

# RECORD OF PROCEEDINGS

Minutes of

Council

Meeting

DAYTON LEGAL BLANK, INC., FORM NO. 10148

Held September 25,

20 23

**Rittman City Council Met in a  
REGULAR MEETING  
Monday, September 25, 2023  
7:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Chuck Wyatt, Josh Carey, Ken Park, Amanda Nelson and Melissa Shows  
**Members Absent:** Dave Williams  
**Presiding:** Mayor William Robertson

The invocation was given by Chuck Wyatt followed by the pledge of allegiance.

**Approval of Minutes**

a. **September 11, 2023** – Nelson moved to approve, all Yeas on roll and **motion carried.**

**Presentation by Chief Shows**

On September 19<sup>th</sup> 2023, Officers were dispatched to an active shooting on S. Main St. in Rittman where the shooter had retreated to his apartment. Patrolmen Miller and Sigler were the Officers on duty. Ptl. Shilling had just finished his dismissal duties as the School Resource Officer and also responded. Lt. Milburn, hearing the call, immediately responded with other Doylestown Officers to assist.

Upon arrival to the scene, the male victim was found down in an open yard, having been shot twice.

Ptl. Shilling took a cover position in front of the residence. Patrolmen Miller and Sigler were joined by Lt. Milburn as they advanced on the apartment. Their ability to communicate and protect each other using outstanding tactics enabled them to swiftly enter and clear the suspect's apartment where he was found suffering from a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Their actions enabled Emergency Medical Team members to respond to the wounded as soon as the threat was cleared. Tragically, the victim was found deceased at the scene. The suspect was found critically wounded and was treated by Rittman EMS, but succumbed to his injuries inside the ambulance.

These four Officers immediately took lead roles in securing the scene, directing Officers arriving from other agencies, setting up perimeters, controlling a hostile crowd, and processing and documenting the major incident.

I am very grateful for the large response and tremendous amount of assistance and support we received in minutes from Officers from Doylestown, Creston, Medway, Wayne and Medina County Sheriff's Office, Rittman Fire and Rescue, Sterling Fire, The Wayne County Coroner's Office and other off duty Rittman Officers, but these four officers' actions stood out.

For their immediate response, quick thinking, courage, and professionalism, I am presenting the Rittman Police Department Commendation Medal, as well as my personal thanks for their service, to Patrolman Derek Miller, Patrolman Chance Sigler, Patrolman Matthew Shilling and Lieutenant Kevin Milburn.

**Citizens Forum**

Tina McMillen – 243 Ritter – I want to thank the Officers and say how important it is to vote for the tax increase.

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Wally Ott – 361 Sterling – I want to commend the City for making a fine raceway on Sterling Avenue. How much is this going to cost? Have you got the estimate back yet? Beshara responded we were waiting on the contractor to send the bill.

## Old Business

None

## New Business

a. **Ord. No. 8372 An Ordinance of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Amending the Annual Appropriation Ordinance No. 8318, as Amended According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Ord. No. 8372 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Nelson moved to adopt. Park inquired what this was. Bulp responded that it was to reallocate expenses that were not being used to other accounts. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

b. **Res. No. 8373 A Resolution of the Council of the City of Rittman, Wayne and Medina Counties and State of Ohio, Certifying that when a Municipal Obligation was Incurred Sums were Lawfully Appropriated in the Funds to Satisfy the Obligation and Sufficient Sums Currently Exist to Satisfy this Obligation According to the Attached Sheet(s) and Declaring an Emergency. Three Readings.** Res. No. 8373 was read on first reading. Shows moved to suspend the rules, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**. Nelson moved to adopt. Park inquired what was fixed. Mike Brown responded that it was lift station repairs. All Yeas on roll call and **motion carried**.

## City Managers Remarks

I want to reiterate my gratitude and thanks to our police offices and the agencies that came in to assist to our police department. It was not an easy time for them. They handled it beautifully were on top of the scene. The Chief had to deal with very upset family members and other residents. It wasn't an easy thing for anybody. Thank goodness for all of you for what you do and what you did and I appreciate each of you.

## Finance Director's Remarks

Thank you, Chief, there was a moment in the incident where word had gotten around that something was going on and there was sort of some uncertainty about where the suspect even was. Never for a moment did I feel that we weren't in good hands. I am currently working with the department heads; they're working on their budgets for next year, both capital and operating. Those will both be coming before you for first readings in October.

## Council Remarks

Nelson – I want to echo everything that's already been said. We appreciate the police department with several businesses on the south end and having been through some incidences before, they have always been there when we needed them. Thankful for our police that handled everything.

Park – thank you and your team. God bless every one of you. I get emotional sitting here. I can't imagine going through that. Thank you all.

Wyatt – I appreciate what you guys do. I feel for you guys, the citizens down there. There are things that you cannot unsee. I pray that God brings healing to everybody.

Carey – thank you to our PD, our fire department, our EMS, the various county law enforcement agencies that helped chip in your efforts are very much appreciated and do not go unnoticed.

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Shows – I want to echo what everyone said and I said my piece at the beginning, how proud I am of all of the officers. Having sat there for 10 years with them I know what they are going through personally. I couldn't be prouder of what they have done. Kevin and I went through something very similar over in Doylestown. I want to say that Bobbie and Bob are reaching out to the First Responders who have a debriefing planned where he is inviting all of the officers that responded and the dispatchers that were on the other end to come together for a little bit of bonding, to talk through the event what they did what they could have done different. It is a very important part of the healing process. I am glad to see that happening. Don had done it as well. Remind everyone that this Thursday is Reading Under the Lights. The community event at the elementary school from 5 – 7 and the owl prowl at the nature preserve for 7 – 9.

**Adjourn: 7:21 p.m.** - Wyatt moved to adjourn, all Yeas on roll call and **motion carried.**

  
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**Mayor**

  
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**Clerk of Council**