committee.
- Street Dept. position will be posted this week. They will be reviewed and appt. made for interviews. This position will be done in consecutive days as well as pay range will be \$12 - \$14 dollars per hour.
- Would like to thank Tim Woodruff, Kathryn Dierksheide, and John Dierksheide on a great job done with installing the new lights in the park building. We still need to make a sign for the lights as they are 3 way lights now.

### GUESTS –Mike Brose – Village

- Stated he has lived in the village for 46 years and he is sick of all the run down homes and properties within the village. (run down houses, junk in yards, etc) He stated daughter lives in Bradner and the land owner gets cited for a piece of soffit and has limited time to fix or get cited again. He also stated that sitting on his porch all he can see is the broken down house on Main St. and the neighbor with all the old cars and trucks sitting around. Mike also stated that there is no reason to keep all the old items

from relatives that have passed. Rick stated that the village is completing the codification process and that this will make the ordinances rock solid for zoning.

**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**

- No reporting.

**FIRE DEPT. – Chief Mike Cox.**

- New compressor fill station is in. Waiting on air packs. Old system will be offered thru Don Rose online auction. Wayne and Delta were interested. Delta offered 3,000 which we declined and decided to put it out to auction.
- Received a training grant that will pay for Emma Holman and Drew Ropper.
- Went to a EMA meeting on the Eclipse. They stated that Montgomery twp. will see an extra 30 – 50,000 people in the area for the viewing. Imagination Station and Wood Cty will offering free glasses. Schools will be released early. Be sure to get fuel as there may be a shortage. Tyler will be donating the use of his gator to navigate thru traffic and the Fire Dept will be on stand by the entire day. Rick stated he will get with Shawn to see what his plan is and coordinate with Mike and the Fire Dept. Fair grounds are opening up for camping and parking.
- Waiting to here from the State Fire Marshall on an equipment grant. This will aid in getting the 2 -4 new members in turn out gear.
- Mike stated that the dept. is redoing the onboarding process and asked council if they still wanted to be in the interview process. Rick and Tim stated that they trust Mike to do what he feels right so then Mike will drop that portion from his policy.
- Cinnamon Rolls on March 17 th see a Fire Fighter.
- Eclipse T-shirts will be on sale see a Fire Fighter.

**ZONE REPORTS – Nothing to report**

**STREET COMM. – John D.**

- Nothing

**FINANCE COMM. –**

- Nothing to report

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

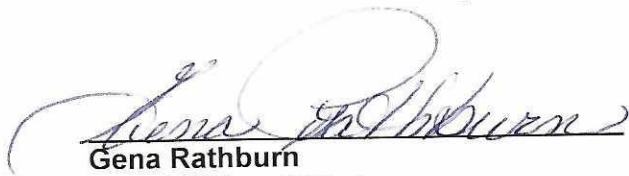
- **MOTION:** Ordinance 2024-001 Setting the pay for hourly employees.  
Dan C. 1<sup>st</sup> Mike T. 2<sup>nd</sup> All in Favor Y Motion Passes
- **MOTION:** Ordinance 2024-002 Revising Chapter 181 of the Income Tax Ordinance and Declaring and Emergency  
Earl M. 1<sup>st</sup> Dan C. 2<sup>nd</sup> All In Favor Y Motion Passes

- Rick has started reading thru the CDBG grant it is very lengthy. Mayor Whetsel would like to see the remainder of the sidewalks finished along Main street. This grant does require matching funds. This is something that will be a future project for the village. Street Comm. to look into PEP grant for mulch or something that would benefit the village.

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

**Next Meeting:** Next Meeting March 26 @ 6:30p.m. Town Hall

Finance Meeting: March 26 @ 5:45p.m.



Gena Rathburn  
Fiscal Officer / Clerk



Rick Whetsel  
Mayor