

SWEARING IN CEREMONY 7:00 PM JANUARY 3, 2012

The Honorable Judge Howard E. Hall administered the Oath of Office to duly elected Council members; R. Ed Kline and John Curtis; Mayor Michael Porter and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:10 PM on January 3, 2012.

INVOCATION

Hart offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the 12/19/11 minutes. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes.

COUNCIL REORGANIZATION

Curtis nominated Steve Hart to serve as Council President Pro Tempore for 2012 and Kline seconded the motion. Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to close the nominations. The roll call vote to close the nominations was taken: Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes. The nomination roll call vote was taken: Curtis yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes.

Kline moved and Clapper seconded to continue to meet on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes. Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded that Council meet on the third Monday only during the months of July and August. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes.

Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to approve the current Council Rules of Procedure. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to retain Griffith & Brininger as Solicitors for 2012.

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman, Kit St. Clair and his son, Kyle, Don Staiger, Donna Carver, Cindy Kline and LeAnne Gompf from the Sentinel.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported the End-of-the-Year Report would be comprised for the next meeting. Zerman brought to Council's attention recent phone system problems. The emergency Police line is failing to ring in to both the Police Office and the Sheriff's office. Administrator Rogers has worked with Time Warner to correct the problem, only to have the issue reoccur. The malfunction has been inconsistent, making the cause of the problem difficult to determine and repair. Zerman requested that the Sentinel alert residents of the problem and encourage them to hang up and dial 911 or the direct line to the Sheriff for emergencies or to dial the non-emergency number when the emergency line is not answered.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 422 responses during 2011; 5 responses so far in 2012.

The State Fire Marshal Grant application for training was submitted today.

Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the promotions of Mark Carey to Captain and Rob Walker to the position of Lieutenant. Roll call; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes. The office roster of officers was distributed.

Curtis reported the Village of Edison rejected the proposed 2012 Fire Protection Contract. A meeting was scheduled for 6:00 PM on 1/12/12 with Mayor Porter, Solicitor Griffith, Chief

Staiger, the Edison Council Safety Committee and their Solicitor to review and negotiate the contract. Curtis moved Clapper seconded to approve a 30-day extension of the 2011 contract as agreed by the Edison Council. Chief Staiger explained the proposed increases in the 2012 contract were result of Edison Council's decision that the Village be removed from the Gilead Twp. Fire Levy. While Edison residents receive the benefits of an excellent Fire Department, they no longer pay the Gilead Township tax levy. Chief Staiger reported the benefits for the higher insurance rating are between \$300.00 and \$400.00 per household. Roll call; Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-

FIRE & POLICE-JOHN CURTIS

The committee is scheduled to meet with Chief Zerman following Council tonight and with Chief Staiger on 2-14-12.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart reported the committee assignments would be ready for Council packets on 1/16/12.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

A meeting will be scheduled as needed.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DIANNE MATUCH

Matuch was excused.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported the committee met prior to Council and completed the review of several regulations. Recommended amendments of Chapter 901 "Street Right-Of-Way Openings", Chapter 1307 "Blight Control" amending the parking on lawns, Chapter 705 "Circuses and Skating Rinks" and Chapter 731 "Game Rooms and Arcades" will be presented for Council approval.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Administrator Rogers was excused. The written report was included in Council packets.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported hearing negative reports of recently purchased International trash trucks. Clapper stated the committee would discuss the purchase of a new truck in 2012; the chassis of the truck would be according to state bid.

Porter reported he continues to officiate weddings.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

The 2012 Budget was presented. Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1668. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes.

Hart moved and Kline seconded to adopt the 2012 Appropriations ordinance and the 2012 Budget. Roll call; Hart yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes.

The FEMA invoice reminded Council of the NIMS certification regulations.

OTHER

Curtis moved and Kline seconded to adjourn at 7:40 PM.