

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on October 15, 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, Dianne Matuch, Emily Shaffer. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to approve the 9/17/12 minutes and the 10/1/12 minutes as presented. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Matuch yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Taylor Kaser from the Sentinel, Brian Zerman, Tolly Bockbrader and her sons, Jason & Troy, and Kathy Francis from the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce. Mrs. Francis reported the annual Christmas Bazaar, scheduled for 12/8/12 will begin with the parade at 12:00 PM. Mrs. Frances requested that parts of S. Main St. and Center St. be closed from 12:00 noon until 5:00 PM on 12/8/12. Kline moved and Clapper seconded to approve the request to close S. Main St. from the Monument south to the Marion St. intersection and two blocks of Center St., one block east and one block west of St. Main St. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes. The Chamber is planning special events to encourage shoppers into the downtown stores. Council was invited to attend the Chamber Annual Dinner at the Seniors on Center on 10/24/12.

Mrs. Bockbrader, representing Ron Harper Realty, requested clarification on the zoning of a former manufacturing/industrial building located at 367 N. Delaware St. A second-hand thrift shop owner/operator has expressed interest in leasing the property for storage of internet items and to operate a retail store. Administrator Rogers advised that because a retail store is not permitted in an industrial zone, the interested person would need to file with the Board of Zoning Appeals for a variance.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 225 calls for service, 9 felonies, 15 AOLEA (Assist Other Law Enforcement Agencies), 7 accidents, and 81 charges during September. A tree limb fell on the K-9 Cruiser causing approximately \$2,000.00 in damages.

A recent high-speed chase beginning in Cardington resulted in an accident at the intersection of SR 61 and SR 309. Zerman reported Stop-Sticks were placed on SR 61 just south of Mt. Gilead puncturing all the tires but failed to stop the vehicle until the driver lost control in northern Morrow County. The suspect is currently in custody.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young was excused. Mayor Porter reported 19 responses, 1 smoke investigation, 5 motor vehicles accidents, 3 mutual aid runs and 3 false alarms from burned food.

Brandon Young, a high school senior, is currently enrolled in the Firefighter I Class and was presented for probationary Firefighter. Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to approve Young as a probationary volunteer.

Signs promoting the upcoming fire levy will be placed around Gilead Township, including the Village, beginning next week. Council noted, with annoyance, that the 1.00 mil Gilead Township levy was placed on the ballot for 5 years and would exempt Edison. Originally, the Township Trustees and Council Committee had agreed on a 3-year levy that would encompass the entire Township and would bring the Village Fire Protection Tax up to 4.00 mills and Gilead Township up to 3.00 mills. The Mayor reported it was his understanding the Edison did not request to be exempted from the levy. Kline and Curtis, who served on the committee and met with the Township Trustees, agreed the levy, as it will appear on the November 6th ballot, is not as agreed upon at all. Council compared the issue with the current Township Road tax that taxes the residents but does not benefit the Village and the Rivercliff Cemetery Tax levy that now funds all Township Cemeteries.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart reported the committee met prior to Council and recommended continuing the employees Flexible Spending Account.

At the recommendation of the Ohio Plan Risk Management, the committee will develop a policy to annually review employee's motor vehicle records and will consider the Lexipol Subscription Subsidy Program.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

Clapper reported he would meet with Administrator to begin a 5-year Capital Improvement Plan.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

Kline reported the committee would review re-districting the downtown area.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee will meet on 11/5/12 to continue the review of the ordinance with regard to the fee schedule.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal maintenance at the Water Plant and the WWTP. Major repairs were completed on the Vactor-Jetter truck.

Masi Lab water testing has corrected the recent false readings.

The S. Main St/W. Marion St. Waterline project will begin on 10/22/12. Equipment

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Porter reminded Council that Trick or Treat night is scheduled for 10/27/12 from 5:00 PM until 6:00 PM.

Marsha Taylor has resigned from the County Board on Aging. The former Hawkins Market building in Ontario has been donated to the 9-County Board. Fund-raisers will fund the \$2,000,000.00-\$3,000,000.00 necessary renovations.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the bills from 9/17/12 and the current bills in the amount of \$82,224.37. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Kline yes.

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 10-1-12. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes. Kline moved and Hart seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment for blight resolution. Roll call; Kline yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Hart moved and Clapper seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 10-15-12. Roll call; Hart yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes. Clapper moved and Matuch seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment for water resolution. Roll call; Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes.

Kline moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 10-15-12 A. Roll call; Kline yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes. Clapper moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the OPWC Grant application resolution. Roll call; Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes.

OTHER

Council agreed to schedule a meeting following the 11/5/12 Election to discuss future relations with Gilead Township Trustees.

Curtis moved and Matuch seconded to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator