

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on October 17, 2011.

INVOCATION

Clapper 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, Darrell Levings, 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 Clapper seconded to approve the 10/3/11 minutes as presented. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes.

GUESTS

Guests included LeAnne Gompf from the Sentinel, Brian Zerman, Don Staiger, County Prosecutor Charles Howland, Ed and Tonya Temple and their children, E.J. and Joseph. Mayor Porter presented a Proclamation to Mr. Temple from the Tamarac Florida Fire Department for heroism in rescuing a child from possible drowning while the Mt. Gilead family was vacationing in Florida. The Florida Fire Department requested that Mt. Gilead present the award to Mr. Temple.

Mr. Howland presented a letter from Asst. Prosecuting Attorney Jocelyn Stefancin addressing Chief Zerman's concerns expressed at the 10/3/11 Council meeting. Howland stated Ms. Stefancin handled the case "by the book"; that Officer Hicks and Chief Zerman were both contacted and Office Hicks was "satisfied with the sentencing". Prosecutor Howland explained the procedure for charging criminal cases and stressed that the Attorneys cannot control the sentences imposed nor are they permitted to criticize the Judge. He reported that both officers were notified of the sentencing but neither of them attended. Howland concluded that his intention was to ensure that Council had all the correct information concerning this case. Prosecutor Howland excused himself from the remainder of the meeting.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman requested a meeting with Mayor Porter and Prosecutor Howland to address several inconsistencies in Mr. Howland's report. He stated that neither he nor Officer Hicks were notified of the sentencing hearing; Officer Hicks only agreed to the sentence if it included jail time for the defendant who attempted to assault him and succeeded in crashing into the cruiser. Zerman reiterated that the defendant's fine was less than if he had disobeyed a stop sign and he contends that the Prosecuting Attorneys do not support the Police or the victims.

A 16-year old was arrested on burglary charges this morning.

A confession was taken from the suspect accused of setting the fire at an abandoned house located at 142 Iberia St. on 10/8/11.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 8 responses in the past two weeks including the Iberia St. structure fire. The house was not structurally sound enough to allow firefighters to enter the building. Staiger commended the Police for the confession of the arsonist within a week of the fire.

Engine 15 has been repaired but problems have continued requiring further adjustments.

An increase in the number of house fires is expected with more people using alternative heat to lower heating costs.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee is scheduled to meet at 5:30 PM on 11/15/11.

FIRE & POLICE-JOHN CURTIS

The minutes for the meeting held on 10/11/11 will be available at the next Council meeting. The committee is scheduled to meet at the Fire Station on 12/13/11 at 6:00 PM.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed the personnel policy. The completed policy will be available for Council review by the end of the year.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

Clapper reported the meeting scheduled for 10/25/11 is cancelled. A sample right-of-way policy will be discussed at the next meeting on 11/22/11 t 6:00 PM.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DIANNE MATUCH

Several local leaders will attend the meeting with the committee on 10/20/11. The next committee meeting is scheduled for 11/17/11.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet prior to Council on 11/7/11 at 6:00 PM.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the Cardington personnel and administrator toured the WWTP this week prior to authorizing the upgrades planned for the Cardington plant. Rogers reported an increase of revenue from the septage receiving of approximately \$26,000.00 over 2010. The Siemens drives are expected the week of 10/28/11.

The SR 95 E waterline extension was tested satisfactorily. Preliminary grading was completed and rye grass was planted. Plans to correct the 10" waterline problem at Westview Dr. and Baker St. are still pending. Rogers stated the line, which should be under 4' of ground is currently only under about 8" and it will freeze during the winter if not corrected.

Issue I application has been revised to comply with OPWC regulations allowing only a 50% grant. The project cost for the Village increased from \$65,815.00 to \$72,802.00.

Cold patching and street painting continues. Two loads of road salt will be ordered to add to the 15 tons left from last winter.

The leaf machine is making routine trips throughout the Village. The season is about 2 weeks ahead of normal.

A complete replacement of Myomnicity equipment has corrected the office internet system.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported a meeting at the Seniors on Center on 10/13/11 to consider both sides of SB5, a controversial bill to support or overturn state legislation. Porter presided over the meeting and reported both sides were adamant but not disagreeable.

Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to appoint John Harbaugh Jr. part time Firefighter. Roll call; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to adopt Deferred Compensation Resolution 9-19-11 A. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes.

Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 10-17-11. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the resolution to support the Delaware-Morrow Mental Health tax levy. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 10-17-11 A. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment for blight resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Clapper moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1633. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes. Clapper moved and Levings seconded to adopt the supplemental appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Clapper yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Levings moved and Matuch seconded to approve the appropriation transfer. Roll call; Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes.

Mermann gave a brief update on the Ohio Public Treasurer's Conference on 10/5/11-10/7/11.

OTHER

Rogers reported a Time Warner representative was in the office this week. He estimated a savings of \$400.00-\$500.00 per month for the long distance phone service with no affect to the service.

Curtis moved and Levings seconded to adjourn at 7:55 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator