

RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

VILLAGE OF PLYMOUTH SPECIAL SESSION

Held August 17, 2021

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The Village of Plymouth convened in Special session on August 17, 2021 at 6:00 pm at 48 West Broadway Plymouth, Ohio 44865. Mayor Fryman called the meeting to order with the following members and visitors present:

Mrs. Susan Moore	<i>Present</i>	Mr. Matthew Patrick	Present
Mrs. Joan Felver	<i>Present</i>	Ms. Susan Broderick	Present
Mr. Dwayne Cassidy	<i>Present</i>	Mrs. Elaine Root	Present

EMPLOYEES: DiAnn Jamerson, Fiscal Officer; Thomas Hintz, Police Chief; Rebekah Fearing, Administrative Clerk; and Deb Cassidy, Utility Clerk; James Burton, Assistant Administrator.

VISITORS: Gary Reno, Resident; Hannah Oeder, Resident; Brandon and Berta Baker, JJ's Pizza; Sally Hoak, Uptown Curls; Tom Shank, Plymouth Hardware; Stephen and Lindsey Dills, and Jason and Katie Veletean; Village Roots; William McNulty, Computer Center; and Nathan Ault, Hound Dog Hop.

Mayor Fryman lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Fryman stated we are holding this meeting tonight to discuss municipal parking and proper uses. She is interested in a solution. Would like to hear the issues.

She has reached out to other Communities to see how they are handling the issues. This is not specific to Plymouth. Municipalities like Shelby, Bellville, and Ontario are having these issues as well.

It comes down to business structure and businesses are changing and that is not a bad thing. But it is something we need to be mindful of the situation. What happens today will impact the future.

She then opened the floor for anyone who wants to talk.

What is comes down to is how one business structure conflicts with other business structures.

Stephen Dills – Village Roots

Their business structure is an event style structure. They change up their shop every month. They are open 2 weekends a month. They bring people in from all over Ohio. He stated Council was informed this and they were told it was ok to hold the events with there business and now they are told they are not. The food vendors got permits as they were told. He feels that is the main issue for them and that is why they are here.

Ms. Broderick stated Council did discuss this and they stated it was ok on the west side of West Broadway. And the change from Friday to Saturday will help with set up and tear down.

Katie Veletean –

Stated that was for Plymouth Improvement committee. Not Village Roots. She stated she is her to discuss Village Roots not Plymouth Improvement committee. She feels the businesses should be able to colaberate and work together.

Mrs. Root stated we are talking hind site and we need to move forward, and find a solution.

Mrs. Felver stated she would like to see a business plan. Then gave an example of four business and how some interferred with the others.

It was stated to look ahead for businesses now and in the future. Something that satisfies everyone.

Mr. Cassidy stated the last time he was on Council this was an issue then and still is. Council has to look at it as a whole.

- We don't advertise other parking is in the Village. And where it is located.
- Parking spaces are not limited to an individual business.
- By having attractions it helps to draw in other people.
- People are parking in the square downtown that live in the upstairs apartments, they should be parking in the back. It was figured that each store had at least two spots to park in the square.

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Discussion took place on if it should be limited. And how to go about that.

Mr. Cassidy stated the businesses should communicate.

It was discussed about P.I.C. activities and if other groups could have activities.

Mayor Fryman stated we are getting a little of topic and this is about the businesses and not Plymouth Improvement Committee.

Ms. Broderick stated Council needs to know who is doing what and when.

Mrs. Root stated the Village Administrator is to work with the groups. It is not Council's job.

It was stated that it is Council's job to facilitate the growth of the community.

Stephen Dills – Village Roots

Stated he is just trying to promote new businesses and bring in people. He is blown away that they are being discouraged by bringing new people into town.

Mayor Fryman stated the event committee did not meet with the organizations such as the Chamber/Lions, Silver King, Fireman Association and such. As far as she is concerned the committee is a mute point. It wasn't handled correctly.

Ms. Broderick stated communication is an issue.

Tom Shank – Plymouth Hardware

Mr. Shank stated people go to Lowe's and they expect to park a half a mile away, when they come to his store they want to park close.

Katie Veletean – Village Roots

Her store holds events the first 2 full weekends a month. They usually have a food vendor such as lemonade guy or kettle corn. She stated it is crazy they cannot work together.

Tom Shank and Katie Veletean had a discussion regarding parking and the times she was open during the month.

Sally Hoak – Uptown Curls

Stated she is no longer allowed to park in the back parking lot. It used to be leased by the Village. The lot was sold with the old Police station. She feels the Village should buy it back. She only has parking in front of her building.

Stephen Dills – Village Roots

Asked Mr. Shank if he had an issue if they had food trucks. They have never had a vendor that was in competition selling food that the Hop does.

Tom Shank – Plymouth Hardware

He does not want anyone to be in competition with Hound Dog Hop.

Nathan Ault – Hound Dog Hop

He doesn't have an issue with the kettle corn, but for him, the Hop comes first. They are struggling. He would like solutions on how to keep his business here. He is \$95,000.00 in debt. He has people driving from out of town for their food. He stated if he was making money he wouldn't be here today.

Mrs. Felver stated she thinks the Taco truck might be a little to much.

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Katie Veletean - Village Roots

Plymouth alone cannot sustain businesses. What does is the surrounding area and the people coming for all over. It comes down to marketing and how to get more people in the door and in the community. All the businesses need to work together to find an inovative way to promote there business.

Mrs. Moore stated it sounds like there need to be a downtown business association to deal with issues and market the businesses.

Mayor Fryman asked, what does council want to do moving forward.

The businesses need to communicate.

Nathan Ault – Hound Dog

Invited Village Roots or any other business to come down and set up in his lot.

Mr. Cassidy stated it is not our job to micro-manage the businesses. The meeting was good and the businesses need to communicate. We need to pull together and work together and move forward.

The Village needs a Village Administrator to help facilitate and move things forward.

Gary Reno – Resident

Does not think we should not allow the food trucks. He feels that arguing about 2 parking spaces is silly. And does not think we need to have legislation to handle this. He would encourage any kind of activity on the square. Competition is good. It is how you increase efficency.

Mrs. Root stated council cannot legislate parking.

Mayor Fryman likes the ideas of handling it on a case by case basis. Would like to leave things kind like they are now. The Administrator should pprove it case by case and then report to the council.

She stated Village Roots can continue doing business they way they have. Is everyone ok with that. No objections were heard from anyone in attendance.

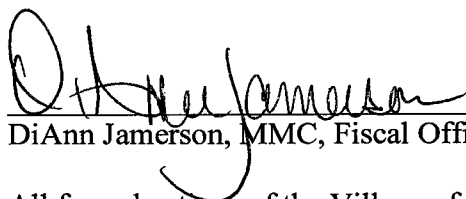
Motion to adjourn

It was moved by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Root to adjourn at 6:55PM.

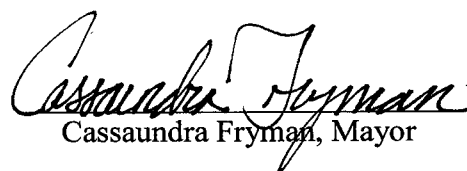
Motion carries 6-0

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DiAnn Jamerson, MMC, Fiscal Officer



Cassandra Fryman, Mayor

All formal actions of the Village of Plymouth concerning and relating to the adoption of resolutions and/or motions passed at this meeting were adopted in a meeting open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.