

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on April 16, 2012.

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, Ed Kline, 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 minutes with the following corrections; the County, not the Council, will incur the cost of the material to complete the location of the 10" HPM waterline and the State will not sign off the HPM Plant II until after the inspection. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes Kline yes, Matuch yes.

GUESTS

Guests included LeAnne Gompf from the Sentinel, Ken Kennedy, Becky Kilgour and Ann Tittle, retiring Fire Chief Don Staiger and Carolyn Staiger, recently appointed Fire Chief Greg Young and Rona Young, Katie and Cheryl Young, and Firefighters Tim Hoffman, Robert Walker, Ken Fink and Chad Swank. Mrs. Kilgour and Mrs. Tittle, representing the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce, requested that S. Main St. be closed for the annual Sweet Corn Festival. Following a brief discussion, Kline moved and Curtis seconded to close S. Main St. from the Monument south to the Marion St. intersection from 4:00 PM on 7/20/12 until 8:00 PM on 7/21/12. Chief Staiger requested that the fifth-wheel, normally parked near the Monument, be located further south to accommodate the fire trucks in case of an emergency. Roll call; Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes. Mr. Kennedy expressed concern that a semi-truck has been parked on SR 61 N across from Northgate Park. He asked which streets, if any, would be paved in 2012. Rogers stated paving is being planned; several streets within subdivision are a first priority.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 109 responses for the year; 18 in April.

Mayor Porter read Resolution 4-16-12, a resolution of commendation to Donald W. Staiger who is retiring after more than 20 years service as Fire Chief. Council expressed appreciation and congratulations to the retiring leader with a standing ovation. The Mayor officiated the Swearing-In Ceremony for incoming Chief Young. Chief Staiger expressed appreciation to the Council for the support of the Department. The Mayor reported Proclamations would be sent to the Mt. Gilead Boys and Girls Basketball Teams.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 4/18/12 at the Street Department office.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

The committee met on 4/10/12 and discussed the 2013 fire levies and the need to make residents aware of the need to provide the revenue for the department. The committee requested the department prepare a spreadsheet to help plan for the revenue needed for the next 5-6 years. The next meeting is scheduled for 5/8/12.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed transferring funds from Star Ohio to another institution and the Minimum Wage laws as they pertain to minors and seasonal employees. The committee requested that Griffith research the requirements before the coming summer season.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The April meeting has been cancelled.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

The committee is scheduled to meet following Council. Kline encouraged members to consider nominations for the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence. Elected officials are not eligible for the award. Applications are due by 5/24/12.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 5/7/12.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported maintenance on the #1 sludge tank at the WWTP. Employee Steve McKirgan recently visited the Sunbury WWTP for possible solutions for the bacteria problems.

Moody's of Dayton has completed cleaning and renovations on Water Plant Well #3.

The rental property at the corner of W. Cedar St. and N. Rich St. has requested two additional curb stops and two additional meters to separate the three apartments. Three new addresses will be assigned for the utility billing.

Rogers explained the '89 Chevrolet is in poor condition, however the school has shown an interest in this truck to repair and use as a snowplow at the High School. Rogers requested that Griffith research to see if equipment could be donated to another entity. Council agreed to donate the vehicle to the school if allowed by Ohio law. An ordinance will be presented to Council to sell the '94 Chevrolet van, which is now out of service and will be sold in July. The '99 Chevrolet, used by the Administrator, has been re-assigned to the Water Department; the '97 Chevrolet was reconditioned and assigned to the Sewer Department; the '94 Chevrolet has been repainted and repaired and is at the Sewer Plant.

The Services Department has again applied topsoil and grass seed to the area affected by the 2010 Sanitary Sewer Project in a final attempt to comply with residents' requests. Rogers stressed that the project succeeded in resolving the flooding that had been a serious problem for many residents in the area and the lawns will be restored to the residents' satisfaction.

Grass seed has been applied to the SR95 E area to replace the temporary seeding of rye grass that was applied just before winter.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported Tree City is scheduled for 4/18/12.

The 2011 Income Tax Returns are due by the end of tomorrow 4/17/12.

A moment of silence was observed for loved ones who have passed away recently.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Following a brief discussion on the cost of cruiser tires, Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes.

Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to adopt the amended Rules of Procedure. Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

Mermann reported the 2010/2011 Audit would begin 4/18/12.

OTHER

Kline requested that Griffith research the liability for Village vehicles after they leave the corporation limits.

Council reported Chief Young would not be taking the Chief's vehicle out of the Village.

Matuch reported extensive vandalism at Fort Gilead. Council discussed the problems and possible solutions, including removing the fencing (but keeping the boards with listed volunteers' names) and installing cameras in the area. While the Police are quick to respond to complaints and frequently patrol the area, the young vandals are careful to hide behind the fencing and to quickly escape as soon as Officers appear. Parents are reluctant to take small children to the play area because the behavior of the older youth is so offensive.

Mrs. Gompf reported the number of pages and article currently included in the Sentinel has been limited.

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

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator