

Canal Winchester

*Town Hall
10 North High Street
Canal Winchester, OH 43110*



Meeting Minutes - Final

October 21, 2019

6:00 PM

Council Work Session

*Mike Walker – Chair
Jill Amos
Will Bennett
Bob Clark
Mike Coolman
Bruce Jarvis
Patrick Lynch*

A. Call To Order Called to order at 6:01 pm

B. Roll Call *Present 7 – Amos, Bennett, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch, Walker*

C. Also In Attendance

Mayor Ebert, Matt Peoples, Lucas Haire

D. Reports

Bill Sims – Construction Services Administrator

Gender Road Signal Timing Update (ODOT Program)

- a. Update from ODOT on 10/15
- b. Delay in authorization of Federal Funds has delayed the project
- c. Consultant Selected
- d. Expect Kick-off Imminently
- e. Data Collection (Traffic Counts) Complete by the “holidays”

High Street Rail Crossing Replacement

- f. Formal Agreement is in process - Waiting on final signature from G&W

Thoroughfare Plan Update

- g. Provided refines scope/proposal on 10/16 to staff.
- h. Coordinated cost and scope with MORPC

Gender Road Phase 5

- i. Application Submitted
- j. Awards are announced on 12/6
- k. Formal Voting on 12/13

Gender Road Phase 6

- l. No update

2020 Street Maintenance Program

- m. Developed recommended scope of improvements for the various work areas
- n. Developed preliminary itemized cost estimated for all candidate work areas.
- o. Developed conceptual alignment for new Cherry Landing Shared Use Path
- p. Provided preliminary deliverables on 10/9
- q. Next Step – Meet with staff to finalize work areas for inclusion in the 2020 program.

Sgt. Jesse Hendershot – Introduction of Sgt. Hendershot

E. Request for Council Action

[ORD 19-053](#)

Law

An Ordinance To Amend Section 331.44 Of The Codified Ordinances Of The City Of Canal Winchester ([Ordinance](#))

- Request to move to full Council

Tabled

Motion to remove ordinance from the table made by Bennett; seconded by Lynch

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Bennett, Lynch, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Walker

Motion to request to move ordinance to full council made by Lynch, seconded by Bennett

Motion carried by the following vote:

Yes 7 – Lynch, Bennett, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Lynch

F. Items for Discussion

[19-001](#)

Madison Township - Public Safety Issues

Walker called for discussion of police coverage with Madison Township. Susan Brobst, Madison Township Administrator, and Gary York, Madison Township Chief of Police came forward to speak. Lynch had previously submitted a letter of questions to Madison Township. Brobst and Chief York addressed these questions. Chief York stated there are issues with accessing the proper radio frequencies from the Fairfield County Sheriff's department; Fairfield County uses MARCS (multi-agency radio communication system) and Franklin County does not. Chief York said they need a permission letter or memo of understanding for Madison Township to access the Fairfield County radio frequency.

Hollins stated that Canal Winchester wants Madison Township police to legally be able to write citations under the Canal Winchester code, and for these citations to be heard in Canal Winchester Mayor's Court instead of the Franklin County court. Brobst stated that the Franklin County prosecutors have not drafted any language, because they are waiting to know the intentions of Canal Winchester and Madison Township. Hollins stated that he will draft a resolution of intent or understanding to indicate that Canal Winchester gives permission to Madison Township to write citations under the Canal Winchester code and for these citations to be heard in the Canal Winchester Mayor's court. Hollins indicated this would be the first step. Brobst commented that Madison Township could provide a similar resolution of intent. Therefore, both of these letters of intent would be submitted to the Franklin County prosecutor.

Lynch Letter to Madison Township and Statistics from Madison Township Police from September 2019 are at the end of minutes

[19-002](#)

CWJRD Field Use Agreement ([CWJRD Field Use Agreement](#))

Peoples explained the field use agreement.

G. Old/New Business

H. Adjournment

***Motion to adjourn made by Lynch; seconded by Bennett
Motion carried by the following vote:***

***Yes 7 – Lynch, Bennett, Amos, Clark, Coolman, Jarvis, Walker
Adjourned at 7:01 pm***

Patrick Lynch, CW Resident
Canal Winchester City Councilman
27 East Columbus Street
Canal Winchester, Ohio 43110

Oct 14, 2019

Dear Susan Brobst & Chief York:

The purpose of this letter is to determine the best way for the City of Canal Winchester residents and the Madison Township Trustees to work together to provide a cohesive plan for ongoing public safety in Canal Winchester, Ohio.

First, I would like to personally thank you for your commitment to provide resources to our community and hope this information will streamline the process going forward. The residents would like to have more open communication and a better understanding of their relationship with Madison Township (MT) to provide services. We should also have services from Franklin County so any input into how this can be accomplished would be greatly appreciated too.

There seems to be a type of disconnect between the residents of CW and the appropriate way to partner with Madison Township for police coverage. The directive from Mayor Ebert on at least two occasions, is that the citizens of CW should be the ones making this request by ways of attending the township meetings and voicing our concerns. In the past it was understood that communication would be between the CW city staff and your offices. The residents have listed public safety as their top concern. We would like to keep the lines of communication open and keep this relationship moving forward. Your guidance and advice would be greatly appreciated.

The following questions will provide background information for the October 21, 2019 City of Canal Winchester Council Meeting:

Verification of Current Process

- 1) Is it the intent of Madison Township Police Department (MTPD) to patrol all of Madison Township (MT) within the city limits of Canal Winchester (CW)?
- 2) When tickets are written by MTPD within the CW city limits, where do the ticket funds go. If MTPD writes a ticket within their jurisdiction that does not fall within a city's borders, where do those funds go? Do you have a preference as to where these funds go and why?
- 3) When MTPD, within the CW city limits, makes an arrest and that person is prosecuted and or incarcerated, who pays for that. If the same happens within the township but outside a city's borders, who pays for it?

- 4) In the above questions, what do you see as the best way to handle these situations and or is it State law that dictates how it is handled?
- 5) How does the MTPD and CWFCS communicate? How often? Daily, weekly, etc.?
- 6) In the past 4 years, has there been and communication between CW and MTPD? Was this by phone, email, face to face meetings? Who attended such meeting, what were the results and were there ever follow-up or on-going meetings? The intent of this question to understand what communications have and have not worked.
- 7) Has the MTPD ever run into barriers that would otherwise prevent or discourage MTPD from patrolling CW? How can this communication/relationship be improved? What works in other jurisdictions that we should be using?
- 8) What procedure is currently used in 911 emergency situation to inform all available services to participant? Who is called? Who is dispatched? Is Madison Twp. Sheriff notified when services are needed in CW or is Fairfield Sheriff only contacted?
- 9) It is my understanding that MTPD uses the MARCS radio system which allows an officer access to multiple channels. With this system and its access to multiple departments it is possible for MTPD to listen in on Canal Winchester Fairfield County Sherriff (CWFCFS) and vice versa. An officer can typically listen to only one channel at a time, so how can we get notices to MTPD so they can have the heads up to switch over to CWFCFS channel to help assist and vice versa. What type of SOP can be put in place to allow the two departments to better communicate?

Other considerations:

- 1) Based on the current size of the MTPD, in your professional opinion what amount of coverage do you think CW should obtain? Quantity of officer, times, etc. Also, do you see the MTPD expanding over the next several years and if so, would the coverage within CW increase.
- 2) Does the MTPD work with the Franklin County Sherriff (FCS)? How does that relationship work and how do you suggest CW communicate with FCS to provide any type of coverage or assistance within the Franklin County portion of CW.?
- 3) MTPD covers other portions of Groveport and Obetz who both have their own police force. How does this relationship work?

The following is recommendation to bring better clarity and help nurture this ongoing partnership:

Monthly meetings between both of you, CWFCFS in charge, a select group of CW City Council members and a representative from the Canal Winchester city staff to establish Standard Operating Procedures. After the SOP are agreed upon, quarterly meetings will be scheduled.

I appreciate you attending the Canal Winchester City Council meeting on Monday and look forward to more in depth conversation.

Respectfully

Patrick Lynch



MADISON TOWNSHIP POLICE

Call Activity For Department - Summary

For Reporting Period: 09/01/2019 until 09/30/2019

Nature Code	Nature Description	Total
10	Assist Other Unit - Mutual Aid	10
12	Burglary	4
12A	Burglary In Progress	2
15	Civil Process	1
15F	Felony Warrant	1
16	Dead On Arrival	3
18	Dog Bite	1
19A	Contact Party by Mobile Phone	1
2	Property Damage Accident	7
20	Domestic Complaint	22
24A	Driving Under the Influence OVI	3
2A	Hit Skip Accident	7
31	Wrecker Requested	1
34	Juvenile Complaint	3
36	Larceny / Theft	10
38	Missing Person	3
4	Accident with Injuries	4
52	Shooting	1
56	Stolen Vehicle	2
56A	Recovered Vehicle	3
58	Suicide or Suicide Threat	1
SSA	Attempt Overdose	5
60	Suspicious Person	3
64	Vandalism	9
72	Threats or Harassment	3
76	Mental	2
8	Assault	4
86	Traffic Offense	49
9	Investigate Complaint	11
9MISC	Misc Incident	7
HW	House Watches	9
PA	Public Assistance	4

Total reports created	196
Total dispatched calls	319
Total non-dispatched calls	599

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