

Minutes of the Village of Holland Council Meeting
Held Tuesday, December 12, 2023

At 7:30 pm Mayor Lee Irons called the meeting to order. Councilmembers Scott Brown, Justin Hoen, Mike Bettinger, President Ryan Spangler, Roger Burditt, Nate Gaubert, Clerk-Treasurer Lyn Krasula, Village Attorney Paul Skaff and new Administrator Bob Bethel were all present. Mr. Spangler made a motion to approve the minutes from the 11/21/2023 council meeting as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Mr. Bettinger seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes.

Springfield Township Fire Chief Barry Cousino was in attendance and reviewed the Fire / EMS 2023 annual report. After review, Mayor Irons stated it is comforting to know that in an emergency, when you call, assistance is as little as 4 minutes away. He is grateful and proud to be associated with the Township fire department and expressed his thanks and appreciation to Chief Cousino.

Mayor Irons reported that per the Ohio Revised Code, a request for proposals for engineering services for 2024-2025 was advertised and the ranking was determined. Four firms submitted RFQ responses, with the ranking as follows:

1. OHM Advisors; 2. CT Consultants Inc 3. Feller Finch Engineers 4. JDRM Engineering
Mayor Irons did recommend appointing OHM Advisors as the Village Engineer for 2024-2025 and if additional services are needed, to then contact the next highest ranked firm as needed. Mr. Gaubert made a motion to appoint OHM Advisors per the Mayor's recommendation. Mr. Bettinger seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes.

Based upon the recommendation of Lt. Piotrowski, Mayor Irons made two appointments to the police department. The first appointed was Raul Cuellar to the position of police officer, at the Step 4 of the wage scale (after 3 years). Mr. Brown made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment. Mr. Gaubert seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes. The second appointment was Joshua Cluley to the position of police officer also to start at step 4 of the wage scale (after 3 years). Mr. Brown made a motion to confirm the Mayor's appointment. Mr. Gaubert seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes. Both officers were present and sworn in by Attorney Paul Skaff.

Lt. Piotrowski reported that the new Flock cameras installed this year have been very beneficial and are helping with solving cases. Flock will be initiating a \$500 per camera increase effective 1/1/24 but has offered to replace the current 2-year contract with a 5-year contract and if approved this year will avoid the cost increase, saving \$2,000 per year. Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the new 5-year contract at the renegotiated rate. Mr. Spangler seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes.

Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$2,700 for uniforms for Officer Ceullar. Mr. Gaubert seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes. Mr. Brown made a motion to authorize a purchase order in the amount of \$2,700 for the purchase of uniforms for Officer Cluley. Mr. Gaubert seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes.

Mr. Brown made a motion to approve the annual renewal for Vector Solutions in the amount of \$1,016.48. Mr. Spangler seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes.

Mr. Spangler made a motion to suspend regular rules of council to allow Ordinance No. 28 & 29-2023 to be read by title only. Mr. Brown seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes. First reading of Ordinance No. 28-2023, MAKING SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2023 AND DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, was read by title only. Mr. Spangler made a motion to suspend regular rules of council and dispense with the second and third readings as an emergency. Mr. Gaubert seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes. Mr. Spangler made a motion to approve the first and final reading as an emergency. Mr. Brown seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes.

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First reading of Ordinance No. 29-2023, AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RE-ENACTMENT OF CERTAIN SECTIONS OF ORDINANCE NO. 23, 25, 26, 27 AND 28-2023, was read by title only. Mr. Spangler made a motion to suspend regular rules of council to dispense with the second and third readings. Mr. Hoen seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes. Mr. Spangler made a motion to approve the first and final reading. Mr. Brown seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes. Mayor Irons thanked Mr. Burditt for his indispensable years of service to the Village.

Mr. Spangler stated that this is the last council meeting for both Mayor Irons and Mr. Burditt as both will be retiring as of 12/31/2023. Mr. Burditt has served the Village for 30 years and 8 months on both Council and Plan Commission, plus time in the 1970's as a volunteer fireman. In honor of his years of service, Mr. Spangler announced that the gazebo at the Strawberry Acres park will be named in his honor and presented him with a plaque that will be displayed at the site. Mayor Irons has served the Village as a councilman from 1982 to June of 2019, and as the Mayor from July 2019 to December, 2023, serving the Village for 42 consecutive years. In honor of his years of service, Mr. Spangler announced that the Historical building will be renamed the Lee R Irons Historical Building and presented him with a plaque that will be displayed on the building. Mayor Irons stated that a long time ago his wife Barb, who was in the audience, challenged him to run for office if he wanted a say in how things were run, so he did. He thanked Barb, Council & the Village employees for all their support over the years.

Ms. Krasula stated that Mr. Burditt is currently the 4th longest serving elected official to date with 28 years and 5 months on council. Former Mayor Mike Yunker is the 3rd longest serving with 30 years of elected service. Mayor Max Albon had 40 years of elected service, making him the 2nd longest. Now, with 42 years of service, Lee Irons is not only the longest serving elected official, he also has the record for the longest terms consecutively served for the Village of Holland.

Mr. Gaubert made a motion to approve bills totaling \$88,752.99 for payment as presented by the Clerk-Treasurer. Mr. Bettinger seconded the motion with roll call carrying six ayes.

Christina Dehart	\$100.00	Maumee Valley Growers	\$400.00	Motorola Solutions	\$3,475.39
Toledo Edison	70.39	Toledo Edison	444.60	Toledo Edison	71.59
Toledo Edison	74.90	Toledo Edison	159.24	Toledo Edison	4.58
Toledo Edison	462.93	Toledo Edison	170.36	Toledo Edison	369.85
Dept Of Public Utilities	39.98	Dept Of Public Utilities	32.64	Dept Of Public Utilities	25.31
Ohio Bureau of Workers	14,859.00	Precious Kimbrough	70.00	Kelly Dilworth	400.00
Michael Murphy	400.00	Devin Nicholson	100.00	Joe Bodnar	117.96
Charlies Dodge	89.63	AT&T	1,476.65	Dept Of Public Utilities	69.95
Frames Pest Control	55.00	Frames Pest Control	55.00	Roth Automotive	840.00
Ahneetra Davis	100.00	Pipe Doctor	255.00	Roth Automotive	251.99
Law Enforcement	425.00	Estech Systems	178.76	Unify	99.00
Toledo Blade	510.72	Axon Enterprise	14,976.04	Perry Protech	81.02
Law Enforcement	120.00	Robert Wilkins	100.00	Medical Mutual	29,974.20
Kester Mowing	475.00	Signature Bank	284.18	Signature Bank	89.97
Signature Bank	577.76	Signature Bank	70.97	Signature Bank	159.48
Signature Bank	74.59	Signature Bank	64.98	Signature Bank	76.08
Signature Bank	63.44	Asset Protection	101.85	Ohio BCI&I	629.75
Lexis Nexis	130.00	Consumer Driven	417.75	Toledo Edison	2,818.29
Buckeye Broadband	450.48	Republic Services	7,443.28	Leatherman Witzler	69.00
Vital Records	45.00	Constina Francis	100.00	Coranne Woods	100.00
Tim Meyer	100.00	Signature Bank	132.03	Signature Bank	174.00
Collin O'Connor	62.92	Alphabet Signs	786.13	Columbia Gas	66.52
Columbia Gas	177.28	Columbia Gas	176.20	Columbia Gas	847.41
Belle Tire	461.97				

There being no further business, at 8:20 pm Mr. Burditt made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Bettinger seconded the motion. Motion carried six ayes.

Lyn Krasula, Clerk-Treasurer

Lee Irons, Mayor