

## **CALL TO ORDER**

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

## **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, Darrell Levings, Emily Shaffer. The Clerk declared a quorum. Steve Hart and Dianne Matuch were excused. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

## **MINUTES**

The Clerk expressed appreciation to Emily Shaffer for taking the 2/21/11 minutes. Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings abstained and Clapper abstained.

## **GUESTS**

Guests included Marsha Taylor, Rachel Mendell, Brian Zerman and Don Staiger. Mrs. White referred to the recent flooding conditions and evacuations of residents from the S. Main St. Mobile Home Park and the S. Delaware St. Thistlewood Apartments. The Mayor stated that Trinity Methodist Church, in cooperation with the American Red Cross, offers temporary shelter to individuals who are forced to leave their homes. The First Presbyterian Church also acts as a temporary shelter.

## **POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN**

Chief Zerman reported 246 calls for service, 13 suspicious person reports, 16 accidents and 176 charges for the month of February.

The closure of SR 95 in front of the Hospital, which began on 2/8/11, continues to cause traffic problems. Commercial trucks continue to ignore the numerous detour signs and then attempt to use Westview Dr. and Douglas St. Officers will continue to issue traffic citations for the violations.

## **FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER**

Chief Staiger reported 79 responses for the year. Firefighters assisted with the evacuation of residents following the recent flooding.

Engine 15 repairs are nearing completion.

62 firefighters from several counties, including Knox, Marion and Delaware and 9 fire departments took part in the recent 7-hour Risk vs. Benefit and Company

Officer Tactics training course offered by the department through Bowling Green State University.

The Diesel Exhaust System installation is scheduled for March 21<sup>st</sup>.

## **COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 3/23/11 in the Street Department office.

### **FIRE & POLICE-JOHN CURTIS**

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 4/12/11 with the Fire Department.

### **FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART**

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 3/21/11.

**UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER**

Clapper presented the refinancing options of the 2010 Water System Improvement Bonds prepared by Fifth Third Bank. Two options were quoted; the first was with a principal pay down option of \$250,000.00 and the second with a \$500,000.00 pay down. He explained the over-all savings of the \$500,000.00 option and the means of funding the pay down from the Water Capital Improvement Fund and the Reserve Fund. Clapper moved and Levings seconded to proceed with the \$500,000.00 pay down option. First Knox National Bank requested the opportunity to present a bid for the refinancing. The bids are expected by the end of the week. Roll call; Clapper yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes. Clapper explained the time frame needed to complete the refinancing, noting a special meeting may be needed to meet the final deadline.

**VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DIANNE MATUCH**

Matuch was excused.

**CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER**

Shaffer reported a brief meeting prior to Council. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on 4/4/11.

**ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS**

Rogers reported the combination of warm temperatures, melting snow and heavy rain resulted in the flooding conditions on 2/28/11. The Street Department suffered the only property damage with the loss of street salt and grit. All equipment had been moved to higher elevations. Morton Salt would permit additional purchase of salt but the Rogers stated the appropriation is depleted. High water forced the temporary closing of the Union St. entrance to the Water Plant.

The weather delayed progress at the SR 95 Storm Sewer Replacement project. The road closure permit was extended through 3/18/11. Family Dollar Store located on the corner of Westview Dr. and SR 95 was without water for 18 hours while a water valve was replaced. A boil alert was ordered.

Miller Pipeline repaired a cut lateral sanitary sewer line on W. Marion St.

Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to approve Brownfield Restoration Group for the Clean Ohio Revitalization project of the former HPM Plant I.

**MAYOR- MIKE PORTER**

Porter reported the County demolished three condemned houses; 125 Iberia St., 191 South Street, and 181 W. Marion St., through a Neighborhood Stabilization grant

**SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER**

No report.

**CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN**

Following a brief discussion, Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Levings yes.

Levings offered to attend the OML Legislative Luncheon on 3/22/11 in place of Dianne Matuch who is unable to attend.

Both John Curtis and Emily Shaffer have achieved their NIMS certification.

**OTHER**

Curtis moved and Clapper seconded to adjourn at 7:40.

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Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Porter, Mayor

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Dan Rogers, Administrator