

**Minutes**  
**Special Finance Committee**  
**Village Office, Three South Main Street**  
**Thornville, Ohio**  
**October 16, 2023**

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**Attendee List:**

**Committee Members**

Sterling Krout- Chair  
Erica O'Neill- Vice Chair  
Kim Billman

**Village Officials:**

Gina Kaetzel- Mayor  
Traci Sturgill- Village Administrator/Clerk  
Kelly Beem- Fiscal Officer  
Dan Williams- Chief of Police

**Guests:** Tasia Savage, Dale Brussee

Committee Chair Sterling Krout called the Special Finance Committee Meeting to order on October 16, 2023 @ 6:00 pm.

**Roll Call:**

Roll call was taken with Committee Chair Sterling Krout, Committee Vice Chair Erica O'Neill and Committee member Kim Billman present. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Sterling Krout –aye  
Kim Billman- aye  
Erica O'Neill- aye

**Motion passed 3-0**

**Review/Approval of the Special Finance Committee Agenda for October 16, 2023**

Committee Chair Sterling Krout made a **motion** to approve the business agenda for October 16, 2023. **Motion** seconded by Committee member Kim Billman. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Kim Billman- aye  
Erica O'Neill- aye  
Sterling Krout- aye

**Motion passed 3-0**

**New Business:**

- Land Purchase- Village Administrator Traci Sturgill advised this is regarding the purchase of approximately 1.3 acres behind the wastewater treatment plant to St Rt 204. We wanted to purchase this a few years ago and it is now needed for the future expansion of the wastewater plant. This land would also give us access to a driveway off the state route, which is desperately needed. The owner is asking for \$30,000; the village takes care of the surveying & paperwork for the sale, and he is given free water & sewer for the time he owns the property he is currently in. This will not be conveyed to a new homeowner once he sells the property in the future. He also requests the sale be completed prior to the end of 2023. Traci also updated the committee on the funds we have coming in for the Lost Lands project of \$58,300. She would like to use these funds to purchase the land and put in the driveway to the plant.

**Motion** made by Committee President Sterling Krout to send the land purchase to council for a vote and was seconded by Committee Vice Chair Erica O'Neill. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

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**Roll Call:**

Kim Billman- aye  
Sterling Krout- aye  
Erica O'Neill- aye  
**Motion passed 3-0**

- 2024 Appropriations- Village Administrator Traci Sturgill discussed the breakdown of all the funds for the 2024 Appropriations ordinance and advised there is no large equipment purchases for next year other than a dump trailer is needed for approximately \$12,000 but we do have the extra funds to go ahead and purchase that now instead of waiting till next year. We rent one every time we need it. Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem explained how the County Auditor sends the Village the estimated resources and this is what Traci builds her budget numbers on, which is also in their files tonight for review. All Letherman funds have been moved to the Pool fund and the Shelly donation funds are in the General account- Capital Outlay fund. Fiscal Officer Kelly Beem also added the total estimated resources from the county auditor is \$6,730,147.09. We are only appropriating \$2,510,592.19 of those funds. This helps to see we are not anywhere near overspending.

**Motion** made by Committee President Sterling Krout to move the 2024 Appropriations Ordinance #23-08 to council. **Motion** seconded by Committee President Sterling Krout and was seconded by Committee Vice Chair Erica O'Neill. A roll call vote was taken with all committee members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Kim Billman – aye  
Erica O'Neill- aye  
Sterling Krout- aye  
**Motion passed 3-0.**

**Adjournment:**


With no further business, Committee Chair Sterling Krout made a **motion** to adjourn the meeting and was seconded by Committee member Kim Billman. A roll call vote was taken with all members voting aye.

**Roll Call:**

Kim Billman – aye  
Sterling Krout- aye  
Erica O'Neill- aye  
**Motion passed 3-0.**

Meeting adjourned @ 6:25 p.m.

  
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Sterling Krout – Committee Chair

  
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Traci Sturgill, Clerk of Council