

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on May 3, 2010.

## **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, Steve Hart, Darrell Levings, Emily Shaffer. Dianne Matuch arrived later and John Curtis was excused. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

## **MINUTES**

Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the minutes of the 4/19/10 meeting. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Levings yes.

Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to approve the 4/29/10 Special Meeting minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes.

Hart moved and Levings seconded, to recess the regular meeting. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Clapper yes.

## **JOINT MEETING WITH GILEAD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES**

Attendance roll call; Tim Clapper, Steve Hart, Darrell Levings, Emily Shaffer, Harry Arnold, Clyde Columber, Dave Lewis.

Mr. Columber reported the Trustees met with the Rivercliff Cemetery Board to request that funding from the Rivercliff Levy be used to maintain all the cemeteries within Gilead Township and the Cemetery Board be reconstructed to include one member of Village Council, one Trustee, and one member at large, possibly from Edison. Historically, the Board has consisted of one Trustee and two members of Council. Columber stated that between \$12,000.00 and \$15,000.00 would be needed to fund the additional cemeteries and he would vote against the resolution being presented. Council discussed the need to move forward with the resolution to continue the inside-millage tax through the next year. Lewis and Hart, both members of the Cemetery Board spoke of the financial struggles at Rivercliff Cemetery and the need to maintain the current tax revenues. Solicitor Griffith offered to meet with the Board and Trustees in June before any changes are recommended. Hart moved and Clapper seconded to suspend the rules for Resolution 5-3-10. Roll call; Hart yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt Resolution 5/3/10.

Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Clapper yes, Lewis yes, Arnold no, Columber no.

Mayor Porter appointed Clapper to succeed former Council member Betty Williams to the Board until 12/31/10. Hart moved and Levings seconded to appoint Clapper to the Cemetery Board for the 3 three-year term beginning 1/1/11 through 12/31/13. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Lewis yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes.

Columber reported the contractor hired by the Village to haul sludge from the WWTP caused serious damage to TR 126. The Mayor stated the Village would investigate the complaint.

Hearing no other concerns, Hart moved and Clapper seconded to adjourn the Joint Meeting.

Roll call; Hart yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes.

Hart moved and Clapper seconded to reconvene the regular Council meeting. Roll call; Hart yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

## **GUESTS**

Guests included Brian Zerman, Rachel Mendall, Tom and Jane Griffith, Mike Clapper, Rosalie Monroe, and Pastor Chuck Graham.

Trinity Methodist Pastor Graham requested permission to host the annual multi-church Block Party on 9/11/10 from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM using the downtown southeast corner park area,

parking lot and alley. The annual event features free food and fellowship drawing a crowd of approximately 600-700 people. Pastor assured Council the churches would coordinate the event to avoid a repeat of the conflict with the Farmers' Market merchants in 2009. The National Guard would provide a portable electric unit and all trash would be removed from the area. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to grant permission for the annual festival. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes.

Dogwood Lane resident, Mrs. Monroe, stated several residences in the Northwood Subdivision have yet to have their property restored following the completion of the ARRA Storm Sewer Project. Mayor Porter assured Mrs. Monroe the recent rains delayed the landscaping and Deer Creek Excavating has worked diligently to accommodate all the residents' concerns. Weather permitting, the contractors should complete the project within the next two weeks.

Tree Board member, Mr. Griffith presented a recommendation to transform approximately 30 feet of the S. Main St. parking lot, located on the east side of Main Street, between 34 S. Main St. and 42 S. Main St. into an attractive green space for the downtown area. Landscape Architect Mike Clapper presented a drawing and showed a picture of a completed project and explained the proposed landscaping; a variety of shrubs and flowers, an attractive walkway, and an iron railing front. Council discussed the size of the proposed "park/green-space", the preparation needed to begin the project, removing the concrete and the fill dirt, the future maintenance and upkeep of the area, and the cost of the complete project. Clapper stated an expected cost would range from \$23,000.00 to \$28,000.00. Griffith suggested that the garden clubs that maintain the downtown and welcome sign areas could include this additional space. Council agreed three readings of a resolution would allow time to review the project and the budget. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to have a resolution prepared to go out for bid for the proposed project. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes.

#### **POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN**

Chief Zerman reported 258 calls for service, 47 reports, 11 felonies, and 10 accidents during April.

Officer Lakey has completed his initial training and is an asset to the Department.

Sgt. Cronenwett and canine Seger have completed their K-9 Training. The dog is traveling with Sgt. Cronenwett during normal patrol, becoming acclimated to the job. Testing and Certification are scheduled for 5/12/10.

#### **FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER**

Chief Staiger was excused. The written report was available.

### **COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

#### **STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

The committee will discuss the TR 126 complaint at the next scheduled meeting on 5/19/10.

#### **FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH**

No report.

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

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 5/17/10.

#### **UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER**

The committee is scheduled to meet following Council on 5/17/10 to finalize the water rate recommendations.

#### **VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS**

Curtis was excused.

#### **CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER**

The committee met prior to Council and discussed Ordinances 1325 and 1327. The committee will forgo meetings during July and August.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS**

Rogers was excused. The written report was available.

**MAYOR- MIKE PORTER**

Mayor Porter appointed Tim Butcher to the Tree Board.  
Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to recommend residents Ed Kline or Alison Hirt to join Solicitor Griffith to serve on the Tax Review Board. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes.

**SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER**

Solicitor Griffith requested that Council go into Executive Session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss pending litigation.

**CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN**

Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the bills. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes.  
Resolution 4-5-10 was presented for the third reading. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the recreation levy resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes.

**OTHER**

Council noted the TEP Monument project has enhanced the downtown square. Council agreed a bronze plaque noting the names and dates listed on the monument and placed in the adjacent park area would be an attractive addition to complete the project.  
Hart moved and Levings seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes.  
Hart moved and Clapper seconded to reconvene Regular Meeting. Roll call; Hart yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.  
Hart reported that pending litigation was discussed in Executive Session.  
Hart moved and Levings seconded to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

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Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Porter, Mayor

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Dan Rogers, Administrator