

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whiston called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on October 1, 2007.

INVOCATION

Strait offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Whiston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following answered roll call; John Curtis, Steve Hart, Emily Shaffer, Brandon Strain, Keith Strait, and Betty Williams. The Clerk declared a quorum.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Strain seconded to approve the minutes as presented. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Hart yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Mayoral candidates Jim Fleeson and Mark Phillips, Howard Whiston, Erin Kelty and her daughter, Norah, John Graddus, Don Staiger, Jennifer Wallis, and Brian Zerman. Mrs. Kelty stated that the second annual Christmas Festival plans are well under way with only a few changes from 2006. With Council's approval, a parade bringing Santa will form at 12:00 noon in the Pamida parking lot and travel east on W. High St. to the Chase Bank parking lot. S. Main St. will be closed for the festival on Saturday December 8th from 9:00 AM until 6:00 PM to allow for the setup and cleanup. Entertainment, free goody bags for the children, free horse and carriage rides and the ice sculpture will again be featured. Hart moved to approve the closing of S. Main St. from the monument south to the Marion St. intersection. Curtis seconded the motion. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 253 calls for service, 53 reports, 9 accidents and 93 charges for September.

Chris Miranda joined the department as an auxiliary/part time officer.

A robbery investigation stemming from a 9/28/07 incident at the Pop-A-Top Drive-thru is pending.

The annual Homecoming parade will form at the Fairgrounds at 7:00 PM and proceed to the High School on 10/3/07.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger presented the monthly summary report including 71 structure fires for the year and an expected year-end total of 425.

Additional equipment for the new Rescue/Pumper will make it necessary to increase the appropriation of the Fire Equipment Funds. The new truck will inherit the name "Rescue 11".

Additional grant funds will be available to allow for the cost increases of the turn-out gear.

Minor repairs have been completed on Rescue 11, Engine 15, and Brush Truck 17.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-BRANDON STRAIN

The committee met on 9/18/07 to review resident's recent complaints concerning street problems. The committee determined that sufficient resources have been expended to correct the flooding problems at 97 E. Marion St. Bank St. traffic will continue to be monitored.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

Strait reported that the committee met on 9/20/07 with Chief Staiger. Strait moved and Curtis seconded to appropriate an additional \$3,300.00 for equipment needed for the new Rescue/Pumper. Roll call; Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 1/15/07.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee met on 9/17/07 and discussed the Septic Rules & Regulations presented by Poggemeyer Design Group. Williams requested that Solicitor Griffith review the report and prepare an ordinance to be presented for the first reading at the 11/5/07 Council meeting. The committee will review current legislation and consider an ordinance to regulate meter tampering at the next committee meeting.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council. The Dr. Nathan Tucker Award nomination forms were mailed with the October newsletter. The committee requested that the Clerk review the funds for needed seasonal decorations and the Administrator check for plaques to be attached to the S. Main St. Bridge.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis reported that he met with Chief Zerman concerning the residents' complaints about problems occurring on the east side of the Village. Current legislation is in place to regulate the problems reported and the Police have continued their diligence in patrolling the area and answering calls. The committee will continue to monitor the complaints and compare the area with other neighborhoods.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported on the progress at the Sanitary Sewer Plant construction site. The Administration Building is nearing completion with the finishing of the ceiling, flooring and phone systems. A lengthy punch list is being addressed. A major water leak at 180 E. Cedar St. caused serious damage to the residence. Insurance Adjusters met to evaluate the damage and make a judgment of responsibility. The homeowner's insurance agreed that the Village did not create the problem and to pay the claim. Repainting and minor repairs have been completed on the Field Gymmy. Recent rains offered an opportunity for Rogers and Councilman Strait to view the E. Marion St. flooding and to determine the extent of the Village's responsibility and ability to correct the problem. Council requested that a letter be sent to the homeowner.

MAYOR- TOM WHISTON

The Mayor reported the Tree Board met on 9/24/07 and continues to monitor the Ash Borror concern. Surrounding counties have reported cases but Morrow County has not had a recorded case. The Administrator and Mayor will attend the OML Conference 10/3/07-10/5/07. Weddings continue on a regular basis. Whiston will deliver the Issue I application to Newark.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith presented the amended draft of the proposed Public Records Policy to be presented for adoption at the 10/15/07 meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Strait seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Curtis yes. Resolution 10-1-07 was presented. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strain yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment resolution. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Strain yes. Mermann reported she will attend the OAPT (Ohio Assn. Public Treasurers) at Salt Fork Lodge 10/3/07-10/5/07.

Curtis reported and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Thomas E. Whiston, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator