

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on July 19, 2010.

INVOCATION

Levings 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 6/21/10 minutes with the addition that Shaffer "seconded" the approval of the minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to approve the 6/28/10 Public Hearing minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Rachel Mandell and Brian Zerman.

The Mayor reported a written request from the Mt. Gilead High School Music Boosters to close Park Ave. on 9/25/10 for a marching band competition. Fourteen marching bands, with an estimated 1500 students and parents, are expected for the event and students will be frequently crossing Park Ave. as they prepare for competition. Council questioned the advisability of closing the street, which would also close off the parking areas around the school. Council requested that a member of the Boosters Club attend a Council meeting to clarify their request.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 304 calls for service, 12 accidents, 13 felonies, and 51 charges during June.

The 2010 cruiser has been delivered; the necessary equipment will be transferred from the 2004 vehicle. The '04 cruiser will be transferred to the Fire Department.

Zerman praised the benefits of the K-9 program.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

Levings moved and Curtis seconded to approve and continue, on an annual basis, the 181 N. Rich St. rental contract with Metropolitan Housing at \$500.00 per month. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes.

Levings reported 3.02 acres of land located on E. Union St., adjacent to the soccer field and the Hickson proposed development, has become available for purchase. Rogers explained that the HPM/ball field property in Edison might be attached in the recently filed foreclosures and lawsuits against HPM, leaving only 2 ball diamonds available for over 300 team players. The proposed purchase would allow 2 baseball/softball fields, parking area, concessions, restrooms and playground area using State ODNR or Federal funding in two phases. The property would require fencing which would be included in the first phase, the ditch would need to be tiled which would be a part of the second phase. Levings moved and Matuch seconded to authorize the inquiry and possible purchase offer not to exceed \$15,000.00 for the proposed property. Roll call; Levings yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Paving bids were accepted 7-8-10. Administrator Rogers awarded the bid to Ambry Asphalt.

FIRE & POLICE-DIANNE MATUCH

Matuch presented a written request from Chief Staiger explaining the department's inability to sell the 1985 Rescue 11 and asking permission to keep the vehicle for parts. Council authorized the sale of the vehicle in Ordinance 1600 in September 2008. Matuch moved and Levings seconded to approve the request to transfer the engine and transmission from the old Rescue 11 to the Engine 15 at a cost of \$4,844.00, to remove and keep some parts of the truck for future use, and to scrap, sell, or swap the remaining parts. Roll call; Matuch yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes. Council requested that the funds from the sale of the miscellaneous parts be deposited into the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart reported the committee met prior to Council and continued the review and proposed changes to the Personnel Policy. The recommendations will be presented to Council for final approval by October.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

No report. The committee is scheduled to meet following Council on 8/16/10.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-JOHN CURTIS

The Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence will be awarded to Firefighter Merle (Herb) Hoffman at the Chamber's luncheon tomorrow. Curtis reported Mr. Hoffman began his service to the department in 1948, serving as volunteer firefighter, later advancing to Lieutenant, then Captain and finally serving as Assistant Chief.

CODES & REGULATIONS-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 9-7-10.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported minor maintenance and repairs at the Water and Wastewater Plants. Nearly 1,000,000 gallons of sludge were hauled from the WWTP in 2010. Revenue from the septage receiving off-sets the expense of the hauling but also contributes to the increase in the amount of sludge. The Utility Committee will propose an increase in septage receiving charges for 2011. Miller Pipeline will return after a week off site, to replace another six manholes and to reline the sewer lines for the ARRA project.

Major repairs or replacement will be required for the 1984 Vactor Jetter, purchased in 2000 for \$75,000.00. Rogers reported a couple of options to rebuild or replace the tank rather than the purchase of a new truck, which would cost in excess of \$200,000.00.

HPM Plant I Clean Ohio application has been submitted and a copy is available at the Mt. Gilead Public Library in compliance with Clean Ohio regulations.

Two more lawns have been added to the ten already on the blight list, costs for mowing will assessed to the real estate taxes.

Four paving bids ranging from \$80,527.00 to \$88,848.31, were considered for the street resurfacing. Rogers awarded the project to Ambry Asphalt at \$80,527.00.

Recreation Board met on 7/13/10 at the pool.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter distributed the written Safety Town report. He expressed appreciation to the Teachers and Director and also to the Village employees who helped make the recent Annual Sweet Corn Festival a success.

C & D Chevrolet, Inc., located on S. Main St. and closed in 2009, recently sold the empty buildings and property. Rogers stated the Morrow County EMT and 911 Service will lease the buildings and relocate from their current locations.

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 7-19-10 was presented. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes.

Hart moved and Levings seconded to adopt the transfer of funds resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

Resolution 7-19-10A was presented. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the real estate tax blight assessment resolution. Roll call: Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

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

Ordinance 1641 was presented for the second reading. Hart moved and Clapper seconded to pass the water rates ordinance to the third reading. Roll call; Hart yes, Clapper yes, Curtis no, Matuch no, Shaffer no, Levings yes. Mayor Porter voted yes to break the tie.

Ordinance 1642 was presented for the second reading. Clapper moved and Levings seconded to pass the sewer rates ordinance to the third reading. Roll call; Clapper yes, Levings yes, Shaffer no, Matuch no, Curtis no, Hart yes. Mayor Porter voted yes to break the tie.

Ordinance 1643 was presented. Levings moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch no, Curtis yes, Clapper yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the electric aggregate ordinance as an emergency. In discussion, Matuch questioned the accuracy of adopting the ordinance as an emergency. Solicitor Griffith explained the regulations allowing legislation to be adopted as an emergency. Roll call: Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch no, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1644 was presented. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the Arnold Lane ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Matuch yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to adopt the proposed Credit Card Policy. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Levings yes.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the 2010-2011 Ohio Government Plan Insurance with Rinehart-Walter-Danner. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Matuch yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

OTHER

Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to purchase new tables for Council Chambers to replace the tables borrowed from the Morrow County Fair Board in 2009. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Levings yes, Matuch yes.

Shaffer requested that the bronze plaque, suggested to commemorate the Monument, be placed in the park area on the southwest corner of the downtown square.

Clapper reported the Rivercliff Cemetery Board is in the process of hiring a replacement for the former sexton who has moved out of the area.

Curtis moved and Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator