

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on January 16, 2012.

INVOCATION

Clapper offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance and called for a moment of silence in honor of Martin Luther King Day.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; Tim Clapper, John Curtis, Steve Hart, Ed Kline, Dianne Matuch, Emily Shaffer. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Tod Brining, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the 1/3/12 minutes. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Matuch abstained, Shaffer yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Donna Carver, Ken Kennedy and Brian Zerman.

Mr. Kennedy had three concerns;

- If motorists are ticketed for driving without headlights when weather requires the use of windshield wipers. Chief Zerman acknowledged the State law but stated he was not aware of any tickets issued by Village Officers for the offense.
- Who is responsible for teaching residents bicycle and pedestrian regulations and safety? Council and Chief Zerman agreed the problems exist partly because of the lack of sidewalks on so many streets and mainly because of carelessness on the part of many pedestrians and bicyclers.
- The time it has taken to remove the burned remains of the 142 Iberia St. residence. Administrator Rogers explained the legal issues delaying the demolition and removal of the building seriously damaged by arsonists on 10/8/11.

Mrs. Carver reported the home invasion and burglary of a Perry Township resident. The burglars posed as workers who would shovel the driveway and forced their way into the home. Chief Zerman stated TV News reporters have already reported the incident. Rogers reported the theft of several storm-sewer grates; the replacement storm-sewer grates are being bolted down to deter future thefts. The heavier weight of the manhole covers makes them more difficult to steal and transport.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported the necessary replacement of the light-bar on the K-9 Unit vehicle. Repeated attempts to repair the 18-year-old equipment have been unsuccessful. A new light bar was ordered at a cost of \$2,575.00.

Curtis reported the Fire & Police Committee met following the 1/3/12 Council meeting to discuss the purchase of the 2012 Dodge Charger Police Cruiser and equipment at State Bid cost of \$34,864.00. Kline reported the availability of several 2011 Ford Crown Victoria Police Cruisers, which could be a savings over the purchase of the Dodge Charger. The committee agreed to contact the dealers to confirm that the vehicles are actually "Police Package-Interceptor" vehicles and to determine the availability and the cost of the vehicles.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused for training. Curtis reported Mayor Porter, Chief Staiger, Asst. Chief Young, and the Fire & Police Committee met on 1/12/12 with the Village of Edison Council to discuss the 2012 Fire Protection Contract. Curtis reported the Edison Council and representatives agreed to address the "levy-shortage", caused because Edison was removed from the Gilead Township levy, by placing a fire protection levy on the ballot as soon as

possible. Matuch offered to attend the 1/23/12 Edison Council meeting with Chief Staiger and Asst. Chief Young. Curtis moved and Kline seconded to authorize the approval of the Edison contract that will be in effect from 1/31/12 until 12/31/12 at the current rate and requirement that the tax levy be placed on the ballot.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis reported the new committee would continue to meet on the third Wednesday of each month at the Street Department at 6:00 PM.; the 1/18/12 meeting was cancelled.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart reported the committee met prior to the Council meeting and discussed a pay scale policy for retiring employees who are returning to work part time.

Curtis noted that Ordinance 1667, adopted on 12/19/11, establishing employee's \$.30 per hour wage increase included part time employees but did not include Fire Fighters. Rogers explained that the range of the Fire Fighters wages was established by Chief Staiger and is a separate ordinance. Council would have to amend the 2012 Budget in order to accommodate any wage increases in the Fire Budget. Mermann noted that Chapter 141 of the Codified Ordinances authorizes only three Lieutenants. The ordinance will need to be amended prior to Rob Walker's promotion.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 7:00 PM on 1/23/12. A 5-year plan will be established for maintenance at both the WWTP and the Water Plant.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

Kline reported the committee will set a regular meeting schedule.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported Chapter 901 amendments would be presented for Council approval in Ordinance 1670.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 on 2/6/12.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the completion and testing of the second Siemens drive at the WWTP. Flows continue high, a result of rain and melting snow. After checking other chemical vendors, it was decided to continue with Bonded Chemical for WWTP supplies.

The Water Plant dehumidifier will be dismantled this week. Cleaning and reconditioning of the Water Well #3 is planned to begin in February.

Century Link has located and repaired the signal problems from the water towers, as well as the office Police emergency phone line. Rogers reported most local businesses and the school have transferred from Century Link to Time Warner for more efficient and less costly service.

A long time problem was corrected with the placement of a curb box at each of the two homes on the corner of N. Cherry St. and W. Cedar St. Both residences had shared a tap with no shutoff to either residence.

A backflow prevention system will be installed at a Baker St. residence to correct an ongoing problem.

Council discussed the problems resulting from the bridge closing on CR 9, Edison. County Engineer Bush has reported he will seek an OPWC Grant to repair or replace the bridge, which is causing a significant increase in traffic on Orchard Dr.

75 tons of deicing salt in on hand.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported he would be out of the office tomorrow.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the bills. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes.

Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 1-16-12. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes. Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to adopt the Transfer of Funds resolution. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules for the reading to Ordinance 1669. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Matuch yes. Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the Codification resolution. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes.

Ordinance 1670 was presented for the first reading. Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to pass the Streets Right of Way ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Matuch yes.

The YTD Fund Report for the end of 2011 was briefly reviewed.

Letters from Governor John Kasich and Senator Kris Jordan acknowledging the resolution opposing the centralized collection of municipal income tax were included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Hart expressed appreciation to the Street Department for sharing the back hoe with the Rivercliff Cemetery.

Curtis moved and Matuch seconded to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator