

**Village of St. Paris**  
**July 3, 2023**  
**Council Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

The invocation prayer was led by Councilor Ervin.

Roll call was taken by Mayor Brenda Cook. Joe Curran, Terry Ervin II, Lynn Miller, Susan Prince, Sam Ronicker and Randy Smith were present. Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell, Fiscal Officer Marc McGuire and Chief of Police Eric Smith were also present.

**Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the Council agenda, as amended. Motion passed.

**Public Comments on Agenda Items:** none

**Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Ervin to approve the Council meeting minutes dated June 19, 2023. Motion passed.

**Mayor's Notes:**

- The First Church of God is having a community celebration on August 19, 2023.

**Old Business:**

- The Budget Committee recommends to Council to invest \$1,990,000 in STAR Ohio to earn a higher interest rate. The account at STAR Ohio is backed by the Treasurer of State of Ohio and can be easily transferred back to First Central National Bank of St. Paris within 2-3 business days. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve the transfer of \$1,990,000 from First Central National Bank of St. Paris to STAR Ohio. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

**New Business:**

- Resolution 1368 – Authorizing Application for OPWC Funding. Mayor Cook read Resolution 1368. The resolution allows Village Administrator Spencer Mitchell to prepare and submit an application to participate in the Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) state capital improvement and/or local transportation improvement programs and to execute contracts as required. Administrator Mitchell noted that the capital improvements for this application pertain to the W. Elm Street improvements to be done in 2025. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Smith to approve Resolution 1368. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed.

**Executive Session:**

- Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code section 121.22 (G)(1), to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. **Motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Ervin to have only Council members to enter into an executive session for discussion of personnel. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 5-1, with Councilor Curran voting no. Motion passed and Council entered into executive session at 7:14 PM. Council invited Mayor Cook into the executive session at 7:27 PM. Mayor Cook exited executive session at 7:37 PM. Council invited Chief of Police Smith into executive session at 7:37 PM. Chief Smith exited executive session at 7:49 PM. Council invited Mayor Cook into executive session again at 7:53 PM. Council invited Chief Smith into executive session again at 8:07 PM. Council came out of executive session and a **motion** was made by Councilor Ervin and seconded by Councilor Miller to exit executive session. A roll call vote was taken and Council voted in favor 6-0. Motion passed and Council resumed the open meeting at 8:09 PM.

**Public Comments:**

- Joyce Bowlin, 274 W. Poplar Street, announced that the Pony Wagon Days is having a golf scramble at Lakeland Golf Course on July 22, 2023 beginning at 9:00 AM. The cost is \$65 per person for 18 holes of golf, cart rental and lunch.
- Frank Blair, 203 Dugan Street, inquired about the Oaks. It was noted that it is a venue located just outside St. Paris.
- Tony Hoyt, 607 S. Springfield Street, asked Council to make the intersection of S. Springfield Street and Troy Street a 4 way stop. Mr. Hoyt noted that traffic speeds through the intersection several times a day. Mr. Hoyt was concerned about children who live next to and near the intersection and believes it could cause potential liability issues if a child or pedestrian would get hurt due to the speeding motorist. Councilor Ervin noted that the intersection was a 4 way stop previously, but a prior Council voted to not make it a 4 way stop due to the stress/deterioration of the intersection due to heavy trucks stopping and starting at the 4 way stop. Councilor Ervin asked the Chief of Police if the police department could monitor the intersection to catch speeding traffic and asked Mr. Hoyt if he could monitor about the time of day of when the speeding motorist traveled through the intersection.

There being no further business, **motion** was made by Councilor Prince and seconded by Councilor Smith to adjourn at 8:20 PM. Motion passed.

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Marc McGuire, Fiscal Officer

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Brenda Cook, Mayor

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