

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Whiston called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on September 17, 2007.

INVOCATION

Williams offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Whiston led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Guests included Jim Copeland, Michael Rentires, Jim Fleeson, Mark Phillips, Mike Porter, Don Staiger, and Jennifer Wallis. Mr. Rentires presented an invitation to everyone in attendance to the Nucor Steel Town Hall Meeting scheduled for September 27, 2007 in Marion. The meeting is intended as a "grass-roots movement" to address US trade practices. Resolution 9-17-07A, a resolution to encourage Ohio's federal and state elected officials to take a strong position on behalf of fair trade was presented. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Hart yes, Strait yes. Hart moved and Strait seconded to adopt the resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

Mr. Copeland stated that the catch basin at his E. Marion St. property has been raised causing additional flooding and thus damage to the foundation of the residence. Rogers stated that the Village constructed a curb as requested at the property and the catch basin has not been changed in any way since then. Mr. Copeland requested that the catch basin now be lowered. Council, the Administrator and the Mayor discussed the flooding in all low-lying areas that cannot be completely eliminated when the repeated heavy downpours occur as they did during the summer months. Strait offered to check the area during the next rainstorm to determine the amount of flooding.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger presented his monthly summary, reporting 306 calls for the year. The department has experienced an increase in all types of calls.

The Spartan Chassis is ready for the new Rescue/Pumper at the contract cost of \$144,237.00, a savings of \$5,777.00. The drawings for the new fire truck are expected this week with the 325-day delivery date anticipated to be February or March 2008. A meeting with the Fire & Police Committee was requested to discuss the purchase of additional equipment needed for the new truck. A meeting was scheduled for 9/20/07 at 12:00 PM.

Two trucks will be delivered to Reindel for repairs.

Council discussed a Cadet program. A potential candidate, a nineteen-year-old Senior in high school, is attending high school in the morning and Delaware Joint Vocational School in the afternoons. The young firefighters would benefit from the experience as well as he would graduate with his 240-Card. Chief Staiger stated he strongly endorses the program and Council agreed the program has merit for future firefighters.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-BRANDON STRAIN

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:30 Pm on 9/18/07.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The meeting was scheduled for noon on 9/20/07.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and briefly discussed the 2008 health insurance. Rinehart-Walter-Danner will review the applications for a possible savings on the upcoming year.

Solicitor Griffith presented a draft of a Public Records Policy to comply with HB9, which will take effect on 9/29/07.

Next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on 10/15/07.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet following Council and discuss septic rules and regulations as presented by Poggemeyer.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer presented minutes for the 9/4/07 meeting.
The next meeting will be 10/1/07 at 6:00 PM.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis was excused.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the Sanitary Sewer Plant construction is nearing completion including the grading, sidewalks and approaches. Gorman Rupp was present to address some minor issues. Fencing is complete making the plant locked and secure during the nighttime hours. The emergency dial-up that was overlooked in the original plans will be implemented. The Mayor reported that the WWTP dedication will be scheduled for October. Only minor water problems were reported. The Field Gymmy tank is being serviced to prevent rust and deterioration. An ODOT Grant has been awarded to enhance the Monument area. Twenty percent of the projected cost of \$230,000.00 will be the responsibility of the Village as approved by Resolution 3/19/07. Rogers explained that the lights and electric currently at the WWI Monument will be removed and cantilevered lights will be placed at the corners of the intersection. The landscaped area at the base of the monument will be smaller which will allow more room for larger vehicles and will resemble the area as it was in the 1960's.

MAYOR- TOM WHISTON

Mayor Whiston reported he will attend the OML annual conference in October. He would begin the transition process following the November election to assist the Mayor-elect.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith requested that Council review the Public Records Policy draft for approval at the 10/1/07 meeting. The draft is based on the model policy recommended by Ohio Attorney General, Mark Dann. The Solicitor's monthly report was distributed for the months of July and August.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Strait seconded to approve the bills. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.
Resolution 9-17-07 was presented. Strain moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Strain yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes. Strain moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the salt bid resolution. Roll call; Strain yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Hart yes.
Ordinance 1582 was read for the third time. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Chapter 911 ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Strait yes, Hart yes.
Ordinance 1583 was read for the third time. Hart moved and Williams seconded to adopt the Chapter 913 ordinance. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strain yes, Strait yes.
Ordinance 1584 was read for the third time. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to adopt the Zoning ordinance. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strain yes, Hart yes, Strait yes.
The Clerk reminded Council to register for the upcoming certified public records training.

OTHER

Strait reported that the Municipal Building landscaping project approved by Council on 9/4/07 was begun with village personnel. Mayor Whiston reported that several of the Services Department spent a good portion of one day removing shrubs and plants from around the building. Strait reported a minor accident at the east intersection of Bank/E. Marion and E. High St. with both parties agreeing to not file charges. The Mayor offered to check on the police report. Council briefly discussed and included the guests about the Monument included the guests who expressed appreciation that the Village will begin a project to make the area more attractive. Strait moved and Hart seconded to adjourn at 8:05 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Thomas E. Whiston, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator