

CALL TO ORDER

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

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

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to approve the 5/17/10 minutes as presented. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Rachel Mandell, Don Staiger, Ruby Jackson, Karen Veronica, Tim Butcher, Erin Kelty and her daughter.

Morrow County Hospice Director, Veronica, requested that Council to eliminate the one-way traffic regulations on Arnold Lane. Ms. Veronica explained the difficulty Hospice staff and nurses have during the winter months negotiating the steep north-to-south street. Rogers explained the street is actually a 14'X16' alley. Mayor Porter explained the history and naming of the narrow "street". Ms. Veronica stated all the residents have approved the requested changes. Street Committee chairman Levings offered to review the request and make a recommendation with the approval of the Police Chief and Fire Chief.

Mrs. Kelty, Morrow County Chamber of Commerce President, requested the closing of S. Main St. and Center St. for the annual Sweet Corn Festival in July. Shaffer agreed the event merits closing off the downtown area. An added feature this year will include two bands and a car show as well as the popular chicken barbeque. Chief Staiger requested that the wagon/stage be located to allow the fire trucks access to the downtown area. Levings moved and Hart seconded to allow the closing of Center St. and S. Main St from the Monument south to the Marion St./Main St. intersection from 5:00 PM on Friday 7/16/10 until 8:00 PM on Saturday 7/17/10. Roll call; Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes. Mrs. Jackson began a detailed explanation of her desire to create a park/green space in the downtown parking area on S. Main St. She explained her two-year effort, stemming from a trip to Van Wert, to develop a similar area featuring murals, brick walkways and landscaping. Her pictorial notebook and plans were loaned to the Tree Board who did not return the materials but instead have developed their own proposal without reference to her original ideas. She stated she has requested the return on her notebook and an opportunity to present her plans, costs and the means to pay for the project to Council. She plans to be an active participant in charge of the project.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was on vacation and excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DONALD STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 193 responses for the year. A fire on 5/17/10 destroyed a Bank Street residence. The Mt. Gilead Police are assisting the State Fire Marshal in the investigation.

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee met on 5/19/10 in the newly renovated Street Office. Curtis commended the employees for the professional completion of the renovations. Each member of the committee visited TR 126 following Gilead Township Trustee Columber's complaint that the contractor hired to haul sludge from the Village WWTP had caused damage to township road. The committee agreed there was no evidence of unusual damage to the road and only the normal wear from entering or exiting a field was visible. Administrator Rogers contacted both the Trustee and the contractor with the final determination.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 5:30 PM on 6/16/10.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 6/21/10.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee met following the Council meeting on 5/17/10 to finalize the water and sewer rate recommendations. Clapper explained both the Water Fund and the Sewer Fund spreadsheets from 2005 and projected out until 2018 and noted the revenue increase during 2006 and 2007 were due to water tap fees and sewer tap fees. In order to allow future improvements to both water and sewer systems and maintain healthy fund balances, a 1% increase for the water rates and a 4% increase for the sewer rates was recommended. Clapper moved and Hart seconded to authorize ordinances to increase the water rates 1% to begin 1/1/11 and an annual increase of 1% thereafter; to increase sewer rates 4% to begin 1/1/11; 3% to begin 1/1/12; 3% to begin 1/1/13; 2% to begin 1/1/14; and an annual increase of 2% to continue thereafter. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Curtis no, Matuch no, Shaffer no, Levings yes. Mayor Porter voted yes to break the tie vote. Clapper complimented the Council for reacting so promptly to refinance the 1999 Series Water Revenue Refunding Bonds, a savings of over \$500,000.00.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis is finalizing the interviews with the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence candidates.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and discussed the swim team coach requirements. The committee recommended that the Recreation Advisory Board determine the qualifications necessary for the Coach and bring their decision back to Council. The committee recommended that at least one lifeguard be present for all swim activities.

The committee reviewed the current list of permit fees. All out-of-date fees will be pulled from the Codified Ordinances and will be determined annually by Council. The fees schedule will be reviewed during the summer months.

The committee is scheduled to meet on 9/7/10.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported on the normal repairs and maintenance at both the Water Plant and WWTP.

Despite several days of rain during the past 2-½ weeks, the flows at the WWTP remain low.

Cleaning and painting at the Water Plant is nearing completion.

Installation of the septage receiving billing system upgrade is completed.

Repairs of the Iberia St./Union St. hydrant are still pending the arrival of the additional parts needed. The hydrant was severely damaged during a traffic accident during the winter.

The downtown water fountain was repaired before Memorial Day.

The Junior High School building has been demolished and the area cleared.

Village employees spent 32 man-hours assisting the Rivercliff Union Cemetery staff prior to the Memorial Day ceremonies.

The ARRA Storm Sewer Project is nearing completion with the seeding and final restoration of the lawns affected by the extensive project.

Astor Pool completed the pool repairs on 5/24/10, swim team lines were painted, and the pool opened on schedule on 5/29/10.

The Lincoln Ave. Brownfield Project has been added to the restoration web site.

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MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter expressed appreciation to the Administrator for the extra mowing throughout the Village and the cemetery. Fourteen lawns, termed "blight areas" with tall grass and weeds were mowed and the costs assessed to the real estate taxes.

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Hart yes.

The Mayor requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss the possible discipline or dismissal of an employee.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Resolution 5-17-10 was presented for the second reading. Clapper moved and Matuch seconded to pass the resolution to the third reading. Council briefly discussed the proposed S. Main St. park/greenspace project. Mayor Porter explained that landscape architect Mike Clapper donated his services to the original Tree Board proposal without pay or any future reward or compensation. Roll call vote: Clapper no, Matuch no, Shaffer no, Levings no, Hart no, Curtis no. Motion failed.

Resolution 6-7-10 for the transfer of funds was presented. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Resolution 6-7-10A 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. Levings moved and Hart seconded to adopt the real estate tax blight assessment resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Ordinance 1640 was presented for the first reading. Shaffer moved and Matuch seconded to pass the firefighters ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

OTHER

Council discussed the pending Electric Aggregation Plan of Operation and Governance. Voters approved the 5/2/10 ballot "... granting the Village the authority to aggregate the retail electric loads in the Village, and for that purpose enter into services agreement to facilitate for those loads the sale and purchase of electricity, such aggregation to occur automatically except where any person elects to opt out". Solicitor Griffith stated the ORC permits an agreement between the Village and the utility company but the proposed ordinance requires two Public Hearings before the plan and the ordinance are adopted. Varying opinions focused on the need for the Village to "govern" the plan as required, who will direct the Public Hearings, how the Village will utilize the funds (\$75,000.00), if and when the plan is adopted, and why First Energy Service (FES) is willing to expend the funds to the entities rather than lowering individual electric bills. Hart moved and Levings seconded to authorize the Administrator to proceed with the program and to schedule the two Public Hearings. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch no, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Curtis moved and Levings seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss the possible discipline or dismissal of an employee. Roll call; Curtis yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to return to the Regular Meeting. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes. Hart stated that Council discussed the possible discipline or dismissal of an employee. Curtis moved and Clapper seconded to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator