

VILLAGE OF GLENDALE  
80 E. Sharon Road  
Glendale, OH 45246

Minutes – Special Council Meeting May 31, 2022

**Attendees:**

Don Lofty	Mayor	Present
Mike Besl	Council	Present
Marilyn Duke	Council	Absent
Nancy Macenko	Council	Present
Geoff Base-Smith	Council	Present
Will Kreidler	Council	Absent
Amy Baldrige	Council	Present
Mike Beaugrand	Treasurer	Present
Becky Terrell	Clerk	Present
Craig Walsh	Police Chief	Virtual
BJ Jetter	Fire Chief	Present
David Lumsden	Village Administrator	Present
Kathy Ryan	Solicitor	Absent

**I. Call to Order, Establishment of Quorum, and Approval of Agenda**

**Call to Order:** Mayor Lofty called the Council to order at 3:00 pm

**Quorum:** Mayor Lofty declared a quorum present and asked Clerk Terrell to confirm the presence of a quorum. Clerk Terrell confirmed the presence of the quorum.

**VI. New Business**

**Ordinance 2022-30: An Ordinance Amending the Appropriations of the Village Plan and General Improvement Fund and Declaring an Emergency.**

Mr. Besl moved to adopt Ordinance 2022-30 and the motion was seconded by Ms. Baldrige.

Mayor Lofty introduced the topic regarding the need for updated police and fire radios.

Chief Jetter stated the Fire radios are 20 years old and are no longer supported by the manufacturer. The State Fire Marshall Grant included a state negotiated price for new radio equipment and the Village is able to receive the negotiated pricing despite not receiving a grant. The original quote was \$60k and the new price is \$42k. Allows to stay in compliance with radio systems and will allow maintenance to happen. The old radios may also result in intermittent communications and they need to be continually upgraded due to the County digital capability requirements.

Chief Walsh stated that there are radios that will be outdated and not being refurbished or maintained. In 2025 at the latest the radios will be non-usable. The Fire Department has best deal possible to replace the radios.

Village Administrator Lumsden stated the radio order must be submitted by 3 June (end of day) to receive the discounted rate and the timing requires the special meeting. Chief Jetter said the current radios work intermittently which is an ongoing safety issue. Any structure with steel, brick and mortar combined shields the radios. Once entering the new Bethany School structure, there is no radio signal and this is a severe issue in an emergency.

Mayor Lofty stated that this expense would normally be in the budget, but the extent of the replacement was not known to the Village; some equipment replacement was known and budgeted for but not to this extent. An application for funding was submitted to the Procter Fund, but the application is pending and it should be assumed the Village will have to fund the entire amount.

Ms. Baldrige asked where the funding would normally be sourced and Mayor Lofty said VPGI or reserves would cover the expense. Mr. Besl asked if the radios should be routinely replaced and Chief Jetter stated that there should be a rolling replacement every 10 years. Mr. Kreidler asked how many radios would be purchased [11 Fire, 12 Police] and what would happen with the current radios. Chief Jetter stated that the current radios could be sold to recoup some of the cost. Ms. Macenko asked about radio pricing if not passed and Chief Jetter stated that the base price would be increased by 20% on 1 July. Treasurer Beaugrand asked why the Fire radios were more expensive than Police and Village Administrator Lumsden stated that the cost driver is primarily the lapel speaker that is designed for usage with gloves. Mr. Kreidler asked if the new radios would work with the existing base Fire station [yes] and Ms. Macenko asked if the existing radios have GPS capability [no, but new radios have GPS and Bluetooth capability]

Motion to dispense with three reads was made by Mr. Besl and seconded by Ms. Macenko. Motion to dispense with three reads was passed via unanimous Council roll-call vote.

Motion to adopt Ordinance 2022-30 passed via unanimous Council roll call vote.

## **V. Adjournment**

Motion to adjourn was made by Ms. Macenko. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kreidler and unanimously passed by Council voice vote.

The meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

**Next regular meeting June 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm**

ATTESTED BY:

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Mayor Donald A. Lofty

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Rebecca M. Terrell  
Clerk