

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on July 18, 2011.

INVOCATION

Curtis 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 Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Minutes were corrected to reflect the Utility Committee meeting was scheduled for 6/28/11. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the corrected minutes. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman and Tracy Conant. Morrow County Wildlife Management Trapper, licensed with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Mr. Conant reported he has received numerous reports of one or more coyotes within the Village. From the reported sightings, he believes they are traveling east along the spur line from Edison, behind the former HPM manufacturing plant and along Douglas Street. Chief Zerman concurred that the population of coyotes in the area has increased and the majority of the sightings within the Village have been in and around the Northwood subdivision. Mr. Conant reported the coyotes cannot be "relocated" but will have to be destroyed once they have been trapped. Conant answered Council's concerns for the safety of residents and the number and nature of the coyotes. Mr. Conant offered to communicate and cooperate with the Police and left his business cards with Council.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported the purchase of a 2000 Ford Expedition to be used as an undercover vehicle.

Interviews and background checks have been completed for four auxiliary candidates. Hart moved and Levings seconded to approve George Hinkle, Kevin Kohler, Mark McLain, and Corey Galyk to serve as auxiliary officers. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Chief Zerman commended Officer Brandon Ford who has resigned to accept a full-time commission with the Delaware County jail.

Officers are regularly patrolling the former HPM plant, making sure the building is as secure as possible. Electric service has not been discontinued to the site and wiring and piping are intact, which may attract break-ins and thefts but will pose an electrical threat if an attempt is made to steal the wiring and several thirty-foot pits containing oil and various chemicals could also be a hazard.

A recent federal drug investigation, involving Delaware, Columbus, and Westerville, resulted in the confiscation of approximately \$97,000.00, numerous guns and 5 or 6 vehicles. Because the investigation began with our department, it is estimated the Village will receive between \$8,000.00 and \$18,000.00 and at least two vehicles which are being stored at the impound lot until cleared.

Zerman reported a significant increase in trafficking heroin, "bath salts" and K-2 incense which are mind-altering drugs when sniffed. A notable increase in drive-off theft of gasoline at the BP Duke was also reported.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused to attend the annual Fire Chief's conference.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 8/3/11 at the Street Department office.

FIRE & POLICE-JOHN CURTIS

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 8/9/11 at the Fire Station.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council to review and clarify several issues in the vacation policy. Recommendations banning pay-out of cash for unused vacation time and regulating "earned" vacation time and "comp-time" will be added to the Personnel Policy for Council approval.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee met and toured the WWTP on 6/28/11. Clapper reported the committee will consider the funding necessary to replace the clarifier's main drives. The next meeting scheduled for 7/26/11 is cancelled.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DIANNE MATUCH

The Dr. Nathan Tucker Awards will be presented at the Morrow Chamber of Commerce luncheon on 8/16/11 at the Morrow County Hospital. Matuch reported she has ordered the plaques and the trophies.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 9/7/11.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGER

Rogers reported the amount of sludge from the WWTP is significantly reduced this year, thanks to the innovative measures of the employees. Removal will begin this week: drying beds are being emptied.

At the Water Plant, Well #5 has been flushed and testing completed. The well was put out of service because of an excess of arsenic in the water. The well will be closely monitored.

The first 200 feet of the 900' SR 95 E water line extension was completed today. The next 250' should be completed by the end of the week to allow the resident east of the State Lake Park to tap into the Village system.

An E. High St. resident caused several problems on Saturday when he attempted to install a new water line and caused damage to the new curb box and the sanitary sewer line. Employees were called in on Saturday to correct a series of errors.

Two bad sanitary sewer laterals, located at 91 and 97 S. Rich St., will be repaired this week.

Deer Creek Excavating has had to replant the area in front of the Hospital this week. Heavy rains caused a run-of the earlier seeding. Final grant payment is due the end of August.

Chipper is scheduled to make a pickup next week.

Cold patching is continuing as needed. Rich St. will be swept, asphalt tack and limestone 9's will be applied in August.

Brownfield Restoration will begin soil borings in September at the HPM Plant I.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reminded Council that Relay For Life is scheduled for this weekend 7/22/11-7/23/11. Safety Town completed their annual two-week classes directed at acquainting pre-Kindergarten students with safety measures and class settings prior to the beginning of school. Porter commended the Police Department for their active participation.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith reported he would review a request from the Ohio Public Defenders Office for a contract between the Morrow County Commissioners and the Village. The agreement will address Attorney's fees for Indigents who have had their Mayor's Court cases transferred to County Court and qualify for a court-appointed defense attorney. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to authorize the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer to sign the proposed contract. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1657 was presented for the third reading. Shaffer moved and Matuch seconded to adopt the taxicab ordinance. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Ordinance 1658 was presented for the third reading. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to adopt the sidewalk ordinance. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes.

Ordinance 1660 was presented for the second reading. Levings moved and Hart seconded to pass the wage ordinance to the third reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes.

Resolution 7-18-11 was presented. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the Fire Training Academy resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

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

YTD Fund Report was distributed.

OTHER

Clapper questioned if residents and/or companies who attempt to replace or repair utility lines and ultimately cause problems for the Village are charged. Rogers reported that residents are not charged for inadvertently causing additional problems or expenses. Columbia Gas does not alert the Village before they dig into the streets or right-of-way but may contact the Ohio Utility Protection Service (OUPS). Curb cuts are regulated by village ordinance but no ordinance exists for street cuts.

Curtis moved and Levings seconded to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator