

**COUNCIL FOR THE VILLAGE OF YELLOW SPRINGS  
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING  
MINUTES: TEAMBUILDING and LEGISLATION**

**Council Chambers: 6-9pm**

**Thursday, June 6, 2024**

**CALL TO ORDER**

President of Council Kevin Stokes called the meeting to order at 6:03pm.

**ROLL CALL**

Present were President Stokes, Vice President Gavin DeVore Leonard and Council members Brian Housh, Carmen Brown and Trish Gustafson. Village Manager Johnnie Burns was also present.

**LEGISLATION**

**Reading of Resolution 2024-41** Authorizing the Village Manager to Accept a Grant from the Ohio Department of Transportation. Brown MOVED and Gustafson SECONDED a MOTION TO APPROVE.

A robust discussion occurred, with Council discussing the likelihood of obtaining other sources of funding through Choice One and/or Greene County Parks and Trails.

This cost breakdown over a 3-4 year period as presented by Choice One was discussed: Burns noted Amy Kemper's concern that the Village has a tax levy up in 2025, resulting in her suggestion that a loan be considered.

DeVore Leonard expressed disappointment in the process, stating that he had not been made aware of the size of the match, and stating that this should have been presented up front.

Brown acknowledged that the process could have been more thorough, but noted that infrastructure is a goal, and that this is infrastructure.

Housh noted that the Village does have a process and that the match requirement should have been approved prior to seeking the grant. This oversight has been acknowledged and will be corrected, he stated, and should not detract from the importance of the funding to address a safety concern.

Stokes CALLED THE VOTE, and the MOTION PASSED 4-1, with DeVore Leonard voting against.

**TEAMBUILDING**

Dr. Brenda Kraner led the group in the first of a two-to-three part series of teambuilding exercises.

**ADJOURNMENT**

At 9:01pm, DeVore Leonard MOVED TO ADJOURN. Housh SECONDED, and the MOTION PASSED 5-0 ON A VOICE VOTE.

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Kevin Stokes, Council President

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Attest: Judy Kintner, Clerk of Council