

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on March 19, 2012.

**INVOCATION**

Mayor Porter 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, Ed Kline, Dianne Matuch, Emily Shaffer. Steve Hart was excused. 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 Curtis seconded to approve the 3/5/12 minutes with the correction of the spelling of the name of Ron Lowis. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes.

**GUESTS**

Guests included John Weese and Don Staiger.

**POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN**

Chief Zerman was excused.

**FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER**

Chief Staiger reported 77 responses for the year to date.

**COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS****STREETS-JOHN CURTIS**

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 3/22/12 at the Street Department.

**FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH**

Matuch was excused from the 3/13/12 committee meeting. Kline reported for the committee meeting. The committee agreed with the recommendation of current Fire Chief Staiger to appoint Asst. Chief Greg Young as his successor following his retirement on 4/30/12. The committee requested that Council go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting tonight to discuss the appointment.

Curtis moved and Kline seconded to amend the current ordinance to add a fourth Lieutenant to the Department. Roll call; Curtis yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes.

Curtis requested that Council review the \$.30 per hour wage increase for firefighters. Council discussed the 2012 Budget, current and past expenses and the proposed renewal of the current Fire Levy in November 2013. Currently the firefighters are paid within a set range according to their participation, training and response to fire calls but the range was not increased along with other employees in January. Curtis moved and Clapper seconded to recommend the proposed wage increase to the Finance & Personnel committee. Roll call; Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes.

Staiger extended an invitation to a celebration on 4/7/12 at 7:00 PM to honor Chief Staiger, Asst. Chief Herb Hoffman and Captain Terry Weber. Hoffman and Weber have retired to honorary membership.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART**

Hart was excused. The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 4/16/12.

**UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER**

The committee is scheduled to meet at 7:00 PM on 3/26/12.

**VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE**

The committee is scheduled to meet on 4/22/12 at 7:00 PM at the First Knox National Bank.

**CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER**

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 4/2/12.

**ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS**

Moody of Dayton will begin Well #3 renovation and cleaning by the end of March. A new driveway to the well head will allow room for the boom truck to remove the pump from the well head and complete the cleaning and testing of the well.

The dehumidifiers will be installed in the process room during the next week. Painting and cleaning has been completed. Curb boxes are being replaced as needed.

Rogers reported he will be working with County Engineer Bush to relocate the 10” line across the open HPM ditch. The County will be responsible for the cost of the project.

No backflow problems were reported following the monthly cleaning of the sanitary sewer line on Baker St.

Unseasonably warm weather has hastened the beginning of the recreation season. Ball fields are being readied and practices have already begun.

Street patching continues as needed.

Problems from the new phone lines have been resolved. Rogers reported the invoices were not mailed to the correct address causing problems for the street office. Time Warner has apologized and offered to pay an invoice from Floyd Browne for expenses incurred in detecting and correcting the problems.

The Clean Ohio HPM project is continuing on schedule.

**MAYOR- MIKE PORTER**

The Mayor officiated at 2 weddings in the past week. He reported he will join the Cardington Council on 3/21/12 to bid farewell to Administrator Reynolds who has accepted a position in Wisconsin.

**SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER**

Griffith requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss litigation against the Village.

**CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN**

Following a brief discussion, Curtis moved and Matuch seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount \$68,212.69. It was agreed that the Police & Fire Committee would review pending Police training. Roll call; Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes. Resolution 2-20-12 was presented for the third reading. Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the resolution to purchase a trash truck. Mayor Porter explained that the resolution would take effect immediately to allow the purchase to take place without the 30-day wait. Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

**OTHER**

Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss litigation against the Village. Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Kline moved and Clapper seconded to return to the Regular Meeting. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes. Kline stated that Council discussed litigation against the Village while in Executive Session. Solicitor Griffith, Mayor Porter, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann, Administrator Rogers sat in on Executive Session.

Kline moved and Curtis seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss the proposed appointment and compensation of an employee. Roll call; Kline yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes. Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to return to the Regular Meeting. Roll call; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes. Curtis stated that Council discussed the proposed appointment and compensation of an employee while in Executive Session. Solicitor Griffith, Mayor Porter, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann, Administrator Rogers sat in on Executive Session. Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to appoint Greg Young as Fire Chief beginning 5/1/12 at an annual salary of \$51,000.00 and to include 3 weeks vacation. Roll call; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes.

Curtis moved and Matuch seconded to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer\_\_\_\_\_ Mike Porter\_\_\_\_\_

Dan Rogers, Administrator\_\_\_\_\_

