



# CITY OF HEATH

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## HEATH CITY COUNCIL

May 1, 2023

### REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

President Tim Kelley called The Regular Meeting of Heath City Council to order April 17, 2023 at 7:30pm. The Pledge of Allegiance followed. The Invocation delivered by D. Morrow. T. Dupps called the Roll Call with Council Members; Porter, Morrow, Roberts, Moretti, Kelley, Cole, Crabill. Crabill moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting April 3, 2023. Second by Cole. All in Favor "Aye" Vote. **Minutes Approved.** Mayor Johns, J. Morrow Auditor. D. Morrison Law Director in attendance.

**President T. Kelley Opened The Public Hearing at 7:15 P.M. Ord. 18-2023** An ordinance enacting Chapter 1132 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Heath, Ohio relating to the establishment of the Test Track Overlay District – No visitors were in attendance.

**Public Hearing Opened at 7:20 p.m. Ord. 20-2023** An ordinance to establish zoning for a parcel of land at the northeastern corner of Franklin SE and Dorsey Mill Road SE., upon the effective date of its ordinance into the City of Heath, and zoning the parcel R-3 Multi-Family Residence- No visitors were in attendance.

#### **Special Orders & Committees:**

Proclamation by Mayor Johns was presented to The Heath High School Cheerleaders, Taryn Gamble and Carter Higgins this evening for their hard work as athletes showing outstanding exemplary season. Congratulations!

#### **Petitions & Communications:**

Ohio Liquor Control – New Sheetz 781 at 750 Hebron Rd., Heath, Ohio 43056. Crabill motion to not have a public hearing. Second by Porter. Roll Call Vote. All in favor "Aye" Vote. Motion approved. Motion by Crabill to receive and file communications. Second by Porter. Roll Call Vote. All In favor "Aye". receive and file communications approved.

### **Visitors:**

Mrs. Bebout 404 Glenwood Dr., Heath – concerns of the need for a light at Licking View and Hopewell Dr. Mayor Johns addressed concerns. In the past there was a traffic study done and at that time it was not warranted to be installed. Question also of River Rangers and some additional trees down in the river. Mayor Johns had a visit with River Rangers last week. They are going to float the river and observe the situation and see if additional work is needed. We are better off staying on top of the situation. We will see what the assessment brings back.

Nick Ross 104 Indianhead Dr., Heath – Roundabout suggestion at Licking View and Hopewell. Comments from the Mayor, Tim Kelley and Jim Roberts. The speed limit of 55 mph cannot go into a round about as the speed limits would need to be changed. This is a topic we can take to the street committee for discussion.

### **Committee Reports:**

**Finance/Budget:** J. Crabill met this evening at 6:57 p.m. The following were discussed:

Approval of minutes: April 3, 2023 Committee Meeting. Motion by Porter to approve the minutes - Second by Cole. Roll Call Vote- All Favor "Aye" Vote – Minutes approved.

Legislative Request:

- 1). A Resolution of the Council of the City of Heath requesting the Licking County Auditor to Certify to the City the total current tax valuation of the city and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a one-mill levy for fire protection and emergency medical services

Other Items:

Ethics Form reminder

Finance Committee adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

**Public Services:** D. Morrow will meet April 24, 2023 at 5:30 p.m.

**Public Safety:** A. Porter met this evening April 17, 2023 at 5:30p.m. The following were discussed:

### **Police:**

Police Chief Haren presented March Statistics 2023.

Updates:

Officer posting for lateral and civil service candidates is posted.

Meechie - canine for the Police Dept. has already been in training with Mark and will attempt to certify Meechie in mid May.

Scheduling the promotional testing for the Sergeant Position due to Sgt. Ream's retirement

**Fire:**

Fire Chief McCord presented March Statistics 2023.

Retirements = Lt. Ralph Swick 05.01.2023 and Capt. Jamie Bunn 04.29.2023

Anniversaries = Swick 25 years (04.06.1998), Hoffman 27 years (04.29.1996), Coyle 22 years (04.30.2001)

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**Streets & Drainage:** J. Roberts will meet May 1, 2023 at 5:30p.m.

**Community Development & Zoning:** P. Moretti met April 10, 2023 at 5:30 P.M.

Chief of Building and Zoning Jared Lane started at 5:31 p.m. beginning with updates included Heath Airport Storage which had an onsite meeting to address storm water, Hopewell Drive Mini Storage landscaping, The James Parkway Bike Path on site is being scheduled, water and sanitation upgrades for the South Fork Ridge development discussed.

The Sheetz gas station road and sewer night work should be completed within the next week. Weather permitting.

The mayor also will be putting a reminder on social media about the no cost yard sale permits that are required in preparation for the summer. Meeting adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

**Parks, Recreation, and Davis Shai House:** D. Cole will meet May 1, 2023 immediately following Streets & Drainage.

**Planning Commission:** J. Crabill will meet April 27, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

**Youth & Government:** A. Porter reminder May 4; and 5<sup>th</sup> Youth & Government is coming up. We will need Department Heads to help transport around the city on the tours. Appreciate your help on this.

**Ordinances on First Read:**

**Ord.36-2023** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$100,000 within the Capital Improvements Fund to Pool – Individual Service Contracts. Motion by Cole to waive the second read Ord. 36-2023. Second by Porter. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. Motion to waive second read Approved. Motion by Cole to Adopt Ord. 36-2023. Second by Porter. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. **Ord. 36-2023 Adopted –**

**Ord.37-2023** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$76,025 within the Municipal License Tax Fund to Storm Sewers – Motion by Roberts to waive the second read Ord. 37-2023. Second by Cole. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. Motion to waive the second read Approved. Motion by Roberts to Adopt Ord. 37-2023. Second by Cole. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. **Ord. 37-2023 Adopted**

**Ord.38-2023** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$655,500 within the Water Pollution Loan Fund to Wastewater Architects and Engineers – **Held Second Read**

**Ordinances on Second Read:**

**Ord.18-2023** An Ordinance enacting Chapter 1132 of the Codified Ordinances of the City of Heath, Ohio, relating to the establishment of The Test Track Overlay District – Motion by Moretti To Adopt Ord. 18-2023. Second by Morrow. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. **Ord. 18-2023 Adopted**

**Ord.20-2023** An ordinance to establish zoning for a parcel of land at the northeastern corner of Franklin Avenue SE and Dorsey Mill Road SE, upon the effective date of its annexation into the City of Heath, and zoning the parcel R-3 Multi-Family Residence – Motion by Moretti to amend Section 2: date of ordinance. Second by Morrow. Discussion – Mayor Johns encourage council to adopt Ord. 20-2023 as amended. The annexation will be complete prior to this Ord. taking effect reason for this wording. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. Motion to Amend Section 2: date of ordinance is Approved. Motion by Moretti to Adopt Ord. 20-2023 as amended. Second by Morrow. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. **Ord. 20-2023 Adopted as amended.**

**Ord. 32-2023** An ordinance authorizing the appropriation and transfer of \$840 within the General Fund to Fire – Individual Service Contracts – Motion by Porter to Adopt Ord. 32-2023. Second by Morrow. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. **Ord. 32-2023 Adopted.**

## **Resolutions First Read:**

**Resolution 2023-08** A Resolution authorizing participation in the ODOT Road Salt Contracts Awarded in 2023 – Motion by Roberts to waive the second read Res. 2023-08. Second by Crabill. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. Motion to waive second read Approved. Motion by Roberts to Adopt Res. 2023-08. Second by Crabill. Discussion Mayor Johns- Thank You for waiving the second read as we do not receive paper work from ODOT to have time for second read every year. Roll Call Vote. All in favor “Aye” Vote. **Res.2023-08 Adopted**

## **Reports of City Officials:**

**Mayor** – Welcome Guests! I want to make all council members aware. I had a meeting with pool management staff and H.R recently. As of now we do not have enough applications today to open the pool. There are not enough applications for life guards to be able to safely service and guard the pool. Last year opening less days at the start we do not have enough as of today to do this. We have increased hourly wages \$1.00 an hour for all employees this year. The trend that we know has been happening in recent years and accelerated by covid. Looking at other options and fingers crossed we will have enough staff and life guards to open the entire park. It has really been becoming a struggle to find staff. We hope to have and finalize by May 1, 2023 committee meeting and let all know what we are able to do. Social media post has been put out. Not good shape at the moment but will continue to work on this. We will not open the pool unless enough staff and life guards to be done in a safe manner. A reminder that sewer system work in front of Sheetz gas station to be done nightly with one lane closures 9 p.m.-6 a.m. weather permitting. This has been posted on our website.

**Auditor J. Morrow** – Welcome Guests! Congratulations to the cheerleaders, Taryn and Carter. Congratulations to all the employees that will be retiring and for all their years of service.

**P. Moretti** – Welcome Visitors! Congratulations to all of the athletes here tonight.

**D. Morrow** – Welcome Visitors! Great to be back! Congratulations cheerleaders and the athletes. It’s a shame with such a wonderful facility we have at the City of Heath pool not to be able to open. Hopefully it will raise to service.

**Porter** – Congratulations to the athletes. Sems like we are constantly inviting our successful athletes here and celebrating their successes with them. Very exciting.

**D. Cole** – Welcome all of our guests! Thank Mrs. Bebouts for coming and sharing with us the effect she has seen from The River Rangers. Good to hear that you are seeing positive changes living near there. Appreciate you coming this this evening. Congratulations to all the athletes.

**J. Roberts** – Thank you President Kelley and A. Porter for the update on Youth & Government. Glad to help. The Sheetz gas station steel plates that have been there for a few weeks. I hope they will be doing some patching soon instead of the steel plates that they have now.

Congratulations to all of the athletes that were here this evening. Heath High School has a great tradition of success.

**J. Crabill** – Welcome Visitors! Great to hear some good feedback on our efforts with River Rangers. Appreciate you coming and sharing with us. Congratulations cheerleaders, Taryn Gamble and Carter Higgins.

**Chief McCord** – Congratulations to the athletes. Heath has had a lot of successful athletes over the last several years. Seems to continue. Go Dogs!

**Chief Haren** – Congratulations to the athletes and their success and to the families that get them there! Congratulations to all of the retirees!

**J. Lane** – Congratulations to the athletes and the work of the coaches and staff that propel them in a positive direction.

**T. Kelley**- Congratulations to all the athletes! Thank the visitors for being here.

Motion by J. Crabill - Adjourn – Second by Cole – All in Favor “Aye” Meeting Adjourned.

  
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President of Council