

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on April 2, 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, 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

Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the 3/19/12 minutes as presented. Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman, Ken Kennedy and Donna Carver. Mr. Kennedy expressed appreciation for the signs placed at the end on Westview Dr. He repeated his concerns from 1/16/12 about pedestrian and bicycle safety and public courtesy. Chief Zerman stated it is parents' responsibility to teach children public courtesy and Mayor Porter reported he has contacted the Jr. High School Principal as well as a bicycle safety expert about educating the young people on traffic laws and safety. Mr. Kennedy also expressed dissatisfaction that while the Cardington Council news is always reported in the Sentinel, Mt. Gilead Council is seldom included in the weekly publication. Council agreed but noted the Cardington reporter is very diligent and while Cardington is experiencing some controversy the Mt. Gilead Council is seldom controversial.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 278 calls, 45 reports, 8 accidents and 95 charges during March. A deer caused extensive damage to the 2007 cruiser on 3/31/12. The officer was not injured in the accident that occurred on US Route 42. Council discussed the estimated repair costs of \$4,067.55. Zerman reported the vehicle, which has in excess of 120,000 miles, was scheduled to be retired in June with the arrival of the new 2012 cruiser. Council agreed to wait until the insurance adjuster could make his recommendations.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-JOHN CURTIS**

The committee met on 3/29/12 at the Street Department and discussed the street resurfacing. The committee is scheduled to meet on 4/18/12 at 6:00 PM.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

Kline reminded Council of the importance of keeping the Fire Districts aware of the future of the Department, both personnel and the tax levies and noted that the communications with Edison were well accepted. Council discussed the need for all residents who benefit from the department's rating to understand the need to support the levies that will be on the 2013 ballots. The Mayor stated that the 1.5 mill Gilead Township levy, which will be increased and the 1.5 mill Village levy, which will be a renewal, could both be on the same ballot. He suggested that one levy be placed on the primary election in the spring and the other on the general election in November.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

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

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The 3/26/12 minutes were reviewed briefly. The committee discussed the W. Marion St. waterline replacement and the Water Plant Well #3 renovations. The 4/23/12 meeting was cancelled.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

The Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence applications, available on line, are due in by 5/24/12. The committee will begin to review several proposed projects, including a possible bike-path from the WWTP to US 42, the improvements to the Soccer field, and future annexations. Kline explained that Del-Co Water is very close to the corporation limits and properties both north and south could potentially be annexed into the Village. The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 4/11/12.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and discussed conflicts in Zoning Chapter 1135.02 and Chapter 1321 "Building Demolitions". Recommended revisions will be presented for Council approval. The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 5/5/12.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal flows and maintenance at the WWTP. Employees Felder and McKirgan attended OEPA training on 3/18/12 and 3/19/12. At the Water Plant, Well #3 renovations are progressing well with the exception of a screen problem. Employees Felder and St. Clair worked to repair an early morning waterline break on N. Delaware St. before attending training on 3/28/12. St. Clair and Rogers attended an EPA CUPSS (Check-Up Program for Small Systems) software training at Columbus State University on 3/21/12. The Village will continue to work with the County to repair the 10" line across the open ditch on HPM property. The Council will incur the cost of the material to complete the relocation of the exposed line. Excess water from a W. Marion St. resident will no longer be run into the street following the installation of a 6" storm draining line along the north side of the street. Two types of grass seed and topsoil will again be applied to the areas affected by the 2010 Storm Sewer Project following a complaint that the first two applications were not satisfactory. A tree from the Arbor Day order will be planted on the Jackson property on Dogwood Dr. Rogers again credited property owners who have been patient or have finished their own landscaping. Blight complaints, high grass and junk vehicles, have begun early this spring with the unseasonably warm weather.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reminded Council of the party on 4/7/12 to honor retiring Chief Staiger and Firefighters Herb Hoffman and Terry Weber. Tree City ceremonies and luncheon are scheduled for 4/18/12 in Dublin; Arbor Day is scheduled for 4/27/12 at the school. A note of appreciation for the Police courtesy and assistance to a Mt. Gilead teacher was presented. The Ohio Utilities Commission has declared April "Safe Digging Month". Porter met with Senator Portman's representative and expressed concern that the Brownfield Clean Ohio funding could be discontinuing. The HPM Plant I and/or Plant II project could be affected if the funding is not longer available.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$99,015.18. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes. Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1671. Roll call; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes. Matuch moved and

Curtis seconded to adopt the Fire Chief compensation ordinance. Roll call; Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes.

Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 4-2-12. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes. Clapper moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the transfer of funds resolution. Roll call; Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hart yes.

Kline moved and Clapper seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 4-2-12A. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes. Clapper moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the curbside recycling bid resolution. Roll call; Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hart yes.

Hart moved and Matuch seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 4-2-12B. Roll call; Hart yes, Matuch yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes. Hart moved and Kline seconded to adopt the Real Estate Tax Assessment resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes.

The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Kline requested that a letter be sent at least monthly to the County Prosecutor for resolution on the Brownfield Clean Ohio plans for HPM Plant I and II, stating that with the questionable future of the Brownfield Funding, it is time for action. Mayor Porter reported the Prosecutors have no control over HPM Plant I, the Village has already taken control of that. Rogers and Porter met with the County Commissioners today and discussed the Plant II property; the foreclosure process for the Plant II is finished, the only thing remaining is the advertising for the sale of the property. He stated the County is not ready to do that in case the County ends up owning the property. He reported "Scrappers" have expressed an interest in buying the property; scrapping everything out and donating the property back to the County or the Village. Porter reported he and Rogers have expressed the desire that the property come to the Village unless the property is severely contaminated. Rogers explained that the EPA would complete a "cursory walk-through" inspection to determine the extent of the contamination and the means necessary to remove it from the property. He reported chromium was not used at the Plant II location, however an underground fuel oil tank must be removed by an environmental company approved by the EPA. Chances of the contamination with the tank, other than the ground surrounding the tank, are minimal. The oil that is there is cutting oil that is contained in a concrete pit. The State has stated the property is a good site but they will not sign off on it. Also, Plant I is near a residential area and Plant II is not. Brownfield is tied to the Transportation Bill but is Issue I funding. Rogers reminded Council that there would be a Phase I and Phase II of the cleanup project. Kline and Hart expressed concern that the project could eventually be a costly endeavor for the Village particularly if the Brownfield funds are no longer available.

Rogers explained the time frame for the removal of the destroyed house located at 142 Iberia St. One final letter will go out to the property owner and then the demolition project can be bid.

"Do Not Enter" signs have been posted at the dangerous property. Kline urged Council to attend the Open House on 4/15/12 at the Flying Horse Farms from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM. The Easton offices will be moved to the Mt. Gilead location.

Curtis moved and Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:15 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator