

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whiston called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on July 2, 2007.

INVOCATION

Curtis 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 Don Staiger and Jennifer Wallis.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused. Council briefly reviewed the written report.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger summarized the written report. The number of responses is comparable to 2006. Recent repairs to Tower 18 were completed at a cost of \$6,205.00, a savings of almost \$1,800.00 quoted by Sutphen Corp. Balancing and pump repairs remain to be completed. The pump is currently operating at about 25% less than the capacity.

The State Fire Marshal grant application did not qualify for funding this year. Questions stemming from the 2005 FEMA grant are being addressed. Regulation changes limiting the equipment may require that certain funds be reimbursed.

The department supervised the emergency operations at an intentional mercury spill at the Court House last week. Because of a breakdown in emergency procedures, the call to the department was delayed by over an hour causing more extensive contamination. The facility was evacuated and employees were detained until the contamination could be contained. The Mayor stressed that in the future the Fire Department should be alerted immediately for any emergency occurring within the Village.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-BRANDON STRAIN**

Strain reported that the scheduled street paving projects began last week.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

No report.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee met on 6-18-07 and finalized the recommended regulation and rates changes to Chapters 911 and 913 of the Codified Ordinances. Williams explained that only necessary rate increases to keep pace with rising operational costs will be included. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the proposed changes and to direct that the proper ordinances be prepared. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Water Plant painting price quotes is expected before the next meeting.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on 9/4/07.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis expressed appreciation to Solicitor Griffith for Ordinance 1580 amending the animal and fowl nuisance regulations.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported that Phase I of the Sewer Plant is now completed and the equipment is working. Rough grading is taking place, allowing for access to the back entrance of the Fairgrounds during the 4th of July festivities this week. Phase II is expected to be completed in another 3 months. Poggemeyer and Ohio Edison are working to correct some electrical glitches. All the laterals for the interceptor were completed and all the siphons have been removed and the grading and seeding is complete.

About 400 feet of the 8” water line remain to be completed.

Paving on Cedar St., Elm St, and South St. started last week. Cold patching is on-going. The culvert on Home Rd. has been repaired and the problem with the 10” storm line from the State Highway garage has been corrected.

Rogers requested that Young’s check the Municipal building for electrical problems that are causing problems for computers.

MAYOR- TOM WHISTON

Whiston reported that HB 154, a “pet project” of the Chief Justice, will eliminate 142 Mayor’s Courts across the state. Mt. Gilead’s Mayor’s Court will be an exception.

Following the recent mercury emergency at the Court House, Whiston encouraged Council to consider employing surveillance cameras in an effort to deter similar problems.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Following a brief discussion, Curtis moved and Strait seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Curtis yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

Resolution 7-2-07 was presented. Strain moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules.

Roll call; Strain yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes. Strain moved and Strait seconded to adopt the real estate tax ordinance. Roll call; Strain yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1577 was presented for the third reading. Hart moved and Williams seconded to adopt the Mayor’s salary ordinance. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain no, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1580 was presented. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes. Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Chapter 505 amendment ordinance. Roll call; Strain yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

OTHER

Chief Staiger outlined the equipment and firefighters scheduled for the 4th of July celebration at the Fairgrounds with special attention to the dry weather conditions.

Williams reported that the Rivercliff Cemetery Board appointed Roy Phillips to serve as Sexton. Williams questioned why there are no streetlights on Fairway Lane. Rogers agreed that the area is very dark, making snow removal difficult but that residents of the area would not agree to the placement of the village streetlights. Whiston stated that the original developers had agreed to provide sidewalks, curbs and streetlights but had never followed through with the promised improvements. Since it is now a dedicated village street, the residents would not have the authority to deny the placement of the lighting.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 7:50 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Thomas E. Whiston, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator