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AGENDA NO. 4 - 2024

Agenda for Monday, February 26, 2024

Regular Meeting – 6:00pm **at the Montpelier Police Department**

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call
3. Prayer
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Approve the Agenda for February 26, 2024 (Motion)
6. Approve the Minutes from February 12, 2024 Council Meeting (Motion)
7. Comments from Audience
8. Comments from Council/Committee Reports
9. Resolution 1392 Memo of Understanding for ArcGIS and GPS Receivers (Suspend and Pass)
10. Ordinance 2271 Limiting Adult Use Cannabis Operators, Cultivators, and Dispensaries (Third Reading and Passage)
11. Village Manager's Report
12. Adjourn



VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER COUNCIL MEETING

MONTPELIER, OHIO

FEBRUARY 12, 2024

Call to Order

Mayor Steve Yagelski called the meeting for the Montpelier Village Council to order at 6:00pm on Monday, February 12, 2024.

Roll Call

Roll call was conducted with the following Council members in attendance: Mrs. Heather Freese, Mr. Don Schlosser, Ms. Melissa Ewers, Mr. Kevin Motter, Mr. Chris Kannel, and Mr. Nathan Thompson.

Prayer/Pledge

Pastor Mary Beth McCandless offered a Prayer, followed by those in attendance reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Agenda
02/12/2024**

Mrs. Heather Freese moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to approve the amended agenda with Employment of Public Personal ORC 121.22 (G) (1) added to the executive session for February 12, 2024. Vote on motion: All ayes

**Minutes
01/08/2024**

Mr. Kevin Motter moved, and Mr. Don Schlosser seconded a motion to approve the minutes with the change from the January 8, 2024, council meeting. Vote on motion: All ayes

**Jason Randall
Primary Candidate
for Williams
County Sheriff**

Mayor Steve Yagelski welcomes Jason Randall, a primary candidate for Williams County Sheriff. Jason Randall is a husband of 21 years and a father of two. Jason Randall is a 2000 graduate of Bryan City Schools and a 2005 Defiance College graduate. Jason Randall had worked for the Williams County Sheriff's Office and is currently working at Bryan City School as a School Resource Officer. While working for the sheriff's office, Jason Randall was a technical crash investigator, fire investigator, and field training officer. Jason Randall left the sheriff's office last January, and many law enforcement officers in the county have asked him to run. Jason Randall believes there is a leadership issue due to nearly half of the sheriff's office leaving since the current sheriff has taken office. The deputies left were good officers, and Jason Randall believes that an office should improve the staff they have to keep them. Jason Randall would diversify the training given to the deputies because the sheriff focuses on range training. Jason Randall wants to improve safety, start a wellness program for the deputies, and get body cameras. This would mean help with mental wellness and objectively documenting calls. Jason Randall is trying to meet voters and be accurate and truthful.

Mayor Steve Yagelski asked what the three biggest problems Jason Randall thought were in Williams County were and also wondered how you dealt with the youth that seemed to be lost. Jason Randall stated that the biggest problems in Williams County are mental health, domestic violence, and substance abuse. Jason Randall stated that there should be Explorer programs in the county, and School Resources Officers can help show law enforcement in a positive light. Mr. Chris Kannel asked how the sheriff's office would positively impact mental health. Jason Randall stated that the deputies would be role models by starting a mental health program, which would help make it normal to receive help. Ms. Melissa Ewers asked if de-escalation would be used while dealing with someone who is having a mental health issue and asked if it is focused on at the sheriff's office right now. Jason Randall stated that a law enforcement officer should have the training to be able to speak with someone who is having a mental crisis and not use force. Crisis

Intervention Training is a training most deputies who left had taken. Jason Randall thanked the council for their time and encouraged them to contact him with any questions.

Welcome

Mayor Steve Yagelski welcomed the high students in attendance and encouraged the attendees to ask questions.

