

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:07 PM on September 19, 2011.

INVOCATION

Hart 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, Emily Shaffer. Dianne Matuch 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 Levings seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

GUESTS

Don Staiger was the guest.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 15 runs for the month, an average of 1.23 calls per day for the year. A written report noted "problems getting firefighters to respond to weekend calls due to family activities, work and the fact that we are so busy". The report noted a need to add part time firefighters to the weekend schedule. A record of the responses per weekend showed a total of 102 responses over a span of 33 weeks.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-JOHN CURTIS

The committee is scheduled to meet on 10/11/11.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council to continue the review and update of the Personnel Policy. The benefits and regulations needed for Comp-Time were discussed. Resolution 9/19/11 A to offer Ohio Deferred Compensation was discussed. Solicitor Griffith advised the resolution be presented for three readings beginning tonight. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on 10/17/11.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:30 PM on 9/27/11. Clapper requested an update of the WWTP clarifiers and the Kroger waterline.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DIANNE MATUCH

Shaffer reviewed the written report in Matuch's absence. The committee met on 9/15/11 and discussed a meeting with local business owners, educators and religious organizations to consider ideas to attract businesses and/or families to the community. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to provide pizza, salad and pop and water to the group invited to the meeting on 10/20/11. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on 9/29/11.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 10/3/11.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the replacement of the septage receiving billing computer. All current data is being downloaded into the new computer.

No problems were reported at the Water Plant.

Jim Bartlett, who attended Council on May 2, 2011, was granted permission by the County Commissioners to remove the tile from the bottom of the drainage ditch running from the RR behind the HPM property, across Westview Drive and Baker St. Rogers reported the cleaning of the ditch exposed the Village's 10" water line, making it vulnerable to freezing in the winter. The line will be lowered at an approximate cost of \$3,500.00 for pipe, fittings and labor. The final 500' of water line on the SR 95 E extension should be completed by next week. Two or three more residents will hook into the Village system.

The County will again be billed for the cleaning of the E. Union St. sanitary sewer line. Jail inmates continue to flush debris, including bedding and small shampoo bottles.

The last brush pick-up is scheduled for next week.

Several streetlight outages within the Village have been reported to Ohio Edison but have not been repaired. Severe storms along the east coast have required local manpower and left local electric customers waiting for routine services.

Mowing continues for blight areas.

The pool is closed; winterization will be completed within the next 2-3 weeks.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reported approximately 500 people attended the annual Block Party on Saturday 9/17/11. The new Lutheran Church will join the five local churches to sponsor the event in 2012.

Porter will attend the required Mayor's Court Training on 9/30/11.

A grant-writing expert will meet with the Mayor this week to discuss the most effectual methods for writing grant applications.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

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

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to pay the bills presented. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 9-19-11. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes. Hart moved and Levings seconded to adopt the salt bid resolution. Roll call: Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

Resolution 9-19-11 A was presented for the first reading. Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to pass the Ohio Deferred Compensation resolution to the second reading. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Levings yes.

Mermann reported the fourth Hearing before the Income Tax Review Board is scheduled for 9/29/11. Serving on the Board are Board Chairman Steve Phillips, Betty Williams and Ed Kline. The Board has supported all the previous decisions of the tax department and Phillips commended Tax Administrator St. Clair for consistently enforcing the local income tax regulations.

OTHER

Clapper expressed concern that Columbia Gas has continued excavation work along Bank St. Rogers stated the Village has a road-opening permit requirement but the utility company consistently fails to comply with the regulations. The frequent digging has caused hazardous conditions along the street, which will become more serious with winter conditions. Clapper suggested a letter from the Solicitor be sent to Columbia Gas.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation against the Village. Roll call: Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Curtis moved and Clapper seconded to return to Regular Council. Roll call: Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

Hart stated Council discussed pending litigation against the Village while in Executive Session. Curtis moved and Levings seconded to adjourn at 7:55PM.

