

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on December 19, 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 Tod Bringer, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to approve the 12/5/11 minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

GUESTS

Guests were Brian Zerman, Don Staiger, Donna Carver and LeAnne Gompf from the Sentinel.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported the completion of the back-ground check for prospective Auxiliary Officer George Conger. Curtis moved and Levings seconded to approve Office Conger, who has completed his Academy training and is a currently employed by Riverside Hospital. Roll call; Curtis yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 414 responses for the year to date, including 8 structure fires in the last 30 days.

Mark Carey was promoted to Captain and Rob Walker was promoted to Lieutenant, rounding out the correct ratio of officer vs. employee.

Curtis presented the Village of Edison and the Canaan Twp. Fire Protection Contracts for 2012. Curtis moved and Levings seconded to accept the Canaan Twp contract and to approve the changes recommended for the Village of Edison. Rogers reported he has met with Village Mayor Ackerman who approved the proposed contract changes. Roll call; Curtis yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes.

Several grant applications through the State Fire Marshal are being prepared.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis reported the committee would meet with Chief Zerman on 1-3-12 following the Council meeting and with Chief Staiger on 2-14-12 at 6:00 PM.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart reported the committee met prior to Council to finalize the proposed Personnel Policy that was included in Council packets. The Committee determined the terms "Probationary" and "Permanent" are misleading and would be removed from the completed policy. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the Personnel Policy with the noted changes. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

Clapper highlighted the minutes from the 12/12/11 meeting. The committee outlined the projects planned for 2012, including the W. Marion St. Waterline Replacement Project, Water Well #4 Rehabilitation, electronic inventory, replacement of the Water Plant dehumidifier and the replacement of the 2003 International trash truck purchased in 2002 for \$93,270.00. Rogers reported the truck has begun to require repairs but could be sold or may have trade-in value. Mid-Ohio Sanitation has requested an increase of \$.50 per customer for the recycling portion of trash billing. Clapper moved and Levings seconded to approve an increase of \$.30 per customer to Mid Ohio Sanitation. Roll call; Clapper yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis no, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes.

Clapper noted that the detection and correction of several major water leaks have resulted in a significant reduction in the percentage of water loss.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DIANNE MATUCH

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet on 1/3/12 at 6:00 PM. Shaffer offered to review the proposed Right-of-Way legislation prior to the meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the installation of the second Siemen's Drive at the WWTP. Despite smoking and correcting many of the illegal storm water drains, the WWTP is recording record amounts of water through the system aggravated by the continuous rains. Tree roots and possible improper taps may have caused recent sewer line problems on the east end on Lee St. Monthly cleaning will continue while the problems are investigated.

Normal maintenance and repairs were reported at the Water Plant. Two portable dehumidifiers will need to be purchased in 2012. Water tap at 81 E. Marion St. was installed. The brass line was used allowing a smaller hole in SR 95.

Repairs to the block building located at 81 N. Rich St. have been completed.

Crack-sealing and cold patching continues as weather allows. The closing of the bridge on CR 9, Edison, has caused an increase in the Orchard Dr. traffic.

The office Internet and phone service was transferred to Time-Warner today. The improvement was immediate.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor expressed appreciation to Council member Levings for his many years of service on Council. Levings did not seek re-election in November and will retire from Council on 1/1/2012.

Favorable comments were received following the 2011 Christmas Festival. Kiwanis sponsored a successful Tour of Homes in conjunction with the Festival.

Council members were invited to share the employees' Christmas Dinner at 11:30 AM on 12/23/11.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Not 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.

Hart moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1667. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch no, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the wages ordinance. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch no, Clapper yes, Curtis no, Hart no. Mayor Porter voted yes to break the tie vote. Motion passed.

Resolution 11-21-11A was presented for the third reading. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the resolution to oppose the centralized collection of income tax by the State. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Matuch no, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

Hart moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 12-19-11. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to adopt the ING Deferred Comp resolution. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Hart moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 12-19-11A. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Levings moved and Clapper seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment for delinquent water bills resolution. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

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

Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to approve the carry-over of the employees' 2011 vacation hours to 2012. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes.

The YTD Fund report was included in the Council packets.

The proposed 2012 Budget was included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Hart reported the coordinated efforts of the Rivercliff Cemetery Board and the Gilead Township Trustees have improved the financial status of the Cemetery. A 1-mill tax levy for cemeteries will be placed on the May ballot.

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

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator