



Amesville Newsletter

December 2022

Village Updates

IT'S COLD

If anyone is without power or has lost heat during this cold spell, contact the mayor or someone with the village for assistance. In emergencies we can open the village office as a warm center. Also, please check on your older neighbors to make sure they are ok during this very cold weather. The Athens News has recommendations for dealing with extra cold conditions at your house. [Be prepared for cold temperatures | News | athensnews.com](https://athensnews.com)

Thanks to Larry Kamody.

Council Member Larry Kamody has resigned from the Village Council as of December 2022. We want to thank Larry for his years of service to the community.

NEW LIFE FOR AMESVILLE NATIVITY

Thanks to Patrick Wentzel for carving a new Baby Jesus for the Amesville nativity. He fits right in with the original nativity made by Loder Lampela.



Broadband in Amesville

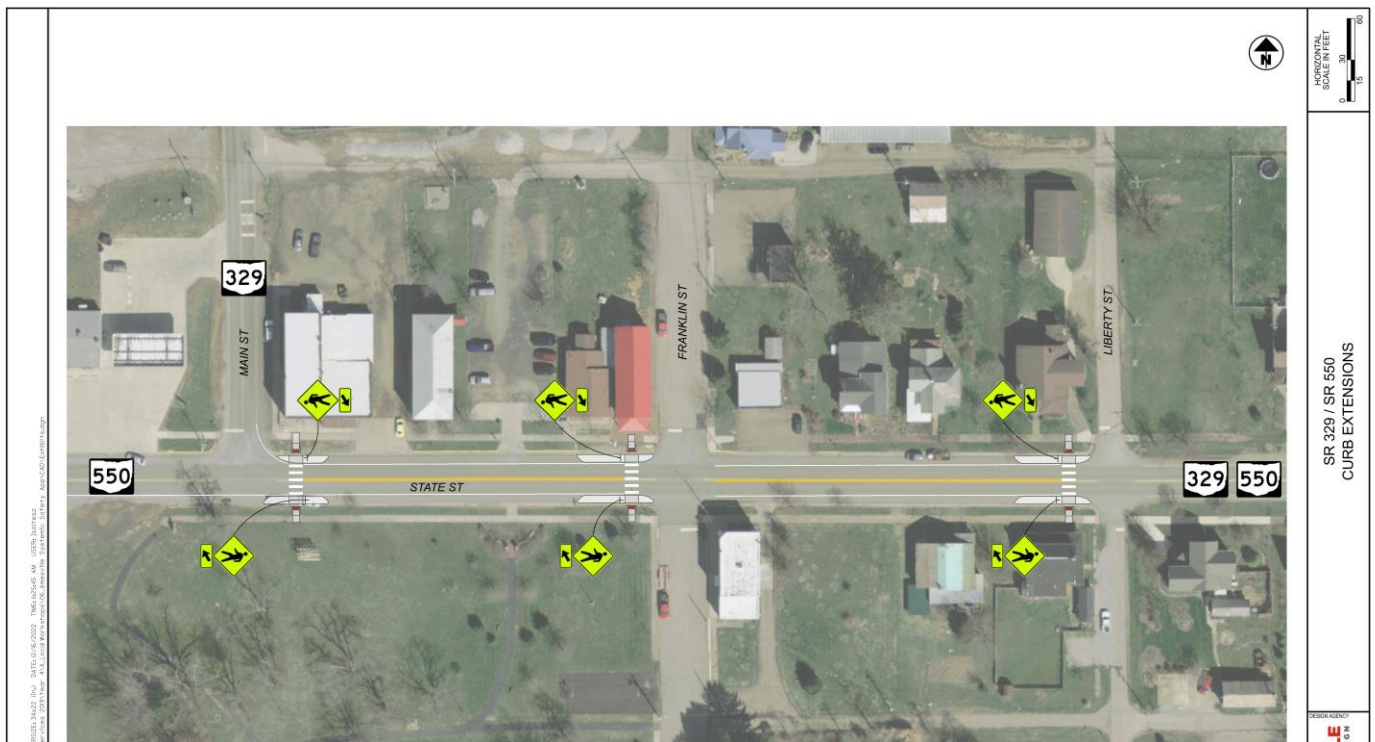
The village in conjunction with HAPCAP has submitted the environmental review to the EPA and the State of Ohio. We hope to send out an RFP (request for proposals) by January 2023. Companies will have 60 days to respond and indicate whether they want to bid on the project in Amesville. A final vendor will be chosen 30 days after all bids are received. So, it's possible that construction could start next summer.

In other news... Oroy Harris will take over snow removal for the village in 2023. Snow will be plowed when 2 inches or deeper. Light salting as needed.

Updates on Route 550 and 329

Village staff and residents have met with ODOT and Athens County Planners to discuss ways of slowing traffic on Routes 550 and 329. Below are some ideas suggested by ODOT that will be reviewed and cost estimates generated. The crosswalks and curb extensions are effective to slowing drivers because of the visual narrowing of the road. The current plan also has a cross walk planned on 329 across from the elementary school. We will be seeking funding for this effort over the next few months. We already have \$1,000 from the County Planner and \$2,700 from the County Health Department.

There is also a plan to upgrade the sidewalk next to Park's Place all the way to the elementary school. This will require additional grant funds, but we are researching sources already.



COUNCIL UPDATES

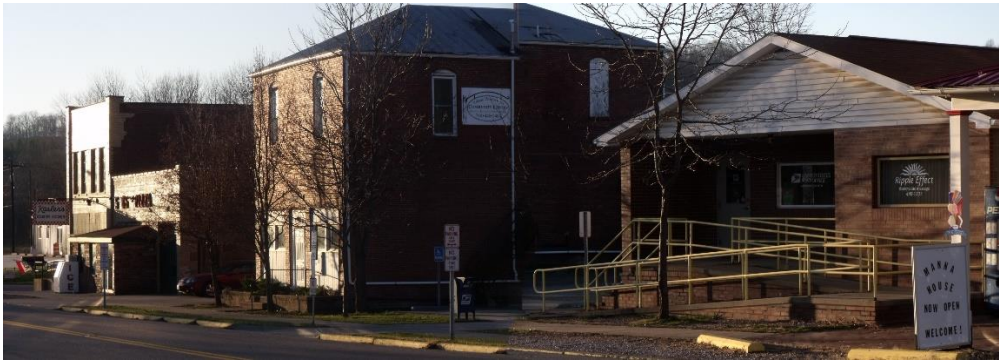
FINANCIAL REPORT – Bank reconciliation completed. All fund balances look good except Parks needs another transfer. ODOT has a grant available called the Systemic Roadway Grant. District 10, our district, hasn't had any applications yet. The Complete Street Workshop was held and we are waiting to find out if we have been approved or if the plan needs adjusted. That is in regards to the grant through the Health Department. Motion to approve made by Jayne Darling and seconded by David Arrington. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Jayne Darling - aye, David Arrington - aye, Michael Ford - aye, Miranda Kridler - aye, and Alan Trout - aye.

RESOLUTIONS AND ORDINANCES – Res. 15-22 3rd reading to transfer \$2,000 from the General fund to the Parks fund and to amend the certificate. Motion to approve made by Miranda Kridler and seconded by Michael Ford. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Jayne Darling- aye, David Arrington-aye, Michael Ford – aye, Miranda Kridler – aye, and Alan Trout – aye. Res. 17-22 3rd reading to accept donations of \$250 for Late Night Auto, \$10 for a t-shirt, and \$20 for holiday expenses. Motion made by Jayne Darling and seconded by Alan Trout. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Jayne Darling- aye, David Arrington-aye, Michael Ford – aye, Miranda Kridler – aye, and Alan Trout – aye. Res. 18-22 1st reading to transfer \$1,500 from the General fund to the Parks fund as well as transferring \$1,500 within the General fund. The Fiscal Officer's payroll fund will have the funds added to that line item. We will need to amend the certificate to reflect the increased revenue in the Parks fund as well as amending the appropriations. Motion made by Jayne Darling and seconded by David Arrington. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Jayne Darling- aye, David Arrington-aye, Michael Ford – aye, Miranda Kridler – aye, and Alan Trout – aye. *Res. 19-22* authorizing Mayor Goozman to apply for a grant from ODOT called the Systemic Roadway Grant. Motion made by David Arrington and seconded by Alan Trout. Motion passes with a roll call vote as follows: Jayne Darling- aye, David Arrington-aye, Michael Ford – aye, Miranda Kridler – aye, and Alan Trout – aye.

SAFETY COMMITTEE & STREETS – Ohio Builds is now called the Appalachian Community Grant Program. The grants are currently for planning projects. The implementation grants will be available next year. We are currently submitting an interest in participating with 2 other entities. There is a scoring rubric for the awarding of the funds. If the municipalities collaborating represent 4 counties then you get the maximum points. The distressed counties earn extra points. If the Athens municipality is in collaboration you automatically get the full 10 points. We can have multiple associations and multiple submissions. Planning consultants will be available at no additional cost. We will also be collaborating with the Mayor's Partnership as a second proposal.

PARK COMMITTEE – The Community Improvement grant from the Planner's Office will be used for projects like repairing the playground equipment. We are currently looking for someone available to complete the repairs.

FINANCE COMMITTEE – Meeting held at p.m. In attendance were Alan Trout and David Arrington. We will be asking council to apply for a special grant fund provided through ODOT. The deadline to apply is January 31, 2023. The requirement to receive the requested funding is a match of 10% from the community. With these funds we are considering projects such as installing bump outs, sidewalk repair, and drain repair. There is a draining issue that needs repaired. The sidewalk from 550 to the school needs repaired. We will have to get estimates and see which projects we can afford to match funds with. If we don't have enough funds we can ask about waiving the fund matching or we will have to wait until there are other grants available. As of now, we could potentially match up to \$52,000 in projects. There is also \$1,500 designated from the Athens County Health Department Street Project. Annual submission to the Census Bureau was submitted today for the 2021 calendar year. Gary will be submitting the annual water usage report to the EPA. It is due November 15th.



Remember you can find Council minutes and information at <https://amesvilleohiogov.weebly.com/>

Social events for Amesville are found online at <http://www.amesvilleohio.org/>

Facebook stories about Amesville are at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/189695341118445>

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