**January 2024
Financials**

Ms. Melissa Ewers moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to approve the January 2024 financial reports. Vote on motion: All ayes

**Audience
Comments**

Pastor Mary Beth McCandless feels that substance abuse is often an individual's attempt to self-medicate and to feel normal. Pastor Mary Beth McCandless stated that you couldn't deal with mental health, substance, and de-escalation because they are all connected. Pastor Mary Beth McCandless inquired if anyone knew of a free fridge that someone in the community needed one. Pastor Mary Beth McCandless announced on March 29th, 2024, that the local churches would have a Prayer cruise around the community at 1:30 pm and then, following that, at 3:00 pm, a Good Friday Service at United Methodist Church on Broad Street. The Ministerial Association is also planning a church service at the end of Bean Day this year.

Council Comments

Mr. Chris Kannel reported that three council members attended the Police Department's Award Banquet on Saturday. Judge Karen Gallagher gave an excellent speech about public service. Mr. Chris Kannel stated that Chief Dan McGee does a good job highlighting the officers' daily heroic deeds.

Ms. Melissa stated that it was good to see the faces of the officers and hear the stories. Mr. Chris Kannel was thankful for the hundreds of volunteer hours the Police Department puts into the community. Mrs. Heather Freese stated that the common public theme over the last few days and hearing the stories makes everything they do worth it.

Mr. Kevin Motter has contacted Representative Jim Hoops to name the viaduct over the Norfolk and Southern Railroad as the POW/MIA Memorial Viaduct and the bridge over the St. Joe River to Gold and Blue Star Family Memorial Bridge. Mr. Kevin Motter would like this done by our nation's 250th anniversary. Mayor Steve Yagelski agreed to send a letter of support.

Mr. Chris Kannel stated a group of council and Rotary have contracted two muralists for a few downtown murals. They hope to have designs soon and will start fundraising for funds. They hope to have the murals done by the nation's 250th anniversary.

**Approve 2024 Fire
Contract for
Jefferson Twp.**

Jason Rockey presented the 2024 Jefferson Twp Fire Contract in the amount of \$47,289.32. The amount varies from year to year. The formula does not change.

Mr. Kevin Motter moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Jefferson Twp Fire Contract in the amount of \$47,289.32. Vote on motion: All ayes

**Approve 2024
Cruise-In Dates**

Jason Rockey presented the 2024 Cruise-In dates for approval. The Cruise-In will be held on June 11th, June 25th, July 9th, July 23rd, August 13th, and August 27th.

The cruise-ins are always well attended and bring individuals in from all over the region.

Mr. Don Schlosser moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to approve the 2024 Cruise-In dates as presented. Vote on motion: All ayes

Approve Updates to Residential Utility Procedures

Nikki Uribes presented updates to the residential utility procedures. The changes include the extra \$75.00 charged for a service being turned off for more than 30 days, the return check fee is now \$40.00, and the replacement meter fee went up. The fees went up because that is what the Village is paying. The Utility Budget and Finance Committee reviewed the changes and sent them to the full council.

Mr. Nathan Thompson moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to approve the updates to the residential procedures. Vote on motion: All ayes

Approve Application for Placement of Farmland

Jason Rockey presented a renewal application for the placement of farmland for parcel numbers 072-110-81-005.00 and 072-110-81-006.00. This is for farmland use at the end of Steuben Street. This is renewed every five (5) years.

Mr. Chris Kannel moved, and Mr. Kevin Motter seconded a motion to approve the placement of farmland for parcel numbers 072-110-81-005.00 and 072-110-81-006.00.

Resolution 1389 – Purchase a Truck for Water-Sewer

RESOLUTION 1389

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE VILLAGE MANAGER TO PURCHASE A PICKUP TRUCK FOR THE WATER SEWER DEPARTMENT

Jason Rockey presented Resolution 1389 to Council and requested to suspend and pass. This resolution is to purchase a truck for the water/sewer department, which was within the budget. The Village could not find a dealership that would not give state bid pricing nor the truck's delivery date. The truck will get upgrades, such as a liner and utility box installed in the bed. Mr. Kevin Motter asked if the truck was a regular cab and four-wheel drive. Jason Rockey stated that it was.

Resolution 1389 – Motion to Suspend Three Reading Rule

Mr. Chris Kannel moved, and Mr. Don Schlosser seconded a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of Resolution 1389. Roll call on motion: Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Ms. Melissa Ewers, yes; and Mr. Kevin Motter, yes.

Resolution 1389 was read by title.

Resolution 1389 – Motion to Pass

Mrs. Heather Freese moved, and Ms. Melissa Ewers seconded a motion to pass Resolution 1389. Roll call on motion: Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; and Ms. Melissa Ewers, yes.

Resolution 1389 passed

RESOLUTION 1390



Resolution 1390 –
Transfer
Police Pension

A RESOLUTION APPROVING A TRANSFER FROM THE GENERAL FUND FOR CURRENT EXPENSES OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER, STATE OF OHIO, FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2024

Resolution 1390 –
Motion to Suspend
Three Reading
Rule

Jason Rockey presented Resolution 1390 to Council and requested to suspend and pass. This is to transfer money to the Police Pension Fund. The Village can do this up to three times a year.

Mrs. Heather Freese moved, and Mr. Kevin Motter seconded a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of Resolution 1390. Roll call on motion: Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Ms. Melissa Ewers, yes; and Mr. Kevin Motter, yes.

Resolution 1390 was read by title.

Resolution 1390 –
Motion to Pass

Mr. Don Schlosser moved, and Ms. Melissa Ewers seconded a motion to pass Resolution 1390. Roll call on motion: Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; and Ms. Melissa Ewers, yes.

Resolution 1390 passed.

RESOLUTION 1391

Resolution 1391 –
Selling RECS to
apply to Power
Supply Cost

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING REVENUE FROM THE SALE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY CREDITS TO BE APPLIED TO THE POWER SUPPLY COST ADJUSTMENT CALCULATION

Jason Rockey presented Resolution 1391 to Council and requested to suspend and pass. Jason Rockey stated this would allow the Village to put the revenue of \$100,00.00 from the Renewable Energy Credits towards a portion of the Village's power bill every month. Jason Rockey hopes that this will lower the Power Supply Cost Adjustment. Mr. Nathan Thompson asked if this would be shown as a discount on the bill. Jason Rockey said this will not be shown as a discount but will affect the power supply cost adjustment at the bottom of the bill. Nikki Uribes stated that power supply cost adjustment could go negative, and it would help lower the bill. Mayor Steve Yagelski stated that he has offered everyone the chance to attend the fall AMP conference and the APPA Washington D.C. rally to learn more from the people who know about renewable energy credits.

Resolution 1391 –
Motion to
Suspend
Three
Readings Rule

Mr. Chris Kannel moved, and Mr. Don Schlosser seconded a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of Resolution 1391. Roll call on motion: Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Ms. Melissa Ewers, yes; and Mr. Kevin Motter, yes.

Resolution 1391 was read by title.



**Resolution 1391 –
Motion to Pass**

Mr. Kevin Motter moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to pass Resolution 1391. Roll call on motion: Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; and Ms. Melissa Ewers, yes.

Resolution 1391 passed.

**Ordinance 2271 –
Limiting Cannabis**

ORDINANCE 2271

**AN ORDINANCE LIMITING ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS,
ADULT USE CULTIVATORS, AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER, OHIO**

Jason Rockey presented Ordinance 2271 to the Council for a second reading. With the passing of Issue 2, the Village's Ordinance is now out of date.

Mayor Steve Yagelski opened it for discussion. Mr. Kevin Motter asked if this would be the only time to limit cannabis in the Village limits. Law Director Bob Bohmer could be amended later if the Village would like to, and most municipalities don't want it cultivated inside their limits. The State has already regulated some of it. Bob Bohmer stated that just because smoking is allowed in certain businesses doesn't mean cannabis use is and could put liquor permits at risk. Landlords and employers can prohibit use. Employees can be terminated if cannabis is in their system if the employer restricts use. Mr. Kevin Motter does not want to control what residents do on their property but is concerned about public use and secondhand exposure. He also feels that the effects of cannabis are currently unknown. Mr. Chris Kannel stated this ordinance only restricts cultivation and sale within the village limits. Mr. Kevin Motter asked if current zoning would limit the property located at the south end of Empire and Depot. It was decided that it was not the Village's property and zoned commercial. Mrs. Heather Freese questioned about the business on Whitaker Way that sells tobacco, and if they wanted to sell cannabis, they would be denied. It was decided that the business would be too close to the United Methodist Church. Ms. Melissa Ewers spoke with that business owner after the last meeting, and the owner would like to grow the business. Ms. Melissa Ewers feels that Village should not restrict adults from making their own decisions and should not restrict a business from trying to expand. Ms. Melissa Ewers wants everyone to feel welcome in the Village, whether new residents or businesses. Mayor Steve Yagelski stated that a large share of residents who have approached him favor what council is trying to pass. This ordinance will take cannabis sales and cultivation away from churches, parks, and residents. Mayor Steve Yagelski has spoken to the industry leaders, and they are scared of the passage of legal cannabis use. Pastor Mary Beth McCandless questioned whether that state could restrict the number of stores and cultivators in a county. Law director Bob Bohmer stated that it is a permitting process and the Village should restrict where and not how many. Mrs. Heather Freese stated that she does not want the Village to restrict businesses from expanding and does not want to create more work for the workforce. Mr. Nathan Thompson asked if the application process would go through the Village zoning. The law director stated that it would have to go through the process like any other business besides getting the state-issued permit. While Mr. Chris Kannel doesn't want to disenfranchise a business in the Village, there is no business that sells cannabis in the Village yet.

Ms. Melissa Ewers feels that the Village should not restrict adults from making their own choices. Mr. Chris Kannel stated that is not what the Villager is doing, and all the Village is doing is limiting where businesses can cultivate and sell cannabis. Ms. Melissa Ewers feels like it is unfair to allow alcohol in the downtown but restricts where cannabis can be sold and cultivated. Ms. Melissa Ewers feels like the Village is choosing one business over another. Mr. Don Scholsser said he respects everyone's opinions, but talking about them won't change them.

**Ordinance 2271 –
Second Reading**

Mr. Don Schlosser moved, and Mr. Kevin Motter seconded a motion to give Ordinance 2271 a second reading. Vote on motion, five ayes, and one nay

Ordinance 2271 was read by title.

ORDINANCE 2272

**Ordinance 2272 –
Approve, Adopt
and Enact 2023
Codified
Ordinances**

**AN ORDINANCE TO APPROVE, ADOPT AND ENACT THE 2023
CODIFIED ORDINANCES; TO REPEAL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT
THEREWITH; A NOTICE OF THE ENACTMENT OF NEW MATTERS**

Mr. Jason Rockey presented Ordinance 2272 to council and requested to suspend and pass. This takes the ordinances passed by Council for the year and incorporates them into our codified book, inserting them into the proper chapters and sections. The majority of the changes deal with traffic codes and general offenses.

**Ordinance 2272 -
Motion to Suspend
Three Reading
Rule**

Mr. Nathan Thompson moved, and Mr. Don Schlosser seconded a motion to suspend the rules requiring three separate readings of Ordinance 2272. Roll call on motion: Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; Ms. Melissa Ewers, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; and Mr. Kevin Motter, yes.

Ordinance 2272 was read by title.

**Ordinance 2272-
Motion to Pass**

Mr. Chris Kannel moved, and Mrs. Heather Freese seconded a motion to pass Ordinance 2272. Roll call on motion: Ms. Melissa Ewers, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; and Mrs. Heather Freese, yes.

Income Tax Report

Mrs. Nikki Uribes reported income tax collections at the end of January 2024 as \$231,711.18 as compared to \$279,034.42 and \$221,425.54 in 2022 and 2023 respectively. This is down 16.96% from 2022 and up 4.65% from 2023.

Manager's Report

Mr. Jason Rockey presented the Village Manager's report. The following points were noted:

- Patrolman and K9 Knox got their first arrest five days after passing the K9 certification. The arrest was assisting on a traffic stop where the suspect fled.
- Construction has halted for the Iron Horse River Trail due to weather. The helical piers have been delivered and will be installed when the weather improves.



Executive Session

Open Session

Adjourn

- On January 31st, 2024, there was a kick-off meeting for the Comprehensive Plan. OHM will be calling community members for the Steering Committee.
- Wayne Murray started at the Village last Thursday for the Street Department. Wayne Murrey is a long-time resident of Montpelier and has worked for Spectrum for several years.
- There will be a meeting tomorrow to discuss the Lead Service Line Project with RCAP. Tony is working on the design work. The Village is trying to determine the percentage of lead in Service Line Replacement on Main Street. The Lead Service Line Grant won't fund a water main upgrade. The staff has been on Main Street trying to determine what the main coming into the house is made up of. A galvanized pipe that has ever been downstream from lead will also be replaced.
- Jones and Henry are working on a study on the Holiday City pump station because the pumps burn up every two years. The pumps should have a life of 10 years.
- There is a request from Holiday City for the Village of Montpelier to provide water and sewer services for a potential residential addition. This will go to legal counsel Robert Bohmer, the Utility Committee, and the full council.

Mr. Nathan Thompson asked if the addition would affect the pumps at all. Jason Rockey stated that if the results are not back from the study, there will be wordage in the agreement referencing the issues.

Mr. Don Schlosser wanted to thank the Water Sewer Department for a wonderful job on the water main break in front of the Fairgrounds on Main Street.

Mr. Don Schlosser moved, and Mr. Chris Kannel seconded a motion to go into Executive Session to discuss the sale/purchase of property and Employment of Public Personal ORC 121.22 (G) (1). Roll call on motion: Mrs. Heather Freese, yes; Mr. Nathan Thompson, yes; Mr. Don Schlosser, yes; Mr. Kevin Motter, yes; Mr. Chris Kannel, yes; Ms. Melissa Ewers was absent.

Council resumed in open session at 7:42 pm.

There being no further business to come before Council, Mr. Don Schlosser moved, and Mr. Kevin Motter seconded a motion to adjourn. Vote on motion: All eyes

Clerk of Council

Mayor Steve Yagelski

RESOLUTION 1392

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING ArcGIS ONLINE AND GPS RECEIVERS

WHEREAS, Williams County Board of Commissioners; Williams County Engineer's Office, and Village of Montpelier each utilize mapping of their jurisdictions and

WHEREAS, To further enhance the quality of the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) of Williams County and the townships and municipalities contained within, the Williams County Engineer's Office is extending the opportunity to help establish GIS infrastructure. Those joining and using the county-based GIS information and adding their own information will enhance and improve the GIS mapping quality and

WHEREAS, The Williams County Engineer's Office and the GIS Coordinator will be the administrator of the GIS system; The Village of Montpelier will agree to pay \$550.00 per year for ArcGIS foundational user type creator. The rate of \$550.00 is subject to change based on ESRI ArcGIS pricing and is renewed in February of every year. The Village of Montpelier will also purchase 1000 credits every year for ArcGIS Online use for \$120.00. The credits will be used for online storage of all the data The Village of Montpelier entered within the system. This charge will be waived if any year has a surplus of credits available. The Village of Montpelier will be made aware of cost change for the yearly fee or online credits will come from the Williams County Engineer's Office. and

WHEREAS, If the Village of Montpelier wishes to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding and no longer use ArcGIS online, they shall comminute that to the GIS Coordinator;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER, OHIO.

SECTION 1: That the Village Manager is authorized to accept a Memorandum of Understanding on behalf of the Village of Montpelier, Ohio. The Memorandum of Understanding shall be in a form substantially similar to the attached Exhibit A.

SECTION 2: This Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its passage.

Date: _____

Mayor Pro Tem Kevin Motter

Attest:

Clerk of Council

Memorandum of Understanding – ArcGIS Online & GPS Receivers

This Memorandum of Understanding is made on the date set forth below by and between the Williams County Board of Commissioners, hereinafter referred to as "Commissioners," the Williams County Engineer's Office, and Village of Montpelier ("Political Subdivision").

WHEREFORE:

To further enhance the quality of the Geographical Information Systems (GIS) of Williams County and the townships and municipalities contained within, the Williams County Engineer's Office is offering the opportunity to join the established GIS infrastructure. This will allow those joining to utilize county-based GIS information while adding and maintaining their own local GIS information to enhance and improve overall mapping quality. The addition of local based information, including utility pole, fire hydrant, and other information will benefit both Williams County and those other political subdivisions joining.

THEREFORE, for good and sufficient consideration, which the parties hereby acknowledge, it is agreed that:

Political Subdivision may use the County's ArcGIS software. The Williams County Engineer's Office and the GIS Coordinator will administer the GIS Software, as it pertains to the operation of the GIS system within Williams County.

Political Subdivision will pay for the ArcGIS foundational user type of Creator. Currently the cost is \$550 per year, however this is subject to change based off ESRI ArcGIS pricing and is renewed in February of each year. Any changes in cost will be communicated with Political Subdivision as soon as the Engineer's Office is notified of the change.

Political Subdivision will purchase 1000 credits annually for ArcGIS Online use at a cost of \$120. These credits will be used for the storage of all data used by Political Subdivision within ArcGIS Online. This charge may be waived by the Williams County Engineer's Office in any year when a surplus of credits is available. Any changes in cost of credits will be communicated with Political Subdivision as soon as the Engineer's Office is notified of the change.

GIS Coordinator will serve as the administrator for the GIS infrastructure. Political Subdivision may create and edit Political Subdivision-based data, create and edit Political Subdivision maps and web apps, analyze data, share maps and web apps with the public, and have access to all of the apps available to a Creator level user.

The GIS Coordinator will be available to Political Subdivision to assist with the use of ArcGIS online apps and data.

Williams County Board of Commissioners and the Williams County Engineer's Office owns two GPS surveying receivers. Upon Political Subdivision's request, Williams County may temporarily lend to Political Subdivision a GPS surveying receiver for use with the ArcGIS Online account, when a GPS surveying receiver is available, at Williams County's discretion and convenience. Political Subdivision and its officers, agents, and employees are prohibited from using the GPS surveying receiver for any reason other than for use with the ArcGIS Online account and are prohibited from lending the GPS surveying receiver to any other person or entity. Immediately after use, Political Subdivision shall return the GPS surveying receiver promptly to County's possession. Political Subdivision shall be responsible for any repair or replacement costs arising out of any damage that occurs while the GPS surveying receiver is in the possession of Political Subdivision or its officers, agents, or employees.

In the event that Political Subdivision wishes to terminate this Memorandum of Understanding and withdraw from use of ArcGIS Online, Political Subdivision shall provide notice to the GIS Coordinator. ArcGIS Online does not issue refunds for early terminations, so therefore Political Subdivision will not receive any type of refund from Williams County for the remainder of the term of the ArcGIS contract with Williams County.

All parties shall be liable for its own actions and the actions of its employees or agents, in accordance with Ohio law, except as otherwise stated herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties have executed this Memorandum of Understanding on the _____ day of _____, 20__.

Williams County Engineer:



Todd Roth

GIS Coordinator:



Brian Fritsch

Board of County Commissioners:

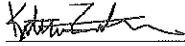
President

Political Subdivision

Member

Member

Memorandum of Understanding – ArcGIS Online & GPS Receivers Approved as to form:



Katherine J. Zartman, Williams County Prosecutor

ORDINANCE 2271

**AN ORDINANCE LIMITING ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS,
ADULT USE CULTIVATORS, AND ADULT USE DISPENSARIES
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER, OHIO**

WHEREAS, on November 7, 2023, Ohio voters approved State Issue 2 legalizing recreational cannabis in Ohio;

WHEREAS, Chapter 3780 - Adult Use Cannabis Control - became effective on December 7, 2023;

WHEREAS, newly enacted section 3780.25 of the Ohio Revised Code authorizes a municipal corporation to prohibit or limit adult use cannabis operators permitted under Chapter 3780 of the Ohio Revised Code within the municipal corporation.

WHEREAS, pursuant to newly enacted section 3780.01(A)(2) of the Ohio Revised Code, “adult use cannabis operator” means a level I adult use cultivator, a level II adult use cultivator, a level III adult use cultivator, an adult use processor, and an adult use dispensary.

WHEREAS, the Village hereby resolves to limit the adult use cannabis operators within the Village of Montpelier, subject only to limitations as specified in Revised Code section 3780.25.

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Ohio, the Ohio Revised Code, and the Charter of the Village of Montpelier, Ohio, the Council has the authority to enact laws that are for the health, safety, welfare, comfort and peace of the citizens of the municipality including restricting areas used for businesses and trades.

WHEREAS, Council finds that enactment of this Ordinance to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health, and safety of the Village, and therefore that this Ordinance must be in full force and effect immediately upon its passage and approval by the Mayor.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTPELIER, STATE OF OHIO, THAT:

Section 1: The following section is enacted and added to the Planning and Zoning Code:

1173.26 RECREATIONAL MARIJUANA CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS, AND DISPENSARIES

(a) Recreational Marijuana Cultivators, Processors, and Dispensaries, as those terms are defined in the applicable sections of the Ohio Administrative Code, are permitted only in zones M-1 and M-2 within the Village of Montpelier.

(b) The Zoning Inspector shall not issue a Zoning Certificate to any Recreational Marijuana Cultivator, Processor, or Dispensary unless the applicant provides proof that such applicant has complied with all applicable state law requirements.

(c) Recreational Marijuana Cultivators, Processors, and Dispensaries, shall not be located within five hundred feet of the boundaries of a parcel of real estate having situated on it a school, church, public library, public playground, or public park.

(d) This section does not apply to research related to marijuana conducted at a state university, academic medical center, or private research and development organization as part of a research protocol approved by an institutional review board or equivalent entity.

Section 2: This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect at the earliest time permitted by law

Passed: _____

Steve Yagelski, Mayor

ATTEST:

Molly Collert, Clerk of Council



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February 13, 2024

The Honorable Jim Hoops
Ohio House of Representatives 81st District
77 South High Street, 14th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Support to Highway Bridge Dedication – Veterans

Dear Representative Hoops,

I was recently approached by the local representatives of the Montpelier American Legion Post 109 and Williams County Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 944 on the idea of renaming two key bridges that currently run through our village.

These bridges are located on Ohio State Route 107 that runs East and West directly through our village. In early 2023 this highway of only 11 miles was dedicated as the Williams County Veterans Memorial Highway to honor all Williams County Veterans. During the fall of 2023, Montpelier was also designated as a Purple Heart Village.

What is unique about both esteemed honors to our veterans, this route also passes by the Williams County Veterans Memorial building that is dedicated to over 13,000 veterans that served our country proudly.

The bridges that have been identified are located on the west entrance of Montpelier over the Saint Joseph River and the other on the East side that would be a viaduct crossing the Norfolk and Southern Railway. It is requested that the West bridge be designated as the Gold and Blue Star Family Memorial Bridge and that the East bridge be designated as the POW/MIA Memorial Viaduct.

I am writing this letter on behalf of all veterans past and present, not only in the Village of Montpelier, but all veterans of Williams County and our great nation asking that this be taken into consideration as part of the semi-quincentennial celebration of The United States of America in 2026.

I am also available to assist with answering questions if they may arise to help make this request come true to those that deserve it the most.

Respectfully submitted,

Steven L. Yagelski

Mayor, Village of Montpelier.

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