

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on May 17, 2010.

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, 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

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to approve the 5/3/10 minutes with one correction for the order of a vote and that the adoption of the Rivercliff Cemetery Resolution would ensure future funding. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Brad Snow, Mary Ann Teacher, Rachel Mandell, Brian Zerman, and Don Staiger.

Mr. Snow, a YMCA Swim Coach, addressed Ordinance 1474 requiring the Mt. Gilead Swim Team Coach be a certified lifeguard. Mr. Snow's wife, Dina, was hired by the Recreation Advisory Board to serve as Swim Team Coach, contingent on her lifeguarding certification. While Mrs. Snow has attained her coach's certification, CPR, and First Aid, she was not aware of the lifeguard certification requirement until very recently. Mr. Snow cited a Department of Health requirement that a certified lifeguard be on duty during all swim activities, not involved in coaching, and noted the importance of a lifeguard while the coach is busy with 60-80 swimmers of varying ages and swimming ability. In recent years, a college student Village lifeguard has coached the team. Council discussed the additional cost of providing a lifeguard during swim practice; Rogers suggested raising the swim team fees since the swim coach is a paid position. Council agreed the safety of the swimmers was the first concern and any amendment of the ordinance should come from a recommendation from the Recreation Board. Mr. Snow stated that from a liability standpoint, he would request that Mrs. Snow resign her position if a lifeguard is not provided during practices. Shaffer offered to review the ordinance requirements in the Codes and Regulations Committee on 6/7/10.

Mary Ann Teacher, from the Morrow County Economic Development Office, reported that a Neighborhood Stabilization Program Grant is funding the demolition of at least three Mt. Gilead houses. Additional houses could be approved for removal if they meet the qualifications of being empty for at least three months and the property is blighted. The three houses include the Village-owned 125 Iberia St. location, one on South St. and the Habitat for Humanity house on Marion St.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported Sgt. Cronenwett and canine Seger have completed the K-9 Training. Certification ceremony, scheduled for next week, will be announced in the Sentinel.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 174 runs for the year. Eighteen firefighters accumulated a total of 108 hours of training on 5/15/10 at the 125 Iberia St. house practice-burn.

The cost effectiveness of transferring parts from the 1985 Rescue 11 to Engine 15 is being considered.

Council discussed the request of adding an additional firefighter during the day to allow the Chief the ability to take a more administrative position during a fire call. Staiger reported an additional annual cost of approximately \$20,000.00. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to allow an additional firefighter during the daytime hours and to authorize an ordinance to increase the roster up to 45 firefighters. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Matuch moved and Levings seconded to approve candidates Aaron Wilcox and Bryan Gress as volunteer firefighters. Roll call; Matuch yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

Levings reported the committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 5/19/10.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met at 6:00 PM tonight. Council members were given a sample Credit Card Policy to consider for adoption on 6/7/10. Auditors Julian & Grube recommended the policy be adopted.

The review of the Personnel Policy is continuing.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee is scheduled to meet following the meeting tonight.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

A brief meeting will be held after Council tonight.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The 5/3/10 meeting minutes were distributed. The committee will address Ordinance 1474 to address Mr. Snow's concerns on 6/7/10.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported continuing problems with the alum delivery system at the WWTP. EleMech, Inc. representative is scheduled for next week for testing and training of the septage billing system.

Repairs at the Water Plant include the replacement of the wheel assemblies of the dehumidifier system. 70% of the cleaning and priming at the plant has been completed.

Most of the Northwood subdivision was without water while repairs and replacement of three main line valves were completed last week. Rogers explained the repairs necessary for the 6" line from W. Union St. to Iberia St.

Parts were ordered for the repairs to the downtown water fountain. The local garden club members have completed the spring landscaping at the welcome signs and the downtown area.

The demolition of the former Mt. Gilead High School building (and later the Junior High School) located on W. Union St. began early this morning. The demolition is scheduled to be completed next week. Trucks, hauling debris, were routed south on N. Rich St. to SR 95.

No Parking signs will be placed on Lee St. and Grant St. as time allows.

Weather has delayed the completion of the Northwood subdivision Storm Sewer ARRA project. Astor Pool is on schedule replacing the municipal pool walls. The pool is scheduled to open Memorial Day weekend.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter announced the Memorial Day activities. The parade will form at 12:30 PM and will step off at 1:00 PM. The services at the Rivercliff Cemetery will include the ceremonial shooting of the historical pre-Revolutionary War Pollack cannon that was donated to Mt. Gilead in 1917 by Capt. Edwin T. Pollack, USN. The cannon barrel was cast in 1766 and has never been shot in Morrow County.

The Mayor requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss the possible purchase of real estate located within the Village.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

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.

Resolution 5-17-10 was presented for the 1st reading. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to pass the S. Main St. park resolution to the 2nd reading. Council discussed the cost and location of the proposed downtown greenspace, the plans necessary to go out for bid, and the lack of time to budget and plan the project. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch no, Hart no, Curtis no, Clapper yes. Mayor Porter broke the tie vote with a yes vote to pass the resolution on to the 2nd reading.

Ordinance 1638 was presented. Hart moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to adopt the Supplemental Appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes.

Ordinance 1639 was presented. Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Hart moved and Clapper seconded to adopt the ordinance engaging Peck, Shaffer & Williams LLP Bond Counsel. Roll call; Hart yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Matuch yes. Mermann expressed appreciation to Andy Brossart CPA with Fifth Third Securities, Attorney Brenda Wehmer, Bond Counsel and Carla Bostic with U.S. Bank and their staffs for the patient and professional attention to the refinancing of the 1999 Series Water Revenue Refunding Bonds.

Council agreed to continue the association with CompManagement BWC Managed Care. The YTD Fund Report was distributed.

OTHER

Matuch requested that Solicitor Griffith review the proposed Governmental Electricity Aggregation contract with Ohio Edison and the ORC regulating such contracts before Council enters into the agreement with the company.

Curtis reported that after talking with neighbors, blight regulations need to be enforced. Property values are being affected within the community. The playground area, Fort Gilead, has also been neglected by the school and has been the target of vandals.

Addressing the swim team coach question, Shaffer noted that as a parent, she would not want an individual coaching 80 young swimmers also serving as the only lifeguard on site.

Curtis moved and Matuch seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss the possible purchase of real estate. Roll call; Curtis yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes. Curtis moved and Levings seconded to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Roll call; Curtis yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes. Hart reported Council discussed a possible real estate purchase during Executive Session. Hart moved and Levings seconded to authorize the Mayor to discuss the proposed purchase with a local realtor. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes.

Curtis moved and Levings seconded to adjourn at 8:50 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Michael S. Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator