

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on March 5, 2012.

INVOCATION

The Mayor 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, Dianne Matuch, Emily Shaffer. Steve Hart and Ed Kline were 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 Matuch seconded to approve the minutes with the correction of the spelling of the name of Ron Louis. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis abstained.

GUESTS

Guests included James Sipek, Brian Zerman and Daniel DeVille, Area Manager for First Energy. Mr. Sipek requested that the Village recognize the 2012 Mt. Gilead High School Girls and Boys Basketball teams. The Mayor offered to prepare a Proclamation to honor both teams. Mr. DeVille introduced himself as the "front-line" person for the Village representing First Energy/Ohio Edison, encouraging Council to communicate any concerns to him. Council expressed appreciation to Mr. DeVille.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 269 calls for service, 10 felonies, 5 accidents and 60 reports during February.

Zerman explained the Tactical Training planned in May. Six officers will attend the training that includes home entries, school shootings, and hostage situations. He noted that officers participate in the scheduled lock-down drills at the schools.

Shaffer reported that a Saturday morning accident at the corner of Center St. and Main St. went unreported for several minutes while waiting for the phone to be answered by the Sheriff's office. Chief Zerman stated that phone line rings first into his office and then rings into the Sheriff's office after the fourth ring; he offered to check on the call.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused. The 2011 Year-End report was included in the Council packets.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-JOHN CURTIS**

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

The committee will meet at 6:00 PM on 3/13/12 to discuss Chief Staiger's pending retirement, wage increases for firefighters and increasing the number of Lieutenants.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart was excused.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee met on 2/27/12 and discussed the proposed cleaning and reconditioning of Well # 3 and water leak detection.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

Kline was excused.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported the committee will meet at 6:00 PM on 4/2/12.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal maintenance at the WWTP. At the Water Plant, the piping is cleaned and prime painted. Repairs were completed at the Douglas St. water tower to correct a sending unit problem.

A low-pressure problem at the Hospital proved to be within their system.

Ashford Management (Northgate Park) has been billed \$298.00 for trash pickup. The park contractor for trash collection, Rumpke Transportation, discontinued service for non-payment of the bill, creating a nuisance. Rogers reported Rumpke has agreed to contact the Village before a problem reoccurs.

Heavy farm equipment, purchased from the recent annual consignment sale at the Fairground, aggravated the already deteriorating Orchard Drive. Transporting the equipment to and from the sale caused further damage to the narrow street and residents' lawns.

Council members were given an opportunity to view the new Kaufman trailer and the 2005 Chevrolet Silverado before the meeting tonight. Council agreed the village vehicles should be displayed during a summer event since many residents are not aware of the age of many of the vehicles.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported presiding over the 2/22/12 Mayor's Court, along with Solicitor Griffith. Senator Rob Portman will host a meeting in Mt. Gilead from 2:30 until 3:30 on 3/29/12. The Mayor presented a Proclamation to honor the 100th Anniversary of the Girl Scouts, proclaiming 3/12/12 "Girl Scout Day in Mt. Gilead".

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Clapper moved and Curtis seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$141,664.28. Roll call; Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes.

Resolution 2-20-12 was presented for the second reading. Clapper moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the trash truck resolution to the third reading. Roll call; Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes.

Shaffer moved and Matuch seconded to contribute \$200.00 to the Morrow County Litter Advisory Board in support of the 2012 County Trash Bash. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Clapper requested that Rogers continue to remind the County to repair the HPM ditch.

Shaffer reported a pedestrian narrowly missed being injured while crossing Main St. The angry motorist insisted pedestrians should yield to motorists contrary to State Law.

Curtis moved and Matuch seconded to adjourn at 7:40 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator