

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Levings 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

Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the 10/17/11 minutes. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes.

GUESTS

Guests included LeAnne Gompf from the Sentinel, Erin Kelty and her daughters, Brian Zerman, Tom Cronenwett and his guest Crystal Carey, Officer Bill Foley and his wife Amy, and Officer Dustin Gifford.

Mrs. Kelty presented the plans for the "Small Town Christmas" Festival on 12/10/11; the sixth annual Morrow County Chamber of Commerce Christmas Festival. The parade bringing Santa Claus will begin at 12:00 PM at the Cherry St. School move south to Union St. and then south on Main St. to the downtown area. Levings moved and Clapper seconded to honor the request to close Center St. and S. Main St. from the Monument south to the Main St./Marion St. intersection from 10:00 am until 6:00 pm on 12/10/11. Roll call; Levings yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 242 calls for service, 4 accidents, 69 charges and 6 felonies during the month of October.

Chief Zerman presented commendations to Sgt. Cronenwett, Officer Foley and to Officer Gifford for commendable actions on October 21, 2010, when Sheriff's Deputy Brandon Moore was seriously wounded in the line of duty. Zerman described the actions of each of the Officers who acted bravely and calmly for several hours to secure the area, to remove weapons from the suspect and administer life-saving aid to Officer Moore. While a great deal of recognition has been given the Sheriff's Deputies, none has been awarded the Officers who were the first to respond and were instrumental in the apprehension and transportation of both the suspect and Officer Moore and securing the evidence and the scene. Mayor Porter then presented a Proclamation to Chief Zerman for maintaining a calm leadership and for going above and beyond the call of duty to keep the incident from escalating into an even worse situation on October 21, 2010. Council honored the Officers with a standing ovation.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused. The monthly report was available.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

The next meeting is scheduled for 11/14/11 at 5:30 PM.

FIRE & POLICE-JOHN CURTIS

The next meeting is scheduled for 12/13/11 at 6:00 PM.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met briefly prior to Council and reviewed the four Independent Private Auditors bids for the audits beginning 1/1/2010 through 12/31/2013. The discussion focused on the advantages and disadvantages, as well as the costs of the proposals; Balestra, Harr, & Scherer, CPAs, Inc, at \$16,800.00, Charles E. Harris & Associates, inc. at \$17,995.00, Holbrook and Manter, CPAs. At \$18,190.00 and Perry & Associates at \$16,200.00. Hart noted that while Holbrook and Manter was not the lowest bid it was considered to be the best bid for the Village. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to award the contract to Holbrook and Manter of Marion, based on the evaluations, referrals and locations of each of the companies. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes. The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 11/21/11.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 11/29/11. Plans for 2012 will be discussed.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DIANNE MATUCH

Matuch reported the meeting held on 10/17/11 was well attended. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on 11/17/11.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and reviewed Chapter 13 of the Codified Ordinances for possible updates.

Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to award the annual codification updates to American Legal at a cost of 3,900.00- \$4,900.00 with \$350.00-\$450.00 for the Folio/Internet update. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes. The next meeting is scheduled for 12/5/11 at 6:00 PM.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the WWTP Siemens Drive has been installed and satisfactorily tested on the west clarifier. Rogers explained the septage receiving tank problems were the result of faulty operational practices. The mistakes were identified and corrected after a lengthy cleaning. At the Water Plant, Rogers stressed the need to clean the water-receiving wet well and the mud well, which has not been cleaned in the past 20 years. Curb stop repairs are under way. An additional 400 MXU (radio-read) boxes will be installed in 2012 replacing the older deteriorating valves.

Rogers reported he is looking into a grant through the Clean Ohio program to develop the train-rail bed from the WWTP to US Route 42. He reported a 60' right-of-way that could be a 1.8-mile bike trail that would benefit the Village and the Morrow County Agricultural Society and Fairgrounds. Easements would need to be secured prior to the filing of the grant application. Temporary workers who were obligated through the Job & Family Services and the County Court system are failing to report for the jobs with the Services Department. The 2012 Budget will be completed as soon as the final Health Insurance numbers are available. Lexington loaned their leaf machine to the Village when needed repairs put our machine out of service temporarily. The machine was sold from Mt. Gilead to the Village of Lexington in 1999.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Porter reported he would be spending Thanksgiving with his family in California. Council President Hart will conduct the Council meeting.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Curtis moved and Hart seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1664. Levings moved and Matuch seconded to adopt the Lease/Rent ordinance. Roll call; Levings yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes. The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Clapper requested that the Codes & Regulations look at the right-of-way regulations for utility companies working within the Village.

Council asked for a report of the meeting between the Economic & Development Committee and the civic leaders on 10/20/11. Shaffer reported the informative meeting was well attended by 23 community and county leaders. Several creative, low-cost ideas for the improvement of the Village as well as a few negative comments were shared. A lack of communication between the County and the Village was expressed along with a concern for the lack of youth activities, especially during the winter months.

Council commended the Police Department who were all available to ensure the safety and fun for the hundreds of children and parents who were out for Trick or Treat on 10/29/11. Record numbers of children were out and about in the warm weather.

Rogers reported the need to demolish and remove the burned out building located at 142 Iberia St. The abandoned residence, destroyed by arsonists on 10/8/11, is now blight in the neighborhood. Griffith offered to research the ownership of the property to determine responsibility for the removal of the debris.

Curtis moved and Clapper seconded to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator