

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm on January 7, 2008.

INVOCATION

Curtis offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to approve the minutes with the corrected expiration date for the Dr. Nathan Tucker award. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Levings yes.

REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

Curtis nominated and Shaffer seconded the nomination of Steve Hart for 2008 President Pro Tempore. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to close the nominations. Roll call to close the nominations; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes. Roll call for the nomination; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes.

Curtis moved and Levings seconded to continue the regular council meeting schedule of the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Roll call; Curtis yes, Levings yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes.

Williams moved and Strait seconded to retain the current Council Rules of Procedure. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to appoint Griffith & Brininger as Solicitors. The contract was approved in December; Shaffer withdrew the motion and Strait withdrew the second.

GUESTS

Guests included Don Staiger, Jennifer Wallis, and Brian Zerman.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported on the 12/27/07 accident involving Sgt. Cronenwett and the 2006 cruiser. Office Cronenwett suffered a strained wrist and returned to work following treatment at the Hospital. The driver of the second vehicle was cited for failure to yield and the Village insurance (Hylant Administrative Services) coordinated the financial settlement between Western Reserve and State Farm Insurance to replace the cruiser and equipment. The cruiser was appraised to be a total loss. Zerman explained the damages and the insurance evaluation of the parts, vehicle and equipment. A total of \$10,975.00 was offered to replace the cruiser and additional funds will replace and install the equipment. Council agreed a new cruiser should be ordered as soon as possible to avoid the usual delay of delivery but disagreed with the settlement for the cruiser. Solicitor Griffith agreed to write to the insurance company to negotiate the settlement and advised that the check coming from Western Reserve be held until the final agreement. Williams moved to approve \$30,000.00 for the cruiser and equipment. Strait seconded the motion. Zerman clarified that the equipment from the 2002 cruiser would help outfit the new cruiser. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

The 2007 year-end report will be presented at a future meeting.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger presented the December report, with a total of 427 responses for the year. The year-end report will be available as soon as it is completed with a breakdown of location, address and type of each call.

The Department is compliant with FEMA regulations with the successful completion of the NIMS (National Incident Management System) requirements. Griffith will review the regulations to determine any additional requirements for the Village.

All seven firefighters enrolled the Instructor's Class have passed the course, qualifying for grant funds reimbursement. Federal grant funds have purchased complete turn-out gear for each of the firefighters, including new helmets and boots. Porter expressed appreciation to the Chief for his dedication in applying for the various grant funds. Photos of the new equipment will be placed on the web-site.

The Flying Horse Farms, east of the village on SR 95 will be open in less than 2 years.

A delay is expected in the delivery of the Rescue 11, putting the delivery date back to March. Staiger reported that 2 fire fighters would fly to S. Dakota in February to inspect the new equipment.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

A meeting was scheduled with the Chief Staiger for 6:00 pm on 1/15/08.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart reported that the committees from 2007 would continue into 2008 with few changes.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams requested a meeting following the 1/21/08 Council meeting.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee will meet at 6:00 pm on 2/4/08 to review the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award nominations.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported on the success of the new WWTP. Employee McKirgin reported the water leaving the facility tested one on the best in the state.

The salt storage bins at the Water Plant is being emptied to allow for repairs.

A major water leak was repaired on Park Ave.

A mail box on Orchard Drive was replaced after our snow plow damaged it. 150 tons of salt has been used in the removal of ice and snow this season.

The web-site advising residents how to report street-light outages has reduced the number of calls to the office.

Rogers reported he has received numerous applications from the ad he placed in the paper. He stated he will narrow the list down to 3 or 4 applicants following interviews, then bring his recommendations to Finance and Personnel and Council. Council questioned the qualifications, including education and licenses, listed in the ad. Rogers stated he has several employees including department supervisors who are nearing retirement age within the next 5-6 years.

Licenses or degrees would be a plus but may not be necessary for the day-to-day work. He would like to hire someone with management capability. Hart requested that a copy of the ad be included in the Council's packet.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Porter reported he preformed a wedding ceremony on his first day in office. He expressed appreciation for the support and welcome he has received at the beginning of his term in office.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith reported he would continue to meet with the office staff on Tuesday mornings.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Strait moved and Hart seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1593. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Williams moved and Strait seconded to adopt the 2008 Appropriation Ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to appoint John Curtis and Keith Strait to the 2008 Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependents Fund Board. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

OTHER

Rogers explained that he has been unable to address a resident's complaint about the unsolicited papers from the Marion Star. The papers are "delivered" each week by tossing them into residents' driveways where they quickly become litter for each resident to pick up.

Williams requested that Solicitor Griffith attend a meeting of the Rivercliff Cemetery Board on 1/9/08 to discuss the cemetery tax levy with the Board, Gilead Township Trustees and their legal representative. Griffith agreed to represent the Village in the on-going discussion about the union cemetery.

Strait moved and Curtis seconded to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on January 21, 2008.

INVOCATION

Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Guests included Jim and Kim Fleeson, Don Staiger, Jennifer Wallis, and Brian Zerman. Wallis brought a question from a County resident to Council attention of whether the Council would continue to meet on Martin Luther King Day. Council discussed the long-standing schedule of meeting on the first and third Monday of each month. Currently, the village observes 11 holidays, but does not close for Martin Luther King Day or President's Day or Columbus Day. Williams moved and Curtis seconded to take the question to the Finance & Personnel Committee. Roll call; Williams yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Levings no, Shaffer yes.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman commended Captain Underwood, Detective Mills, Attorneys Stamolis and Yager and the County Prosecutor's office for the successful conviction last week of the man accused the 2001 armed robbery of First Federal Bank. Sentencing is scheduled for February 29th.

Council agreed on the final numbers for the financial settlement of the 12/27/07 traffic accident involving the 2006 cruiser; \$11,975.00 for the vehicle and \$5,514.00 for the replacement of the damaged and/or destroyed equipment. The cost of the new cruiser and equipment will be \$7,963.00 over the insurance settlement.

The 2007 year-end report was reviewed briefly. Chief Zerman's main concerns include an increase in domestic and drug charges. Residents are becoming more aware of suspicious persons and situations and are alerting the officers. Council commended Zerman for the informative and comprehensive report.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 20 responses in the first 2 weeks for the new year.

Only a few firefighters still need to complete the NIMS (National Incident Management System) requirements. The past 2 weekends have been dedicated to the training and testing of the firefighters and police officers. Within the next 2 weeks, it is expected that all firemen will have successfully completed the training and passed the Homeland Security tests. Other village leaders, including Council, Mayor, and Clerk-Treasurer may be required to pass less stringent tests.

The chief met with the Fire & Police committee on 1-8-08 and discussed replacing the ADT alarm system at the station. Morrow Telephone is the only monitoring alarm system in the area and could replace the current system for a cost of \$1,930.00.

The Cardington Central Ohio Training Academy is closing. The Mt. Gilead department could assume the training classes and conduct the paper work and certifications for the 36-hour, 240 classes and transition classes which would qualify the department for additional grant funding. The department currently has 7 certified instructors.

Knox County Adult Education has requested a donation of any old turnout gear. Chief Staiger reported the old equipment is 10 years old or older and has no value to the village but could be useful in the educational classes at the Knox County facility. A letter disallowing any responsibility will be provided to the Village. Strait moved and Shaffer seconded to donate the used equipment to the Knox County Adult Education. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes. Staiger offered the used boots to any employees.

Staiger reported water leak damage to the station ceiling and the need to replace the furnace and 4 exhaust fans. Council requested that competitive pricing be provided. Strait moved and Curtis seconded to approve the replacement of the furnace and ceiling. Roll call; Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

Delivery of the Rescue 11 has been delayed until the first of May which is at least 60 days late. The purchase contract did not contain a penalty clause for late delivery.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee met with Chief Staiger on 1/8/08 and discussed the alarm monitoring system. Strait moved and Levings seconded to approve the replacement of the system at a cost of \$1,927.65. The project was not included in the 2008 budget and competitive pricing was discussed. Roll call; Strait yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed the NIMS requirements. The committees will remain as established. Hart requested that committee chairmen schedule regular monthly meetings. Meetings can be cancelled or postponed when necessary.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams reported the Finance committee requested that \$30,000.00 be transferred from the 607 Garbage Fund in First Federal Bank to 207 Trash Reserve Fund in Star Ohio to prepare for the future purchase of a trash truck.

The committee will meet briefly following the meeting tonight.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee will meet on 2/4/08 to finalize the selection of the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence.

CIC and the Mt. Gilead Design Review Board have scheduled meetings in February.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee scheduled monthly meetings for the third Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the WWTP is running as expected. Final details are being completed. Septage receiving will begin as soon as operators are made aware of the operation. A revenue account will be created within the Sewer Fund.

Rogers explained the internal/external water tank inspection process. Divers will video tape the inspection from within the tanks and will vacuum out any residue.

Sanitary sewer problems continue to plaque the residents of Baker St. Residents in the senior housing development continually dispose of cooking grease in the drains and cause back-up problems for neighbors. The elderly residents ignore the Village's numerous warning against pouring grease down the drains. A grease-trap could help eliminate the on-going problem.

Updates included cold patching and street light outages and snow removal. A few residents who live on snow emergency streets may be ticketed if vehicles are left parked on the streets following heavy snowfalls.

Rogers reported there is no truth to the rumors that Wal-Mart has purchased the local Pamida Store building. The local Pamida, along with 17 others in the state, will be closing in about 10 weeks.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Porter reported a good beginning to his duties as Mayor.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Brininger reported he and Griffith attended the meeting with Gilead Township Trustees and the Rivercliff Cemetery Board.

Griffith drafted a letter to the Western Reserve Insurance Co. agreeing to the original settlement between the Village and the insurance agents following the 12/27/07 traffic accident.

Brininger recommended that an ordinance approving the rezoning of the WODA be presented to Council for adoption.

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, Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

OTHER

Council discussed the downtown parking issue with business owners Kim & Jim Fleeson. The Mayor recommended that the Merchants Association write to the businesses who are abusing the two-hour parking restrictions. If that fails the Village could write a letter of warning that the parking restrictions will be enforced. Public parking lots are available but are not clearly marked.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called to order the Public Hearing at 6:40 PM on January 21, 2008.

GUESTS

Mayor Porter welcomed resident Frances Myers.

Council members present included John Curtis, Steve Hart, Darrell Levings and Betty Williams, along with Mayor Mike Porter, Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann, Administrator Dan Rogers.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the meeting was to review the rezoning of the 20 acres of land known as the Chartwell Green WODA development from M-1 to R-1. Mrs. Myers questioned the multi-family dwellings and Rogers stated there will be no multi-family homes in the development. Williams moved and Levings seconded to approve the rezoning of the Chartwell Green area ,also known as the WODA project. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

The Public Hearing was adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on February 4, 2008.

INVOCATION

Levings offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Williams moved and Levings seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/21/08 Public Hearing. Roll call: Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer abstained, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait abstained. Hart moved and Levings seconded to approve the 1/21/08 regular Council minutes with the addition of the vote of approval for the bills presented. Roll call: Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Tri-Rivers Superintendent Chuck Speelman, County Health Department Administrator Pam Besseck, Don Staiger, Jennifer Wallis, and Brian Zerman. Mr. Speelman presented information concerning the upcoming 1 mill permanent improvement tax levy. Of the 49 career centers in the state, Tri-Rivers was rated first for job placement and will be the first career center in the nation to offer LPN/RN training. Speelman highlighted the student and adult training programs available at the facility and issued an invitation to the 2/13/08 Public Forum at the High School.

Ms. Besseck gave an update of the Health Department's activities. The District Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on 3/20/08 and the Trash-bash is 4/19/08. Budget cuts in the last few years have necessitated cutting the staff from 25 employees to 15. State mandated programs continue to increase while funding decreases. To reduce costs, the newsletter has been discontinued; updates and the financial report are available on the website. Besseck urged Council to support the upcoming operational levy in March.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 226 calls, 43 reports, 6 accidents and 75 charges filed in January. Curtis commended the officers following a recent call for service at a local business.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger presented his 2007 End of the Year Report and comparison from previous years. An increase in serious traffic accidents has resulted in a surprising increase in Med-Flight transports. A meeting with the representative from Rosenbaur gave the Chief an opportunity to express his dissatisfaction over the delay of delivery of the 2008 Rescue 11. The vehicle will be at least 83 days late. The contract "estimated" a 325-day delivery which the Representative stated allows for any delay. Staiger stated the explanation was not acceptable and noted that the first payment of \$144,237.00, of the \$352,000.00 purchase price, was paid on September 18, 2007. Staiger reported he would meet with Trustees from Franklin Twp., Gilead Twp., and Canaan Twp. to address any concerns.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

A meeting is scheduled for 2/13/08 at 6:00 PM.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The meeting scheduled for 2/11/08 was cancelled.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee will meet prior to Council at 6:00 PM on 2/18/08.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams presented the minutes of the 2/21/08 meeting. The committee will meet following Council on 2/18/08.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and recommended Brian Vail and Dr. William Taylor to be the first recipients of the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award of Excellence. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded t o

approve the nomination. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. The announcement will be made public and the two will each receive a plaque at a Chamber Luncheon. Solicitor Griffith recommended that the Downtown Review Board, that was disbanded in December, be re-convened to allow time to establish regulations and guidelines for the new board. Council discussed at length the original board and the need to expand the regulations to include not just the downtown area but the entire village. Griffith explained that since there is an ordinance regulating the board, the new policy should be in place before the old board is disbanded. Hart moved and Williams seconded to re-convene the Downtown Review Board. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes. Mayor Porter agreed to appoint Jim Fleeson to the board to replace Joe Hupfer. The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on 3/3/08.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee will meet at 7:00 PM on 2/19/08. The Mayor requested that the committee address several conflicting issues within the Codified Ordinances.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Chemicals have been purchased and the septage receiving facility is now operating. Rogers explained the high electric usage at the WWTP and the efforts to reduce the costs. The new tools for the WWTP have been purchased and marked to ensure they do not come up missing.

Weather is delaying the cleaning and repairs of the east storage tank at the Water Plant.

Work is scheduled at the High School to service 2 building and the athletic fields.

The replacement of the Cedar St. water line between Vine St. and Bank St. is ready to begin. Williams moved and Hart seconded to authorize the purchase of equipment and parts at a cost of \$15,863.28 for the proposed project. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Levings yes.

Cold patching continues as needed.

An ordinance will be presented to Council for approval of the disposal/sale of equipment at the upcoming consignment auction. Rogers reported that he may put a minimum-bid restriction on the equipment because it may bring a better price if it is sold as scrap.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter presented copies of the State of The Village report for 2007 and reported a smooth transition to his position as Mayor.

Council approved the appointments of Cindy Hershner to the Zoning Board, Don Hines to the Planning Commission, Tom Griffith and Tim Butcher to the Tree Board. Levings agreed to serve on the CIC Board

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Strait moved and Hart seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Strait yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1594 was read for the first time. Williams moved and Strait seconded to pass the Supplemental Appropriation ordinance to the 2nd reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1595 was read for the first time. Hart moved and Strait seconded to pass the WODA property zoning ordinance to the 2nd reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

An expense account #602.555.52300 and a revenue account #602.000.42563 have been established for the septage receiving.

Julian & Grube independent auditors will begin the 2006/2007 audit on 2/25/08.

The Public Records Policy posters are displayed at the Services Department, Water & Sewer Plants, Fire Department, Police Department, and Municipal Office in compliance with HB9 regulations. Copies of the policy have been distributed to employees and the training attendance certificates are expected from the Attorney General's office.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on October 20, 2008.

INVOCATION

Strait offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Keith Cheney, Richard Hickman, Howard Whiston, and Jennifer Wallis from the Sentinel. Mr. Cheney, V.P. of Certified Oil Company requested that Council allow the transfer of a C-1 Liquor Permit (beer & wine carry out only) from a previous Certified Oil station to the local Certified Oil station located at 197 S. Main St. He stressed the company's diligence in training employees and maintaining strict regulations in tobacco and liquor sales at all their locations. Because the station is located close to the school, Mr. Cheney assured Council that he has the Gilead Christian School Superintendent's approval to transfer the permit to the local business site with no objections from the school authorities. Hart moved and Strait seconded to allow the transfer of the C-1 Liquor Permit with no objections. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Mr. Hickman addressed Council promoting Renewable Energy; solar, solar-thermal, and wind. He noted areas within the community that would benefit from the alternative energy source, including the WWTP and Water Plant. Mr. Hickman reported he is working with Pat Davies, Morrow County Economic Director to promote the program within the county.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for 10/29/08.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee met on 10/14/08 and discussed personnel matters. Strait requested that Council move into Executive Session at the conclusion of regular council meeting.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed preparing and adopting a NIMS (National Incident Management System) policy in compliance with federal requirements.

Hart requested that Council discuss pending litigation in Executive Session later this evening.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee met on 10/6/08 and discussed the outstanding water tap fee for the property located at 551 E. High St. Despite numerous letters and efforts to collect the fee, after a lengthy discussion, it is the recommendation of the committee that the tap be reduced to \$750.00. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to reduce the tap fee to \$750.00. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Williams no, Levings yes, Curtis yes.

Williams explained the Red Flag legislation requiring utility companies to adopt a policy protecting consumers from identity theft. The OML sample policy will be reviewed and adapted by the next meeting.

The odor on Town St. has been eliminated without determining the source.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. on 11/3/08.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis was excused.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers was excused, in his written report, Rogers reported a savings of \$1,575.00 in sludge-hauling costs. Information was completed and transmitted to the OEPA for final certification of the WWTP.

The re-built salt storage for the water softeners was restarted and the west tank will be emptied for similar repairs.

Terra Valley contract for the interceptor project has been received. Poggemeyer will prepare the final contracts before the project commences.

Cold patching of the streets continues as needed.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

No report.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Williams moved and Strait seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

Ordinance 1605 was presented for the first reading. Levings moved and Strait seconded to pass the ordinance to vacate an alley to the second reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

Ordinance 1606 was presented for the second reading. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the ordinance to transfer funds to the third reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1607 was presented for the second reading. Levings moved and Williams seconded to pass the ordinance to transfer funds to the third reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1608 was presented for the first reading. Strait moved and Hart seconded to pass the ordinance to amend the income tax regulations to the second reading. Council compared the current requirements vs. the proposed changes that would encompass not only the owner/President of a company but also the payroll employee in charge of reporting the company's employee withholding tax. Griffith explained that some companies, including LLC organizations sometimes do not have a President or particular officer making it difficult to accomplish Council's desired goal of holding someone within the company personally responsible for reporting and paying the income tax. Griffith offered to review the proposed changes to include language that could hold the top officers responsible without penalizing a payroll employee. Roll call for the first reading: Strait yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

OTHER

Hart moved and Strait seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes.

Hart moved and Williams seconded to reconvene regular Council. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes. Hart reported that Council discussed pending withholding income tax litigation while in Executive Session.

Strait moved and Shaffer seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel complaint. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Levings yes.

Hart moved and Strait seconded to reconvene regular Council. Hart reported that Council discussed a complaint involving Village employees.

Council requested that the Streets Committee again review the downtown parking with possible time changes on certain streets.

Williams moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on March 3, 2008.

INVOCATION

John Curtis offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following answered roll call; John Curtis, Darrell Levings, Emily Shaffer, Keith Strait. Steve Hart and Betty Williams were excused. A quorum was declared.

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Jennifer Wallis was present.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused due to illness. A monthly report was submitted for Council to review.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused. A monthly report was submitted to review.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

Levings reported this committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12, 2008. Strait expressed a concern with a large pothole in the driveway to Pamida. Rogers explained he was aware of this and will contact the person responsible to get it repaired.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

Strait reported this committee will meet at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, March 11, 2008 at the Firehouse.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart was excused. The next scheduled meeting is 6:00p.m., on Monday, March 17, 2008.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams was excused due to illness. The next scheduled meeting will be Monday, March 17, 2008, after regular Council.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported that the committee met on this date prior to the regular Council meeting. The next meeting will be 6:00 p.m., Monday, April 7, 2008.

The Dr. Nathan Tucker Awards will be given out during the Chamber meeting luncheon on July 15, 2008. The location will be Morrow County Hospital, meeting room A, and the time of the luncheon will be from noon to 1:00 p.m. Letters of invitation will be sent out prior to the meeting to the nominators and recipients of the awards. The Mayor asked if the Village could pay for the lunches of the nominators and recipients. Emily moved and Keith seconded a motion to have the Village cover the cost of the lunches for the Dr. Tucker Award nominators and recipients. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes. The Downtown Design and Review Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. March 25, 2008, at Sames and Cook. The regular meeting date will be on the 4th Tuesday at 7:30 a.m. The next C.I.C. meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. on April 8, 2008.

Dan Rogers noted that Council had not yet voted to join the Chamber of Commerce for 2008. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to have the Village of Mount Gilead join the Morrow County Chamber of Commerce at the current rate. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis had nothing to report. The next meeting will be at 7:00 p.m. March 18, 2008, if needed. Rogers will have a "Fee Schedule" prepared by the next Council meeting for consideration.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers highlighted the report he handed out to Council members. There are a few items to be finalized yet with the WWTP. Some funds will be held in escrow until PAE and Spring Electric finish some work. Weather has been a factor. Tim Leasure, ODO, will meet with him on April 16, 2008, to complete the final performance audit.

The Village has been working with the school getting water problems resolved. Weather has also been an issue concerning maintenance at the water plant (repair of the salt storage tanks) and with the village streets. Snow removal and cold patching seem to be non-ending. Salt supply is low. We have more on order, and hopefully will receive it soon. We are not the only entity facing this problem. We started out with 150 ton, had to order more, and have used 200 ton to date.

A computer back-up problem for the police department seems to now be remedied.

The Village's audit has begun, and seems to be routine so far.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported that he had met with representatives of the Ohio Department of Development concerning the appointment of a new server of certain C.A.P. programs for Richland/Morrow Counties. The two agencies vying for this title are Central City Economic Development Council, In.c and Ohio Heartland Community Action Commission. If anyone has input concerning either one of these agencies, please let Mike know. Dan suggested Mike might want to talk to Don Wake. It was also noted that MRM-TOAP will continue to operate the apartment housing facilities.

Mayor Porter reported he has officiated at a total of 5 weddings to date. He also stated that over the weekend, he had attended Clinton rallies. He had the honor of being asked to join a group of other Mayors from Ohio and stand on the stage behind Hillary in Westerville, Lima and Toledo.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith had nothing to report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Mermann was excused due to illness. Strait moved and Curtis seconded to approve payment of the bills presented. Discussion: Shaffer asked if The Sentinel could offer the Village a complimentary subscription, since we do so much advertising in it. Jennifer Wallis said she would ask. Roll call; Strait yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Resolution 2-18-08: Street Resurfacing was presented for the 3rd reading. Levings made a motion and Shaffer seconded it to adopt this resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. After this motion was passed, it was realized that this was only the second reading of Resolution 2-18-08. Curtis moved and Shaffer seconded to amend the prior motion to pass Resolution 2-18-08 to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Levings yes.

Resolution 3-3-08: Certification for Recreation Levy was presented for the first reading. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to pass Resolution 3-3-08 to the second reading. Dan explained that this resolution is an extra step instituted by the State of Ohio. We must pass this resolution to certify to the Auditor as to why we need the levy. We must then pass another resolution to have the levy put on the ballot. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes.

Before Resolution 3-3-08A was presented for approval, Dan Rogers explained that the property at 181 W. Marion St. had been vacant for some time, and was slowly deteriorating. HUD, through a "Good Neighbor Program" offered the property to the Village for \$1.00. The Village, in turn, partners with a non-profit organization (such as Habitat for Humanity) and conveys the property to them to rehabilitate and re-sell the property to first time homebuyers. Mike Porter gave a brief description of how Habitat for Humanity operates.

Resolution 3-3-08A Authorizing the Administrator to enter into a contract for the purchase of real estate was presented. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes. Levings moved and Strait seconded to adopt Resolution 3-3-08A. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1594: Supplemental Appropriations was presented for the 3rd time. Strait moved and Shaffer seconded a motion to adopt this ordinance. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1595: Approving the rezoning of the WODA property was presented for the third time.

Levings moved and Curtis seconded to adopt this ordinance. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes.

OTHER

Emily Shaffer stated that she thought that Council should have been kept apprised of the status of the "breaking of the trust" at the cemetery in Council meetings, rather than reading it in The Sentinel. Other Council members had received negative comments from citizens concerning this issue. Dan Rogers explained that the trust was broken through the Prosecutor's Office, between meetings, so board members would not have been able to report this to Council.

No one had any other item to discuss.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:35 p.m.

Kathy Richards, Acting Clerk

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Council President Steve Hart called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on March 17, 2008. Mayor Porter was excused for the first part of the meeting.

INVOCATION

Strait offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Hart led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Shaffer stated that she incorrectly reported the CIC meeting date. The meeting scheduled for 4/14/08 was reported as 4/8/08. Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to approve the minutes. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Mt. Gilead School Superintendent Bob Alexander, Brad West and Brian Zerman. Mr. Alexander expressed appreciation to the Village services departments for the maintenance of the streets during the "challenging" winter weather. Keeping the streets clear has helped avoid school closing and delays as well as making the transportation of students safer. The traffic on Park Ave. and N. Cherry St. during the morning and afternoon hours was discussed. Chief Zerman explained that the system for picking up or dropping off students was not a perfect one but was the best that could be implemented with the number of parents who transport their children to and from school, the amount of traffic, and the limited parking available. The Police and the Schools are aware of the difficulties and both make every effort to cooperate in the congested school areas.

Resident Brad West also commended the Village for the street maintenance following the recent winter storm but noted that the Morrow County Hospice is now located on Arnold Lane and the drive was not kept open. Rogers agreed the solution was to adjust the normal route the snow plows travel. The one-way street could be plowed from W. Marion St. rather than from South St. In the future the plow trucks will make the adjustment.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

No report.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee met on 3/12/08 and discussed the maintenance and condition of the streets. The summer repaving will be discussed following the final freezing and thawing.

Levings reported that federal mandates will require the replacement of approximately 95 stop signs. Highly reflective signs will replace the current signs at a cost of \$50.00 each. The regulations will allow the next 2 years to gradually replace the signs.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

No report.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and briefly discussed the ongoing 2006/2007 audit. The auditors are scheduled to return on 4/21/08. A Cash-Basis audit will allow the State Auditor to issue a "dual opinion" as required by the GAAP regulations.

The committee will begin to review and update the Personnel Policy.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet on 4/21/08 after the regular Council meeting.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported that the "Professional Building" located at 27 W. High Street was purchased and will house the antiques and coin collection of local businessman Jerry Wolfe.

Insurance agent Justin Ferguson has opened a new agency in the village.

The Downtown Review Board approved the colors for the old Iron Skillet Restaurant renovation.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported no problems at the WWTP following the recent heavy snow falls and thaws. Adjustment to the central control panels will help alleviate the higher electric costs. Septage receiving billing and revenue is currently being tracked through the plant system.

Employees Felder, Fry and McKirgan are taking their required continuing training.

Few residents voiced complaints following the weekend snowstorm. The services department worked overtime to maintain the streets. Freezing and thawing are causing potholes that are being constantly filled and will be a priority when the repaving is planned.

Rogers reported he has interviewed 5 individuals for the position in the Services Department and recommended Adam Rensch to begin employment on 4/1/08. In his written recommendation, Rogers stated that he was looking for a person with leadership qualities and felt that Rensch met that qualification and could be promoted. The employees currently working in the Services Department have stated they are not interested in pursuing job advancement. Curtis moved and Levings seconded to approve Rensch for the position. Roll call; Curtis yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor commended all the fire, police and services departments for their dedication during the weekend Level 3 snowstorm. Council discussed the difficulty of traveling the snow-covered streets in the police cruisers. Chief Zerman reported that he advised his officers to stay in the office as much as possible and to use their own 4-wheel drive vehicles if they had an emergency situation. The Council will consider purchasing an inexpensive 4-wheel drive vehicle.

Mayor read a proclamation declaring April "Fair Housing Month".

Council discussed a full time employee who also serves on the Fire Department. Solicitor Griffith explained that, according to the Federal Labor Standard Laws, the employee must be paid overtime if he works more than 40 hours a week for one employer, which in this case, is the Village. If the fire department is actually a volunteer department without pay, it would not be a problem, however our firefighters are paid per call. Griffith offered to meet with the Finance & Personnel Committee at 6:00 pm on 4/7/08.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Williams moved and Strait seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Resolution 2-18-08 was presented for the third reading. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the street resurfacing resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Strait yes.

Resolution 3-3-08 was presented for the second reading. Williams moved and Curtis seconded to pass the recreation tax levy resolution to the third reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

Resolution 3-3-08A was presented. Levings moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the real estate purchase resolution as an emergency. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Resolution 3-17-08 was presented. Williams moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes. Levings moved and Strait seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment resolution as an emergency. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

Council was given an opportunity to request an audit exit conference. The request form will be forwarded to auditors Julian & Grube and the conference will be scheduled following the completion of the audit.

OTHER

Hart clarified an article concerning the Rivercliff Cemetery in the 2/27/08 publication of the Sentinel.

The article indicated that the "breaking of the trust" was against the original intent of the trust. The trust, created many years ago to maintain the mausoleum, has been allowed over the years to become inactive. The negative publication did not accurately report the intent of the Board and the courts that ultimately made the decision to break the trust and resulted in complaints from residents. Williams stressed that the Rivercliff Cemetery Board is very conscientious that funds will not be misused and commended everyone for the careful attention to the best interest of the cemetery and the care of the mausoleum. Chief Zerman reported that Officer Hughes injured his knee during an arrest of a suspect in February and will require surgery on 3/21/08. He will return to work on light duty to accommodate Worker's Comp return to work policy.

Strait scheduled a meeting of the Fire & Police Committee, along with the Mayor, Chief Zerman and Chief Staiger for 6:00 pm on 4/7/08.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:05 PM on April 7, 2008.

INVOCATION

Curtis offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Guests included Laura Meggitt from the Edison Enterprise Baptist Church, Jim & Kim Fleeson & Alison Hirt from the Mt. Gilead Merchants Association, & Don Staiger & Brian Zerman. Ms. Meggitt requested permission for her church to host a Homeless Ministry on the downtown square on July 4th & 5th. The all-night affair is planned to make the community aware of the homeless, how they look and how they live. In answer to Chief Zerman's questions, Meggitt stated that the group will remain within the grassy area on the southeast corner and the children in the group will be well supervised. No electric will be needed and she agreed they would follow Chief Staiger's order that there be no fires. Council discussed the traffic within the Village on the 4th of July weekend and requested more in-depth information. Mrs. Fleeson presented a chart and map promoting the Merchant's Springfest planned for May 10th. A High School Art Festival and an Elementary School "Best Mom" contest will be featured along with crafts and vendors to showcase the downtown area. The festival will begin at 10:00 am and run until 4:00 pm on the Saturday before Mother's Day. Fleeson stressed that no vendor's vehicles or trailers will be permitted on the streets. Strait moved and Curtis seconded to grant permission to close Center St. and S. Main St. from the Monument south to the Marion St./S. Main St. intersection from 9:00 am until 5:00 pm on Saturday 5/10/08. Roll call; Strait yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer abstained, Levings yes, Hart yes. Mr. Fleeson reported the property located at 117 E. North St. has become a concern. The house was destroyed by an arsonist in 2007 and the removal of the debris has resulted in a large hole on the property. The winter weather has almost destroyed the "Caution" tape surrounding the property and the large cavity, now filled with rainwater, is a curiosity for children and breeding ground for mosquitoes. The Mayor agreed to contact the owner of the property.

The Mayor offered to write a letter of appointment for Alison Hirt and Jim Fleeson to serve on the Downtown Review Board.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 254 calls for service, 30 reports, 7 felonies and 50 charges for the month of March.

Officer Hughes, injured in an altercation during an arrest, has returned to work within a week after knee surgery. Hughes is serving light duty, entering data lost in a recent computer problem. The Bureau of Workers Compensation and the Gates McDonald Case Nurse have commended Chief Zerman and Officer Hughes for their cooperation minimizing the time off. Zerman reminded Council to be aware of the children who are out enjoying the spring weather and may have forgotten safety rules after being in all winter.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 2 structure fires this past weekend. Our firefighters were given the opportunity to hear the radio transmissions when two Ohio firefighters were killed on Sunday in Cincinnati.

Staiger highlighted the grants that are available, including a radio & hose grant and a FEMA grant for vehicles and equipment amounting to \$33,643.00 with a 5% matching funds stipulation.

The EPA is scheduled to complete inspections and then authorize the burn training of the house located at 680 N. Main St. Staiger explained the process that will be used, the water hydrants available near the property and Council voiced no objections to the practice burning. The house, located within the village, was partially burned during the winter months and will provide valuable training for the department.

Council had no objection to the 8 or 9-hour propane classes scheduled for 5/17/08 on the vacant lot north of the Fire Station.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on 4/16/08.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee met prior to Council with Chief Staiger and Chief Zerman to discuss a situation, the result of an article appearing in the Morrow County Sentinel. The article, quoting the Fire Chief reported on the investigation of an arson case and omitted that the Police Department contributed to the investigation and the closure of the case. Chief Zerman was offended, not only by the article in the paper, but also by a previous incident that occurred during a Council meeting when Chief Staiger brought a complaint that the Police Department mishandled minor traffic incident involving a firefighter. The police video proved the Police Officer had acted appropriately and Chief Staiger sent a letter to Chief Zerman recognizing that the firefighter reported the incident incorrectly. The final outcome was not brought back to Council. Strait apologized for Council's lack of attention to the matter and stated that both Chief Staiger and Chief Zerman are great assets to the Village. Strait moved and Levings seconded to establish a policy change that no department head report to the Sentinel about the actions of another head but to refer any questions to the Mayor. A lengthy discussion followed with varying opinions, including (1) whether a written policy is necessary between professional people and (2) if the issue should be reconsidered and determined at a later date and (3) when and how the Mayor should handle future incidents. An ordinance is currently in place disallowing anyone, including any employee, from speaking for Council but does not address department heads speaking for each other. Strait stated that the Sentinel was at fault in not contacting Chief Zerman and that Chief Staiger was not aware of all that the Police Department had accomplished in the investigation. Council agreed that the incident was unfortunate and could have been avoided by professional courtesy. Strait withdrew his motion and Levings withdrew his second to the motion. Since both the Police and the Fire Departments work under the Mayor, future incidents should be taken to the Mayor and settled within the departments and not taken to the news media. Chief Staiger agreed to write a letter of apology to Chief Zerman.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed a personnel matter that will be presented to Council along with the Solicitor's written opinion and a recommendation from the committee on 4/21/08.

A quote for American Legal Publication was presented. Hart moved and Williams seconded to go into contract with American Legal for the re-codification of ordinances at a cost not to exceed \$7,600.00. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

The next meeting is scheduled for 4/21/08 at 6:00 pm.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The Utility Committee's updates are included in the Administrator's report.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported the recent newsletter incorrectly reported the Chamber of Commerce award luncheon date as 6/15/08 and is actually 7/15/08.

The CIC is scheduled to meet on 4/14/08 and the Downtown Review Board will meet on 4/22/08.

The new patriotic banners replaced the Christmas banner in the downtown area this week.

The committee is scheduled to meet on 5/5/08 at 6:00 pm.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee is scheduled to meet on 4/22/08.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the WWTP is operating efficiently despite the heavy rains and winter runoffs. The new facility has accomplished and exceeded EPA regulations. Some equipment is being run off-peak to help eliminate high-peak electric bills. Timers were added to control blowers and pump operations. A leak in the #2 sludge tank was repaired by PAE within 24 hours. During the repairs a conduit was damaged and replaced by Spring Electric. An investigation to determine the party responsible for a large amount of grease entering the system has shown the problem is originating in the center of town. Local restaurants are aware of the grease regulations.

The water line replacement project on Cedar St. has begun as scheduled. The completion date for the project is the end on June.

Stegal Construction will examine and give an estimate for future replacement of the deck surrounding the swimming pool. The winter weather has again caused deterioration of the concrete.

Repairs of the salt storage building at the Water Plant are scheduled as weather permits. Siding on the storage building north of the main building will have to be replaced.

A new manhole will be installed at N. Delaware St. & Lincoln Ave. Rogers reported the original line was extended improperly. Council questioned whether the problem could be contributing to the problems residents on Town St. have brought to Council’s attention. Rogers stated there was no indication that there are any illegal hookups in the area.

Council discussed the increasing cost of asphalt for street repairs.

At least 20 catch basins, damaged by the winter weather, will be replaced.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to approve \$22,900.00 for the Issue I engineering costs. The project will allow the completion of the line across the fair grounds. The Village matching funds amount for the Issue I is \$26,000.00. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor presented a Proclamation congratulating the Mt. Gilead Public Library on their 100th Anniversary and extended the celebration invitation to Council planned for 4/17/08 at 2:00 pm.

Jim Helt, Keith Strait, Dan Rogers and the Mayor will attend Tree City in Delaware.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Solicitor Griffith explained the costs that the County Auditor and County Treasurer are entitled to charge from the estate tax due the Village. Griffith offered to work with the Clerk to ensure that the correct amounts are collected and the payments to the Village are in a timely manner. Mayor’s Court and Small Claims Court cases continue to address the on-going number of delinquent water and tax bills.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Curtis yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Resolution 3-3-08 was presented for the third reading. Williams moved and Levings seconded to adopt the tax certification resolution. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

It was the recommendation of the State Auditor that the minutes show the attendance of the elected officials attending the required Public Records Training; December 6, 2007, Emily Shaffer attended the training and served as designee for John Curtis, Betty Williams attended and served as designee for Steve Hart and Keith Strait, Sue Mermann attended and served as designee for Brandon Strain and Tom Whiston.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on April 21, 2008.

INVOCATION

Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

The Mayor welcomed guests Don Staiger, Tree Board member Tim Butcher, and Sentinel Editor Tim Picard. Mr. Butcher addressed Council as a new resident to the community who has an interest in the schools and community and proposed a community garden project. The idea is still in the beginning stages and will require time for research, discussion and planning. The vacant lot located on the northwest corner of W. North St. and N. Rich St. is being considered for the site where residents could grow shrubs, flowers and vegetables and could serve as an attractive gathering place, however, many years ago the area was the site of a lumber-yard and would require raised planters. A lengthy discussion focused on the site for the project, maintenance, liability and rules or by-laws governing the project. Butcher recommended the web site www.americancommunitygardens.org to view other communities' gardens. While Council voiced a definite interest in the proposed project it was agreed that any village funding would not be approved. The Economic & Development Committee agreed to serve as the contact and may have one member serve on the planning committee. Mr. Picard offered to run a survey in the local newspaper to gauge community interest.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 141 responses for the year, an increase in the number of calls over 2007. The Humane Society will hold a meeting at the Fire Station on 4/26/08 & 4/27/08. The Department is hosting a "Save Your Life" health screening from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on 6/4/08 at the Station. Flyers will be printed to announce the event.

Extensive training is scheduled for 5/17/08 beginning at 8:00 am and finishing up at 5:00 pm. North St. will be closed from Iberia St. to N. Rich St. for the training.

Staiger encouraged Council members to check the updated web site. The site features former Mt. Gilead Fire Chiefs dating back to the 1800's.

The Rescue 11, expected several months ago, has a new delivery date of mid-May. Staiger reported that a trip to S. Dakota will be planned to inspect the new vehicle. Price quotes are being sought for the sale of the used Rescue 11, which will be available after delivery of the newer vehicle.

Rogers presented 2 quotes for the replacement of the furnace and insulation at the station; Young's Plumbing & Heating at a cost of \$6,750.00 and Levering Brothers at \$6,816.00 for the furnace and \$2,070.00 from North Central for the insulation. Rogers stated that Young's unit is the better of the two with higher efficiency. Hart moved and Strait seconded to award Young's the project. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee met on 4/16/08. Five quotes were considered for the purchase of 2 new mowers. The committee recommended the purchase of a 60" cut Honda and a "72 cut Kohler. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to accept the bid of \$12,500.00 and the trade-in of the '99

Scaggs from Burkhart Farm Center. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

A final review of streets requiring resurfacing in 2008 will be completed at the next committee meeting on 5/14/08. The committee discussed a \$5.00 license tag tax to supplement the increasing cost of street paving. Curtis spoke in favor of the tax. Williams stated she would not support the additional tax while we have enough revenue if we prioritize our expenditures and then allocate the funds and while the budget is healthy enough to support our expenses. Rogers spoke of future projects, including street and alley paving and the aging storm sewers that will experience a major breakdown if repairs and/or replacement projects are not kept up. Slurry-seal or chip & seal may help in some the alleys or streets.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

No report. The next meeting is cancelled.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee will meet a 6:00 pm on 5/19/08.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet following council on 5/18/08 to plan the spring projects and to begin to provide a long-term plan for future major projects.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on 5/5/08 to finalize the plans for the Dr. Nathan Tucker Excellence Award to be presented to the 2 recipients on 7/15/08.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report. The next committee meeting has been cancelled.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

The new effluent meter was recently installed by Spring Electric to reduce the electric bill at the WWTP. The timers will set the operation of equipment to off-peak hours. The #2 sludge tank repairs were completed by PAE. The EPA inspection was completed for the NPDES permit. Septage receiving revenue is less than expected so far.

The replacement of the 4" water line along Cedar St. has crossed Bank St. and is on schedule. Street paving and chip & seal bids have been advertised. Bid opening is scheduled for 10:00 am on 5/8/08.

Clean-up week began today and will run through Thursday. The chipper will make three runs during the summer beginning in May. Leaf pickup is scheduled for the autumn months only; residents will need to take leaves that were not picked up last fall to the yard waste site. Time and manpower will not allow continuous runs of the chipper, leaf machine and trash truck.

Notices in the newsletter outline the schedules and regulations concerning yard waste, brush, and clean-up week.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reported two proclamations; the first is to join in the National Day of Prayer on Friday, May 1st and the second is Arbor Day on April 25th. The annual tree planting ceremony will be held at the school. Porter offered to host a pizza party for a class during the day. Strait, Rogers and Tree Board member Jim Helt joined the Mayor in the Tree City Day activities in Delaware. Delaware County passed, after several attempts, a .4 mill levy supporting parks. The Mayor reported the benefits of the additional revenue in opening 6 new parks. A lengthy discussion followed centering on planning for the future and a comparison between Delaware and Mt. Gilead and Delaware County vs. Morrow County with regards to water, sewer, roads and parks. Varying ideas on how to plan and project for the future were discussed.

After a brief discussion on the summer council hours, Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to meet the first meeting in July and August, which would be the 7/7/08 and 8/4/08 and recess the second meeting in July and August, which would be 7/21/08 and 8/18/08 and to return to regular meeting schedule after the Labor Day meeting on Tuesday, September 1st. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

SOLITIOR-MATT GRIFFITH

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Williams moved and Curtis seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Williams yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Resolution 4/21/08 was presented for the first reading. Williams moved and Strait seconded to pass the Recreation Levy resolution to the second reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1597 was presented for the first reading. Levings moved and Strait seconded to pass the N. Cherry St. ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

OTHER

Mayor Porter requested a written request from Strait to be excused from the 8/4/08 meeting. Rogers reported that the northeast section of the Village has been approved as a "Neighborhood Watch " area with 16 signs provided by the Health Department. The signs will be posted throughout the neighborhood.

Williams requested that in addition to the monthly YTD Fund Report a quarterly Revenue Report be provided. A brief discussion was held on future planning for the funds invested in Star Ohio. Suggestions varied from using part of the interest for capital improvements, contributing to the Rivercliff Cemetery, or saving the funds for the future.

With no other business to come before Council, Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:35 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on May 5, 2008.

INVOCATION

Levings offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Guests included Don Staiger and Brian Zerman, Tim Picard from the Sentinel, Alison Hirt and Kim Fleeson from the Downtown Merchants, Erin Kelty from the Chamber of Commerce, and Gilead Township Trustees, Harry Arnold, Clyde Columber, and David Lewis.

Mrs. Kelty highlighted the Sweet Corn Festival memo provided to Council. The 2nd annual festival is planned for July 18-19 and features entertainment, food vendors, children's games, music and a Saturday night Chicken BBQ. The Chamber requested that S. Main Street be closed for the popular event. Chief Staiger and Chief Zerman both approved the plans. Strait moved and Levings seconded to allow the closing of S. Main Street from the Monument south to the Main St./Marion St. intersection on Friday evening from 5:00 PM until 11:00 PM and Saturday from 9:30 AM until 9:00 PM and Center Street both nights. Roll call; Strait yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Mrs. Fleeson requested that the back parking lot be closed for the Spring Fest this Saturday, May 10th. She reported a good response from 32 vendors who will attend the event.

JOINT MEETING WITH GILEAD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Levings moved and Shaffer seconded, to recess the regular meeting. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to call the Joint Meeting to order. Roll call: Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Strait yes. Hart moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules for Resolution 5-5-08. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Curtis yes, Lewis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Rivercliff Cemetery Resolution 5-8-08. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes. Williams moved and Strait seconded to reappoint Steve Hart to the Cemetery Board for the 3 three-year term beginning 1-1-09 through 12/31/11. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes. Council and the Trustees expressed appreciation to Hart for his expertise and leadership while serving on the Board and for his willingness to continue to serve through 2011. Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn the Joint Meeting. Roll call; Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes. Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to reconvene the regular Council meeting. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 230 calls for service, 12 animal complaints, 46 reports, 3 accidents and 11 felonies. Officer Meftah and Auxiliary Officer Powell were commended for their attention during a routine traffic stop over the past weekend, which resulted in the arrest of all three occupants for possession and trafficking heroin.

Officer Peterson has been removed from the Auxiliary for prior commitments; Officer Thomas Cory has been added to the Auxiliary. Officer Hughes has returned to work with no restrictions following a Worker's Comp injury and surgery.

Delivery of the 2 new (2008) cruisers is expected within the next 10 days. Captain Underwood and Chief Zerman will take the equipment taken from the 2006 demolished cruiser to be placed in one of the new vehicles.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

The department has responded to 151 calls for the year. Accidents and structure fires continue to be the biggest concern.

Shift schedules are now posted on the web site along with Platoon schedules.

Chief Staiger reported yet another delay in the delivery of the Rescue 11 vehicle. The contract, signed on 4/9/07 promised delivery 325 days from the acceptance of the contract. The first delay was for 63 days, the second was for 86 days and now the delivery date is set at 113 days late. Chief Staiger and Asst. Chief Greg Young are scheduled to fly to S. Dakota on June 3-6 to inspect the vehicle. Council questioned the cost of the flight and stay in S. Dakota to inspect a new vehicle. Staiger explained that the truck is to be built to our design and specifications and the cost of the inspections and travel costs are included in the \$349,605.00 quoted as the purchase price. If there is a problem in the design or construction of the vehicle, it will be corrected before it is transported to Ohio. Staiger stated that while the company has an excellent reputation, he has been disappointed in the performance of the Rosenbaur Company. The contract does not contain a penalty clause for late delivery; a clause, that Chief Staiger stated will not be omitted again.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 5/14/08.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee is scheduled to meet at 5/13/08 at 6:00 PM.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 5/19/08.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet following Council on 5/19/08.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council tonight and finalized the plans for the Dr. Nathan Tucker Excellence Award luncheon. The Mayor will send invitations to the two recipients along with their nominators.

The Downtown Design Review Board met at 7:30 AM on 4/22/08 and requested to address Council on 5/19/08.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on 6/2/08.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported a minor spill into the Whetstone Creek last week was the result of a plugged main drain line. The problem was repaired by the contractor and reported to the OEPA. Sludge will be hauled as soon as the fields are available; the sludge is currently being filled into the drying beds. Mike Fry, Steve McKirgan and Mell Felder, along with Rogers are reviewing the draft and submitting comments for the NPDES permit. The WWTP is operating with no violations despite heavy rainfalls and thawing during the past spring months.

The Cedar St. water line replacement is approximately 1/3 completed.

Repairs on the pool deck have been completed and painting is ready to begin in anticipation for the summer swim season. The winter of 2007/2008, with repeated freezing and thawing, caused extra deterioration of the concrete surrounding the pool but the pool itself remains sound. Council discussed the age of the pool, the extent of the damage and requested that Rogers begin to check for estimates for the repairs that will be necessary before 2009. Rogers stated that the entire west side of the pool will need to be removed and the gutters reset and he has already begun checking for cost estimates.

Certified letters are being sent to residents who have allowed their grass to grow to heights of 8"-10". The lawns will be mowed and the costs assessed onto the real estate taxes.

Pre-bid meetings were well attended and the bid opening for the street resurfacing is set for 5/8/08 and the bid opening for the asphalt chip & seal is scheduled for 5/7/08 at 10:00 AM. Inspection of the water tower has been scheduled. Divers will inspect the tanks and then vacuum if necessary.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported no recent complaints or resident issues. He has officiated at 10 weddings YTD.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Williams moved and Hart seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Resolution 4-21-08 was presented for the 2nd reading. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to pass the Recreation Levy resolution to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Williams yes.

Ordinance 1597 was presented for the 2nd reading. Levings moved and Williams seconded to pass the N. Cherry St. ordinance to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

The YTD Fund Report and the YTD Revenue Report were distributed to Council and highlighted.

Committee chairmen were reminded to continue to provide their monthly committee reports in compliance with the State Public Records Policy.

OTHER

Shaffer commended the Services for keeping Cedar St. well maintained during the water line construction project.

Mrs. Fleeson expressed appreciation for the cleaning of the empty lot on E. North St.

Rogers commended the employees who detected a bank envelope with cash enclosed in a resident's trash and returned it to the resident. 56 tons of trash were collected during Clean-Up Week last week.

Strait moved and Curtis seconded to adjourn at 7:55PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on May 19, 2008.

INVOCATION

Hart offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Williams moved to approve the minutes with one minor correction. Levings seconded the motion. Roll call: Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Don Staiger, downtown merchants Howard Whiston, Joe Hupfer, Alison Hirt, Kimberly & Jim Fleeson, and Karen McClelland, and Boy Scouts Ben Knechtey, Sean Rausch, Kyle Grossman, Sean Miranda, Jacob Hawk and Scout Leader David Grossman.

Mrs. McClelland addressed Council with the concerns of the Downtown Review Board. Signs were approved by the Administrator but were not brought before the Board. She stated that the Board would like to become more involved in helping new businesses follow the guidelines set up for the downtown area. Small businesses would have someone to get the correct information to them before they have made an error. While the Board is trying to keep the area up to certain standards, a lack of enforcement has caused an attitude of "they didn't follow the rules so we don't have to either". A lengthy discussion focused on enforcing or amending the current ordinance. Solicitor Griffith offered to meet with the Board to help review the current ordinance and to recommend an amendment to stipulate who is to enforce the regulations and establish certain repercussions for noncompliance. The merchants and Council agreed they are working toward the same goals for the good of the Village, businesses and residents. The Board expressed appreciation to the Council and employees for closing S. Main St. and for their assistance during the recent Spring Fest.

Mr. Hupfer spoke as a downtown businessman who showed a loss of business during the days S. Main St. is closed. He reported a number of businesses downtown that also reported a drastic loss of sales during the four festival days annually. Normally on the those days shoppers are interested in the vendors and crafts rather than the usual downtown businesses while the vendors monopolize the parking lots with their vehicles, making it difficult for regular Saturday shoppers. Mr. Whiston concurred that the closing of S. Main St. adversely affects their normal Saturday retail business as well as the pharmaceutical and causes difficulty for those residents who need to park near the Pharmacy. Mr. Hupfer suggested that a portion of N. Main St. be closed for vendors and the downtown parking areas and S. Main St. be kept open for the usual shoppers. Varying opinions were expressed of the benefits or disadvantages of closing S. Main St. as well as which businesses benefit from the special festival days.

Downtown parking again became the focus of the discussion. Complaints are often heard both for the enforcement and for the non-enforcement of the parking restrictions. Curtis offered to have the Codes & Regulations Committee meet with the Downtown Review Board and Solicitor Griffith to review the current ordinances and to recommend any necessary changes.

Mayor Porter welcomed Scout Leader Grossman and the Boy Scouts who then introduced themselves and their rank.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 163 responses for the year, 18 for the month. Chief Staiger and Assistant Chief Young are scheduled to fly to S. Dakota on 6/3/08-6/5/08 to inspect the new Rescue 11. One error was detected during the first review of the specs.

Furnace repairs at the Fire Station have been completed.

Propane training was completed on 5/17/08 for 21 firefighters from Cardington, Iberia, and Mt. Gilead. The Department has offered 32 hours of training so far in 2008.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee met on 5/14/08 and reviewed the asphalt and chip & seal bids and the streets to be repaved this summer. Although the bids were lower than expected, the price is continuing to keep pace with the increasing oil and gas prices. The costs are approximately \$15,000.00 over the 2008 appropriation budget. Of the bids submitted, Smalls Asphalt was the lowest bid at \$109,777.38 for the asphalt project and \$29,654.29 for the chip & seal project. Rogers reported that Smalls is a reputable company from Knox County. Levings recommended a supplemental appropriation of an additional \$44,464.00 to complete both the asphalt and chip & seal projects. Council discussed the 2008 budget as well as the streets most in need of resurfacing. Curtis moved and Levings seconded to proceed with both projects. Roll call: Curtis yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6/11/08 at 6:00 PM.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee will meet with Chief Zerman to discuss the parking problems in the downtown area.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met with Solicitor Griffith prior to the Council meeting. Griffith presented a written legal opinion regulating compensation for a full time employee who also serves as a volunteer firefighter. Griffith will review the guidelines with Chief Staiger and then will present the recommendations to Council for approval.

An additional price quote will be reviewed before a decision is made on the BWC Management Care Provider. Gates McDonald serves as the third party MCO for the Village.

The next meeting is scheduled for 6/16/08.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet following Council on 6/2/08 to review the current ordinance prohibiting down spouts from emptying into the sanitary sewer. Long-range planning for upgrading storm drains will be considered.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee meeting scheduled for 6/2/08 will be cancelled. The committee will resume on 7/7/08 to finalize the plans for the Dr. Nathan Tucker Excellence Award presentation.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee will meet on the 5/20/08 to discuss the ordinances regulating the downtown area.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported on the WWTP operations following a week of rain. The benefits of keeping the 2 sludge drying beds is proving to be a savings in the cost of future sludge hauling.

The NPDES permit draft will submitted to the OEPA this week along with comments from Mike Fry, Mel Felder and Rogers.

Emptying the salt bin is nearing completion to allow for repairs.

Cedar St. water line project is progressing despite the almost daily rain-fall. Another grease blockage had to cleared from the Baker St. sanitary sewer line. Rogers reported if there is a solution to the continued dumping of grease from the Senior's housing complex, he has yet to find it.

Rogers has begun contacting contractors for price quotes for the extensive repairs required at the pool before the 2009 summer season. The repairs could be less costly if they are completed during the 2008 autumn season and the work may be hampered less than with the usual rainy, cold spring weather.

Rainy weather has aggravated the problems with lawns in need of mowing. Several residents have grass as high as 12-16 inches. Letters of warning are continuing to go out to property owners who ignore the blight regulations. The costs of cutting the lawns will be assessed on to

the real estate taxes. Council members brought residences in their neighborhoods that need attention.

Rogers submitted an application for funds from the FEMA Grant for costs incurred during the March 15th snow blizzard. The costs including equipment, salt and overtime hours amount to approximately \$18,000.00

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor presented a letter of appreciation from the merchants following the Spring Fest. A call from local resident Bill Blankenship expressed his gratitude to the Police Department for checking on his Town St. residence while he is living out of state.

Porter reported that Safety Town will not be offered this summer because of the construction work at the Park Ave. schools.

A representative from Senator Voinovich's office visited with the Mayor this past week and Senator Brown's office will send a representative next week.

A complaint following a traffic citation was found to be unwarranted after the Mayor reviewed the video along with the arresting officer this week. The video showed the officer behaved appropriately during the recent citation.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Bills were reviewed briefly. Curtis moved and Strait seconded to pay the bills. Roll call; Curtis yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Resolution 4/21/08 was presented for the third reading. Levings moved and Williams seconded to adopt the Recreation Levy. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1597 was presented for the third reading. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the N. Cherry St. ordinance. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1598 was read for the first time. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the Supplemental ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

The 2009 Resources Budget will be presented at a Public Hearing at the next regular council meeting on 6/2/08. The Budget will be available in the Clerk's office until that time.

OTHER

Council expressed appreciation to the Boy Scouts and their leader for their attention during the meeting. The boys expressed their appreciation to Howard Whiston for providing a meeting place for their troop.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on June 2, 2008.

INVOCATION

Williams offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Hart moved and Williams seconded to approve the minutes with three corrections. Roll call: Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Don Staiger, Tim Picard, and Kim & Jim Fleeson.

Mr. Picard, Morrow County Sentinel Editor, addressed Council as a person who works within the Village. He reported his experience working with law enforcement officials, naming a long list of departments and agencies, but stated he has found an absence of cooperation from the Mt. Gilead Police Department and particularly Chief Zerman in that he will not return calls. He cited an alleged incident at the High School when he stated his repeated calls to the Department were not returned. He requested that Council help improve communication between the Department and the paper. Mayor Porter stated that Chief Zerman has indicated to him that, in the past, the paper has been an adversary of the Department. Mr. Picard stated he would take full responsibility for the paper since his time of employment there and cited the report of public employees' wages to show that law enforcement officers are underpaid in small communities. He continued with the statement that certain Village residents, as well as an employee of the weekly publication, have revealed to him a fear of the officers. Council questioned whether the fear is imagined or justified because of a disregard for authority. Mr. Picard answered that he does not feel anyone deserves to feel fear. Council also cited recent articles that were reported with a very negative slant and the Mayor related a recent dispute that proved a motorist had misrepresented the actions of an Officer during a routine traffic stop; following review of the video, Porter concluded that the Office had acted correctly and with respect toward the motorist. The lengthy discussion focused on the opposing opinions. Strait offered to review Mr. Picard's request for better communication when the Fire & Police Committee meets on 6/10/08. Chief Zerman was excused and not present to answer Mr. Picard's allocations.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused. The written monthly report showed 255 calls for service, 54 reports, 8 domestics, 11 felonies and 93 charges. The 2 new (2008) cruisers are in service. Office Foley will be off work until 6/10/08 following an off-duty injury.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 180 responses, including a Cardington mutual aid house fire. Over 300 accumulative hours of extensive smoke and fire training were completed over the weekend for as many as 29 firefighters. The house, damaged by a previous fire, was used for the training. The smoke training began on Saturday with fires being set in 55-gallon drums to create the smoke-filled rooms for victim rescue exercises. "Red Operations" involved locating and rescuing a person down in the dark smoky areas. The fire training was completed with the burning of the building on Sunday. Chief Staiger reported that the training is dangerous but offers an excellent opportunity for all the firefighters and especially the probationary trainees to experience the intense heat and smoky situations that would occur in an actual house fire with victims inside. One firefighter was taken to the hospital, suffering from a drop in her blood sugar levels. She was treated and released.

Chief Staiger and Asst. Chief Young will travel to S. Dakota to inspect the 2008 Rescue 11 vehicle tomorrow morning and will return on Thursday evening. The purchase contract promised delivery of the vehicle in January.

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE 2009 BUDGET

The 2009 Budget Estimate of Revenues for Submission to the Morrow County Budget Commission was presented for review. Williams moved and Hart seconded to approve the report. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The next meeting is scheduled for 6/11/08 at 6:00 PM.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The next meeting is scheduled for 6/10/08 at 6:00 PM.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The next meeting is scheduled for 6/16/08 at 6:00 PM. Hart asked that the committee meet briefly following Council tonight.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams highlighted the memo from Morrow County Health Department requesting that the Solid Waste Revolving Loan Fund be re-established. The original program was set up in 2003 by the County Health Department to provide funds for the cleanup of blight areas within the County. Villages and Townships agreed to contribute to the Fund annually and then could apply for a loan to clean up a particular area. The Village joined the program with the adoption of Resolution 12-01-03. Staffing shortages at the Health Dept., as well as a lack of projects, caused the program to be suspended through 2007 and Council voted on 10/15/07 to rescind Resolution 12-01-03. The program has been re-activated with several planned projects. Rogers explained that the Village ordinances control blight problems within the Village but a loan could be available if we felt the need. It was agreed that the Village should work together with the County and Townships to be a part of the solution to the blight problems. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt a resolution to support the program and to contribute annually. The resolution will be presented at the 6/16/08 meeting. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

The committee will postpone meetings until after the summer months unless a need occurs and will meet on 9/15/08 following Council.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 7/7/08. Shaffer encouraged members of Council to attend the Chamber luncheon on 7/15/07 from 12:00 noon until 1:00 PM in Room A at the Morrow County Hospital. Recipients of the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence will be honored along with their nominators.

The Downtown Review Board is scheduled to meet at 7:30 AM on 6/17/08 in the Fire Station.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the WWTP is operating well within the low-flow limits. McChesney's will haul the sludge from the filled drying beds later in the summer.

The NPDES permit was reviewed and Mike Fry reported the requirements are reasonable.

The water line replacement on Cedar St. is progressing on schedule. All the tees and valves have been installed at Maple Court and Hillside St.

The pool was opened with no inspection violations.

Overlay paving will be applied to the driveway at the Sweeney property located adjacent to the Water Plant on N. Main St. According to the original easement agreement, the drive is the responsibility of the Village. The cost will be taken from the Water Capital Improvement Fund. An emergency repair was completed on a water leak at Northgate Park. In an effort to maintain water supply to the mobile home park, the Village completed the repairs and Ashford Property

Management (owners of the park) will be invoiced. The plumber normally hired by Ashford refused to accept the job because of delinquent payment for previous bills. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to approve \$4,712.85 for the computer server updates to Internal Solutions and \$2,422.00 to CMI Rogers explained the necessary data transfers for the Finance, and Payroll, Tax, Utility updates. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor expressed congratulations to the Wayside Garden Club on their 50th Anniversary and appreciation for their dedicated work at the welcome signs and in the downtown area. Appreciation was also extended to the Village employees who worked to get the pool cleaned, painted and ready for the Memorial Day opening.

Traffic problems included complaints from Westview Dr. residents of increased traffic and speed. Monitoring by the Police has alleviated the problem; residents have responded with appreciation.

Representatives from Sherrod Brown's office and Jim Jordan's office have visited the Village offering assistance or support for community projects.

Two Officers were commended for the arrests for 2 repeat DUI offenders.

Safety Town has been rescheduled from 7/21/08 - 8/1/08.

Once again, Council discussed the 2-hour downtown parking. The Mayor stated that in the past, enforcing the restrictions has resulted in as many complaints as for the lack of enforcement. The merchants cited examples of vehicles parked for several hours in the restricted areas while several lots in the downtown area are unrestricted parking up to 72 hours. Following a lengthy discussion, each member of Council voiced the opinion that everyone should abide by the rules that are set. The Mayor offered to notify merchants that the 2-hour parking regulations will be strictly enforced after 6/18/08.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Strait moved and Williams seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Strait yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1598 was presented for the 2nd reading. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the Supplemental Appropriation ordinance to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1599. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Levings moved and Williams seconded to adopt the Supplemental Appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Hart moved and Strait seconded to approve Gates McDonald as the Workers Compensation Group Rating Program MCO. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:35 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on June 16, 2008.

INVOCATION

Strait offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Guests included Officer Mark Meftah, Betty Jackson, Mike & Judy Keil, Jim & Kim Fleeson Alison Hirt and Sentinel Editor Tim Picard. Porter introduced Mrs. Jackson as an employee of the Hickson Insurance Agency who opposes the enforced 2-hour downtown parking. Mrs. Jackson presented a series of 14 photographs of the downtown area taken on varies days of the week, Monday through Friday, and at varying times during the day. Each of the photos showed only a few vehicles parked on the downtown streets at any given time. Mrs. Jackson stated that she has worked and parked at the corner of S. Main St. and Center St. for 62 years and her clients have reported no problems parking near the agency. Opinions were voiced both in favor and against the enforcement of the parking restrictions. The Mayor explained that the intent of the enforcement is not to generate revenue for the Village but to benefit the downtown businesses and to restrict the employees who park in front of a business for several hours. Council agreed that the issue has had sufficient consideration and discussion and that the 2-hour parking would be strictly enforced for at least the next two months.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused for illness.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused for vacation. Rogers reported the new Rescue 11 will be delivered on 7/1/08.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The Committee met on 6/11/08 and discussed the recommendations of the Fire & Police Committee to make the Municipal Building more secure for the office personnel. The committee took the dimensions of the building and will seek price quotes to combine the Utility/Tax and Mayor's Secretary offices and to allow only one entrance. A recommendation will be presented to Council for approval following the review of the proposed redesign and costs.

Street paving, scheduled to begin in mid-July, was discussed as well as the future replacement of equipment.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The Committee met with Captain Underwood on 6/10/08 and discussed the security of the Municipal Building along with the request from the Sentinel for information. Strait requested that whenever possible, an officer attend Council meetings. The Committee recommended that the newspaper would be provided with the same monthly report provided to Council and any additional information upon request. The Committee discussed the enforcement of the 2-hour downtown parking and recommended that additional signs be posted. Captain Underwood related several incidents that threatened the security and safety of the office staff and urged the Committee to consider implementing a more secure working area. Both the Mayor's Secretary and the Clerk's staff are the first line of communication for people who are angry for any number of things. A recommendation that the offices be redesigned will be submitted to the Streets Committee for further review.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart was excused.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams highlighted the Ohio Public Works Commission notification of the approval of the Whetstone Creek Sanitary Sewer Replacement-Phase II in the amount of \$223,609.00. The funds will be released on 7/1/08.

The committee will not meet during July & August unless necessary.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet prior to Council on 7/7/08. Shaffer encouraged members of Council to attend the Chamber luncheon on 7/15/08. The Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence will be presented at the luncheon.

Downtown Review Board will meet tomorrow 6/17/08 to review several sign requests.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis was excused.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported that PAE will make minor repairs this week at the WWTP. Some of the repairs are under warranty and some are punch-list items. Recent testing numbers at the plant were very good despite recent heavy flows caused by frequent rain storms.

Removing the salt from the salt bins has proven to a more extensive job than anticipated. The salt is being used as it is removed.

Weather has delayed the Cedar St. waterline project. The completed project is expected in time for the repaving in 2-3 weeks.

The recent higher temperatures have helped the attendance at the pool. The pool office was burglarized this past weekend with all the petty cash and the 2 new cash registers stolen. The break-in is under investigation and extra precautions may be implemented.

Columbia Gas has agreed to replace any trees destroyed during the installation of the new gas line on Cherry St. and N. Main St.

Rogers advised a Marion Rd. resident to contact the property owner following a recent complaint of sewer gas smell inside the home that was not caused by the Village sanitary sewer line.

Rogers explained the proposed redesign of the Municipal Building. The Council Chambers and the Utility Office could be switched and the office staff moved into one main office.

Cold patching continues as needed.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reported on the recent Ohio Mayor’s Conference held in Dublin. Thirty-five first-term Mayors attended the 3-day seminar to discuss issues that face villages and cities across the state.

Letters were delivered to alert the downtown businesses of the proposed enforcement of the 2-hour parking. Some business owners accepted the ruling, some questioned the decision but only one was angry.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Following a brief discussion, Williams moved and Strait seconded to approve payment of the bills.

Ordinance 1598 was presented for the third reading. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Supplemental Appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strait yes.

The FEMA grant in the amount of \$13,072.00 was received to recover the expenses of the Level 3 snow storm in mid-March.

OTHER

Strait highlighted the qualifications and the recommendation of Chief Staiger that Robert Allan Hagar be approved to serve as a firefighter. Strait moved and Shaffer seconded to approve Hagar for the position. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes.

Rogers reported that the Squad-bay door will need to be replaced. The door had been repaired repeatedly.

Strait moved and Williams seconded to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on July 7, 2008.

INVOCATION

Curtis offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Guests included Don Staiger, Kenny Underwood, Tim Garry, and Tim Picard from the Sentinel. Mr. Garry asked that Council reconsider the enforcement of the 2-hour downtown parking restriction. He stated that if the spirit of the law was to create more parking for downtown shoppers, the law is not working. Several business people simply move their vehicles every two hours in order to avoid a ticket. Mr. Garry stated that the only business to be affected during the evening hours is the Capital Theater since most businesses are closed before 9:00 pm. and patrons who are in the theater more than the 2-hour limit are likely to be ticketed. Captain Underwood agreed that many downtown business people, as well as their employees, do routinely move their vehicles to the next parking space to avoid a ticket and tickets have been issued during the evening hours while people may have been in the theater. Mr. Garry argued that the theater is a unique small town place of entertainment for his family but he does not want to get a parking ticket for parking over the 2-hour limit. Following a lengthy discussion, the Mayor recommended that theater patrons park in the village parking lot just south of Chase Bank on the southeast corner of the square where unlimited parking is allowed up to 72 hours and agreed that the parking restrictions may be adjusted in the future but until the first of September the parking laws in the downtown area will be enforced.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Captain Underwood highlighted the monthly written report showing 224 calls for service, 46 reports, 11 felonies, 79 charges and 5 accidents for the month of June. Officer Foley and Chief Zerman are both on sick leave recovering from off-duty injuries. The report summarized the events of 6-6-08 when two officers were forced to euthanize an aggressive dog in order to protect innocent people from being attacked and/or bitten by the dog.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 210 responses for the year to date; seven over the weekend. No injuries were reported despite numerous illegal fireworks for the 4th of July holiday. The new Rescue 11 was delivered and the Chief reported, "It is beautiful"; it will meet or exceed expectations. Extensive testing and examination resulted in seven items noted on the acceptance sheet; several additional features including stainless steel wheel covers, additional shelving, and handles were added to the vehicles because of the late delivery date. The Sentinel will feature the new vehicle in an article with photos. Remainder of the equipment will be ordered.

Staiger explained Ordinance 1600 to be presented for the first reading tonight to sell the 1985 Rescue 11. The value of the vehicle to estimated to be approximately \$27,000.00.

Mr. Garry requested that firefighters wear something reflective on their dark uniforms to make them more visible going in and out of the station at night.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

Levings reported the committee met briefly prior to the Council meeting and directed Administrator Rogers to put the purchase of the front-end loader in the 2009 budget at a cost of

\$81,000.00. John Deere revised the purchase proposal, still offering \$17,500.00 for the Case backhoe and taking the backhoe as rental for the piece of equipment until the end of the year; then \$39,100.00 due in 2009 for a total savings of \$25,000.00. Council discussed the cost and the need to replace the backhoe. Levings stated the backhoe cannot be used in the downtown area and Rogers stated the backhoe cannot be used in the drying beds. Rogers noted the benefits of the new equipment on the future projects, especially water projects. Most sewer projects will still have to bid out but the new equipment would make waterline projects possible. Levings stated the funds are available in the Water, Sewer & Street. Strait and Curtis reported that they had reviewed the funds and the current expenses before recommending the purchase. The Clerk stated she was not aware of the proposed purchase and noted the increase in spending during 2008. Levings moved and Strait seconded to approve the purchase of the equipment. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart no, Williams no, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes; four in favor and two opposed.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

No meeting.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee will meet if necessary.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet prior to September if necessary.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and finalized the plans for the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence plans. Attending the luncheon on 7-15-08 will be Mayor Porter, Administrator Rogers, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann, Council members Hart, Shaffer, Strait, and Williams. Mayor Porter will be the Master of Ceremonies.

CIC is scheduled to meet on 7-14-08 at 7:00 pm; Downtown Review Board will meet at 7:30 am on 7-15-08. Jim Fleeson has resigned from the Downtown Review Board; new members will be needed.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported PAE has finished the WWTP construction.

Mel Felder will be on sick leave recovering from surgery.

A Cedar St. water leak was repaired on Friday 7-4-08. Pressure testing was completed on Cedar St. and then hook-ups will begin.

Minor repairs were completed at the pool. Following several recent break-ins, an alarm system has been installed at the pool at a cost of \$199.00 and an annual fee of \$192.00. The alarm was activated last week by employee error.

Columbia Gas repairs and line replacement on N. Cherry St. and N. Main St. were completed this week. Tree lawn repairs will be completed as soon as weather allows.

OPWC Grant project will be ready to be bid in August. The Village share will be 22% of the \$223,609.00 grant.

The squad bay door replacement will be at a cost of \$3,375.00.

The State has doubled the State Capital Improvement Issue I funds; our project in 2009 will be the storm water repairs in front of the Morrow County Hospital. The Hospital will share the cost of the project. The Hospital's west entrance has been closed. The State does not accept any responsibility for the repairs.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported he has just returned from a 9-day Mission Trip.

The Mayor expressed disappointment in the recent publicity from many venues following the 6-6-08 shooting of an aggressive dog by an officer of the Village Police Department. The dog, with a history of aggressive behavior with the Police and the County Dog Warden, had attacked a resident and her son while they were walking. Unable to contain the dog while under attack against her and the two Officers at the scene, the Warden ordered that the dog be killed. A 1

lengthy discussion followed with varying opinions from Mr. Picard concerning the news media's coverage of the incident, the reaction of the owners who were at first apologetic and then angry, the Council's concern that the Warden should be better equipped with a tranquilizer gun to subdue an unapproachable dog and a request that Council members be kept aware of such events as soon as enough information and facts have been verified. The dog owner's mother has angrily contacted the Village offices on numerous occasions, demanding to talk with the Officers, Chief of Police, and Mayor. All public records have been made available to the press, the Humane Society and the owners. Mr. Picard reported that the paper fairly printed the incident and the comments provided by the owners, the Mayor, and Dog Warden, as well as all letters to the Editor both in support of the Police, as well as from the dog owners. Since the story was printed, other residents have related incidents with the vicious animal.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Williams seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

Resolution 6-16-08 was presented. Williams moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes. Hart moved and Levings seconded to adopt the County Solid Waste Loan Fund resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Resolution 6-16-08A was presented. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Williams moved and Levings seconded to adopt the Real Estate Tax Assessment resolution. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Resolution 7-7-08 was presented. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes. Mermann explained that the resolution is the result of State requirements that all transfers be approved by resolution, regardless of the previous annual budget approvals. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the Transfer of Funds resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1600 was read for the first time. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded to pass the Sale of the Rescue 11 ordinance to the second reading. A brief discussion followed on the best means to sell the 1985 vehicle. Solicitor Griffith offered to check the statute regulating the sale of equipment. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Mermann reported that Tara Logan with Julian & Grube Auditors will attend the next Council meeting to discuss the 2006/2007 Audit.

OTHER

Strait questioned an unattractive lighted sign in the downtown area. Council briefly discussed the downtown sign advertising the extended hours of a restaurant. Shaffer stated that although no permit was issued for the sign and it is not in compliance with the downtown rules regulating signs, the Down Review Board has been in contact with the business owner, making him aware that all merchants in the area are to abide by the same rules.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on August 4, 2008.

INVOCATION

Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman, Don Staiger, Howard Whiston, Alison Hirt, Alberta Stojkovic, Phyllis Jiles, John Gompf, Stephanie Cochran, G. Mike Keil, Judy Keil, Judy Foulke, Lester Foulke, Michael Gale, Austin Jennings, Charles Hudgel, Bev Hudgel, Kim Fleeson, Jim Fleeson, Jennifer Gompf, Jay Walker, Gerard Wolf and Tara Logan from independent auditors Julian & Grube. Ms. Logan presented the written draft of the 2006/2007 Audit, stating that the Audit Conference is exempt from the Ohio Sunshine Laws but the Village chose to make the conference open to the public. Council was given an opportunity to ask questions following the brief summary of the draft. Each area of the audit report was explained, along with the recommendations and findings that were noted. Logan noted that a number of the 'findings' were the result of federal grant funds reporting requirements. While the grants are paid "on behalf of", the reporting requirements must also comply with State Auditor's reporting requirements for the federal funds. The audit showed that all funds, revenue and expenses were properly recorded, however on the Annual Cash Basis Report certain funds were reported on the wrong line, which are minor errors, common on the cumbersome report. An additional recommendation from Julian & Grube was to pass a resolution for each fund transfer. Ms. Logan expressed appreciation to the staff and employees of the Village for their professional and helpful assistance.

Phyllis Jiles, reported that her property located at 222 Lincoln Ave. was adjacent to the vacated Shortline RR. The Village had the abandoned railroad surveyed and sold back to the landowners in 1982. Since then the low-lying area has been filled in and the location pins are no longer visible. Mrs. Jiles requested that the Village re-survey the property to determine the property lines and to settle a dispute with adjoining property owners. Council advised Mrs. Jiles that she could obtain the property information from the County Engineer's office.

Mr. Gompf, owner of the Cornerstone Café read a request that Council amend Ordinances 1335 and 1337 regulating the downtown area, listing three areas that he would like to have revised. The written request stated that the ordinances, which are more restrictive for downtown businesses than elsewhere in the Village, do not allow lighted signs, banners or awnings with the business name. After 2 years in business downtown, Mr. Gompf stated he has tried a number of advertising methods but has found that the temporary banners and lighted signs that he was given permission to have, have been the most effective in attracting business. Shaffer, as a member of Council, a downtown business owner, and Chairman of the Downtown Review Board stated that the Board is in the process of reviewing the codes for revisions that will promote business while maintaining a decorum and attractive area. She explained that the majority of villages and cities have certain restrictions set for the downtown areas. Everyone has a right to establish their business where they wish but the rules need to be followed by everyone. Ms. Hirt, from the Downtown Review Board agreed with Shaffer's statement but noted that since Mr. Gompf has never applied for a sign permit as required, a certain sign might have been permitted if he had gone through the proper channels. The process for revising the codes is a time consuming process, the current code was last updated 1990 with only a few changes in 1993. She explained the reasons for the regulations and highlighted the difference between the corporate and commercial vs. the main street businesses. Mr. Fleeson angrily cited several downtown businesses that have signs that should have not been permitted and the unfairness to businesses that are complying with the legislation. A lengthy discussion followed with opposing opinions both suggestions and complaints and also with personal attacks. Shaffer stated that the Board has worked many hours on the codes with no pay and little appreciation and presented her resignation from the Board. The Mayor noted that the Board has been working towards the revision of the Ordinances and agreed that a public meeting would be order where the subject could be addressed in a civil manner.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 247 calls for service, 18 involving juveniles, 29 reports, 3 felonies and 4 accidents for the month on July.

Shari Rice has completed her training at the Police Academy in Delaware and was added to the Auxiliary.

Officer Joseph Hughes' employment was officially terminated on July 14, 2008.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 250 responses this year and showed a sample new reflective tear-away vest.

The new Rescue 11 electronic problems will be resolved by the end of the week.

Staiger explained the order of the trucks and the trained drivers for each response. False alarms continue to be a problem at the Baker St. Senior Residences and the S. Delaware St. Housing.

The chief requested that the Fire & Police Committee review the benefits of implementing a Code Red Emergency Warning System. The system could eliminate the need for sirens and could be used to phone everyone in an area for any emergency, boil orders, or haz-met warnings at an annual cost of \$1,000.00.

The chief stated he will meet with Gilead Township Trustees on Thursday and will advise that they seek a replacement fire levy rather than a renewal levy in 2009.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

Levings reported that a meeting will be held next week to consider quotes for the municipal building changes.

Planning Commission is considering a business to be located on SR 61. The commission felt there would not be a problem to changing the zoning from R-1 to B-1. The Zoning ordinance would have to be changed but the equestrian business could be allowed in either the R-1 or B-1.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

Strait was excused.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart requested that the Council go into Executive Session to discuss Police personnel employment

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet following Council on 9-15-08.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported that the presentation of the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for Excellence was a moving experience for all who attended the luncheon, not only for the recipients and their nominators but also for those who were present for the ceremony. The plaque is on display in Council Chambers.

The next meeting is scheduled for 9-2-08 at 6:00 pm.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

A faulty compressor that caused problems with a dehumidifier will be repaired

On 7/11/08-7/12/08, the WWTP was put on emergency backup power, necessary because of an Ohio Edison voltage imbalance. The problem that originated at the Bingham Rd. sub station caused the sewer plant to shut down and to revert to the generator.

No major problems at the water plant. All hookups on Cedar St. are completed. Another bad valve will be repaired tomorrow. The Fair Board will pay for an additional tap that was put in at the fair ground.

The alarm system is in and working at the swimming pool. The alarm should deter any more break-ins at the facility.

Phase II of the Interceptor project resolution will be presented tonight.

Issue I project application is due 9-1-08. The project will repair the drainage problems along SR 95 W.

Rogers reported that the Village's cost will be shared by the Morrow County Hospital.

Rogers reported that Mt. Gilead was one on two municipalities in the region to receive an award from DKMM; 20% of our solid waste was diverted into recycling. Powell, Ohio also received the award.

Cold patching continues as needed.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The recent Sweet Corn Festival was successful.

A workday is planned for Saturday at the Fort Gilead playground area. The playground area, built by local citizens in 1996, has been in need of repair. Porter was instrumental in the planning and building of the playground area and Pharmacist Howard Whiston was a major contributor to the project.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Solicitor Griffith reported that he has reviewed the sale of property via the internet options and will begin to request sample legislation to prepare an ordinance to regulate the future sale of equipment. A brief discussion followed on any requirements that could obligate the seller to additional costs.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Ordinance 1600 was presented for the 2nd reading. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to pass the sale of the Rescue 11 ordinance to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

Ordinance 1601 was presented. Hart moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the re-codification ordinance as an emergency. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1602 was presented. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to adopt the supplemental appropriation ordinance as an emergency. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Resolution 8-4-08 was presented. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to adopt the OPWC resolution as an emergency. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Resolution 8-4-08 A was presented. Williams moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes. Levings moved and Williams seconded to adopt the OPWC resolution as an emergency. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Williams moved and Hart seconded to approve the Appropriation Transfer. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes.

OTHER

Council welcomed Boy Scout Austin Jennings who is seeking his Citizenship Award.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to adjourn regular council and go into Executive Session to discuss a Police personnel employment matter. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Williams moved and Curtis seconded to reconvene regular council. Roll call; Williams yes, Curtis yes.

Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes. Hart reported that Council discussed the termination of a fulltime

police officer. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve Jared Powell as a full time police officer.

Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

Curtis moved and Williams seconded to adjourn the meeting at 9:20 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on September 2, 2008.

INVOCATION

Levings offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Shaffer requested that the minutes be corrected to report only one personal attack during the discussion with the downtown merchants. Verbal attacks were not leveled from both sides. Williams moved and Hart seconded to approve the minutes as corrected. Roll call: Williams yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait abstained.

GUESTS

Guests included Mt. Gilead School Superintendent Bob Alexander, Brian Zerman and Kim Fleeson.

Mr. Alexander presented a brochure of the most-asked questions and a slide program explaining the additional 1.25% income tax levy being sought in the November General Election. The School Board has passed a resolution to stop collecting the current .75% income tax if the proposed levy is approved. Mr. Alexander emphasized that the operational levy will eliminate any additional levies for the next 5 years but should not be confused with any construction or improvement levies. Following a brief question and answer period, Resolution 9-2-08 B was presented. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the resolution supporting the proposed levy. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 236 calls for service, 8 domestic calls, 8 felonies and 7 accidents during the month of August. Few problems were encountered during the recent week-long County Fair.

Chief Zerman reminded Council the 2008-2009 school year begins this week so extra driving precautions are necessary.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee is scheduled to meet on 9-10-08 at 6:00 p.m.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. on 9-9-08.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee is scheduled to meet prior on 9-15-08 at 6:00 p.m.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee is scheduled to meet following Council on 9-15-08

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council. The nomination information for the second annual Dr. Nathan Tucker Award will be posted in the autumn newsletter.

Shaffer reported that the committee is discussing means to attract new businesses to the Village.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal end-of-the-season pool cleanup has been completed. Normal chemical levels will be maintained to help eliminate extra cleaning in the spring.

The WWTP faulty dehumidifier will be returned to the factory for repairs. The voltage imbalances continue to plague the WWTP. Although the sewer plant is at the end of the Ohio Edison line, the electric company engineers deny that the problem is the result of the power surges. Generators are keeping the plant running during the shutdowns.

Cleaning of the salt tank has been completed. Parts to repair the bottom drainage tile have been ordered.

Columbia Gas is cleaning and repairing the high-pressure gas line from the County building to Grant St.

Street paving and chip & seal are scheduled to begin this week.

Issue I Project applications are due 9-5-08. Contracts (Grant Agreements) for the State Capital Improvements Projects (SCIP) will be issued before the end of the year. The \$496,625.00 project for this round will be the improvement of the SR 95 W storm tile in front of the hospital. The hospital has agreed to share the Village's financial responsibility for the project.

Preliminary salt bids show a substantial price increase. Morton Salt Co. is requiring a 500-ton contract, which is far more than the Village could accommodate or use in one year. Council requested that Rogers consider sharing a contract with Cardington.

Rogers reported an offer of \$8,000.00 to remove 68 Ash trees near the WWTP. Only mature trees would be harvested which would allow younger trees to grow. Solicitor Griffith agreed that bidding the job may be required and the project will be presented to Council following his research.

Mayor's Court Clerk Kathy Richards reported a state-mandated increase of \$10.00 in Mayor's Court fines bringing the court costs to \$59.00 (\$25.00 local; \$34.00 state).

Mayor Porter presented the Safety Town report and expressed appreciation to the teachers and director of the event. Director Kim Porter suggested the cost for the two-week safety course be increased to \$15.00 that would include a T-shirt for each student. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to approve the increase. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Notes of appreciation were signed for the Safety Town teachers and for the First Presbyterian Church and the Tri-State Academy for their assistance with the repairs of Fort Gilead Playground.

The Mayor reported that a Presidential candidate made a stop in southern Morrow County while on the campaign trail last Saturday. The Mayor and several local residents traveled to southern Ohio to meet the Democratic nominee and then were surprised to learn that he stopped in the County.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Solicitor Griffith requested that Council go into Executive Session at the end of the meeting to discuss possible litigation.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve payment of the bills. The Clerk noted that the increase in the bi-annual Rinehart-Walters-Danner liability insurance premium was due to the new equipment, including the Rescue 11 Fire Pumper/Rescue truck. Company President, Gary Walters approved the Village policy prohibiting Village-owned vehicles from being taken home. Following a brief discussion, the Clerk offered to check with Mr. Walters for clarification of vehicle and equipment requirements or recommendations, including emergency vehicles being used for other than official Village use. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

Ordinance 1600 was presented for the third reading. Williams moved and Levings seconded to approve the sale of the Rescue 11 ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1603 was presented. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Curtis moved and Williams seconded to adopt the supplemental appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Curtis yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Resolution 9-2-08 was presented. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Levings moved and Williams seconded to adopt the Auditor's tax levies resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes.

Resolution 9-2-08 A was presented. Levings moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Levings yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Levings moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the transfer of funds resolution. Roll call; Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes.

OTHER

Williams moved and Curtis seconded to move in to Executive Session. Roll call; Williams yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to reconvene regular Council meeting. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Hart stated that Council discussed entering into contract to pursue possible litigation while in Executive Session. Solicitor Griffith offered to assist in amending Chapter 171 Income Tax to include tax responsibility for company owners. Hart moved and Levings seconded to authorize Griffith to file litigation against Taylor's Industrial Services for failing to pay Withholding Taxes for the final quarter of 2007 and the first and second quarters of 2008 and to approve payment to Griffith & Brininger for up to 20 hours at \$75.00 per hour. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

Strait moved and Curtis seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on October 6, 2008.

INVOCATION

Williams offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following answered roll call; John Curtis, Darrell Levings, Emily Shaffer, Keith Strait, and Betty Williams. The Clerk declared a quorum. Steve Hart arrived at 7:10 PM.

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Guests included Jim & Marlene Helt, John Powell, Alison Hirt, Don Staiger, Brian Zerman and Richard Hickman. Mayor Porter presented a Proclamation honoring resident Jim Helt for his recent induction into the Ohio Agriculture Society Hall of Fame. The Proclamation recognized Mr. Helt's contribution to his community and his work with the youth. Mr. Helt accepted the honor and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Tree Board to the Council for their continuing support of the work of the Board.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 270 calls for service, 6 felonies, 64 charges, and 6 accidents during the month of September with a significant increase in domestic problems.

Amanda Barrick cited personal reasons for her resignation from the Department and Dustin Stark and Myron Hartman joined the Auxiliary.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

The Department answered 322 calls for the year. Chief Staiger presented flyers announcing Fire Prevention Week. The colorful brochures highlighted ways to protect against home fires. An invitation was extended for an Open House scheduled for 10/18/08 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Displays will feature the vehicles and equipment, procedures to get injured victims from vehicle accidents, as well as the equipment purchased with grant funds. Lifelight is scheduled to land at the Station at 1:30 PM.

The first 36-hour training class is scheduled to begin 10/13/08 with 12 firefighters registered. Eight instructors have been certified to conduct the training, which will be a benefit not only for our Department but also to the Departments in the surrounding area that will have their firefighters attend. Next class will be a transition to Firefighter I starting in January 2009.

Strait moved and Shaffer seconded to approve Kyle Kirby for probationary firefighter. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee met on 9/10/08 with residents John Powell and Helga Mattingly. Powell and Mattingly requested that the alley between the properties of John D. & Judy J. Powell at 203/217 E. Elm St. and Tom & Helga Mattingly at 230 E. North St. be vacated. The alley, dedicated by Ordinance 922, is 132.20' by 16.52' with two (2) entrances. Levings moved and Curtis seconded that the alley be vacated and an Ordinance prepared. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

Two quotes were considered for the repairs of the pool deck. Stegal Construction quoted \$13,460.00 and Shields quoted \$14,700.00. Levings outlined the extent of the concrete work that would repair the entire west side of the pool, reset the lifeguard chairs and replace the gutters. Levings moved and Curtis seconded to accept the bid from Stegal Construction and to proceed with the project during the fall season. Funds for the project will be transferred from the salaries account in Recreation to the maintenance account in the 2008 budget. Roll call; Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 10/14/08.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee will meet prior to Council at 6:00 PM on 10/20/08.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams requested that the committee meet following Council tonight.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet prior to Council on 11/3/08 at 6:00 PM.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported that the Village suffered extensive damage to trees, power outages and downed utility lines following the 9/15/08 windstorm. Brush pickup has been completed and the yard waste site is full with piles of brush measuring at least 10' in height. FEMA funding for the damage is pending federal approval of Ohio as a disaster. A meeting with FEMA is scheduled for Thursday.

The sewer plant dehumidifier is ready to be returned to the factory for repairs. A slight decrease is expected in the WWTP monthly electric costs.

Terra Valley was the low bidder in the Issue I Whetstone Creek project at \$186,739.00. It is Poggemeyer's recommendation that the project be awarded to Terra Valley. Mayor Porter stated that he has a business association with Terra Valley and while he would not vote or influence Council in any way, in order to avoid the appearance of impropriety he requested that the Clerk direct the discussion and motion concerning the project. Hart moved and Levings seconded to award the project to Terra Valley. Following a brief discussion, the Clerk called for the roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

Cold patching is continuing as needed. Paving was completed at \$18,000.00 below the estimated quote allowing some asphalt to be applied to Home Road.

The septage receiving revenue is less than projected but it is the first year to accept septage and so far is problem-free.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter commended all the village departments following the severe windstorm on 9/15/08.

Porter reported on the benefits of the recent OML conference.

As always, Trick or Treat will be the last Saturday of the month from 5:00-6:00 on 10/25/08.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Solicitor Griffith distributed copies of the filing of the case against Taylor Industrial Services LLC. The Village's claim is for the non-payment of withholding tax and seeks to join in the County complaint against Taylor's for non-payment of real estate and personal property tax. Three attachments were included; a motion to intervene into the complaint with the County, the complaint, and the Entry. Court approved the Entry and the Complaint has been accepted.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Following a brief discussion, Williams moved and Strait seconded to approve payment of the 9/16/08 bills. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to approve payment of the 10/6/08 bills. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Resolution 9-15-08 was presented. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Hart moved and Levings seconded to adopt the real estate assessment resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

Resolution 9-15-08 A was presented. Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Williams, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Williams moved

and Levings seconded to adopt the salt bids resolution. Roll call; Williams yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes.

Resolution 10-6-08 was presented. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Williams, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Williams moved and Strait seconded to adopt the depository bids resolution. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes.

Resolution 10-6-08 A was presented. Hart moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to adopt the funds transfer resolution. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Williams yes.

Ordinance 1604 was presented. Williams moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes. Hart moved and Strait seconded to adopt the supplemental appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1605, an ordinance amending part of Chapter 1327, the Downtown Design and Exterior Maintenance Code, was presented for the first reading. A lengthy discussion followed focusing on any ordinance that would amend a part of a Section but would omit another part. Solicitor Griffith encouraged Council to take a more active role in the changes and amendment of a Chapter of the Codified Ordinances. He noted problems that occur when you have a body that is not a legislative group suggesting changes that ultimately Council would need to approve. Since the Council desires to change the entire Chapter, it would be beneficial to the business people, the Council and the Solicitor to make a more uniform recommendation include all the recommended changes and in a format that is in line with what regulations and stipulations that Council wishes to establish. Curtis, Chairman of the Codes and Regulations Committee, agreed to meet and work with the current Downtown Review Board and Mayor and any potential Board members and to bring the final recommendations back to Council for approval. Ordinance 1605 was removed from the agenda. No motion was voiced.

Ordinance 1606 was presented for the first reading. Williams moved and Strait seconded to pass the transfer of funds ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

Ordinance 1607 was presented for the first reading. Levings moved and Hart seconded to pass the transfer of funds ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes.

Williams moved and Hart seconded to approve the Appropriation Transfer of Funds. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

OTHER

Council briefly discussed parking on E. Union St.; concerns from residents and motorists that the narrow street is difficult to navigate with parked cars on either side. Chief Zerman added that vehicles parked along Union St. and close to the intersections impairs visibility from the side streets. The 2-hour downtown parking was discussed. Alison Hirt noted that several downtown businesses have recently moved and the area could see more changes in the near future. Several lighting options including a traffic signal, reflective signs or streetlights, were considered for the intersection of Westview Drive and Douglas St. Levings offered to have the Streets Committee review all three traffic concerns.

Rogers reported that he has been invited to present an informative paper on the Innovative Mixing with Aeration at Mt. Gilead WWTP at the WEFTEC 2008 Conference in Chicago, on October 20-22. Technician Mike Fry and Rogers reviewed the suggested presentation on the unique treatment plant and offered additional information. Rogers will be excused from the next Council meeting.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:45 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on October 20, 2008.

INVOCATION

Strait offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Keith Cheney, Richard Hickman, Howard Whiston, and Jennifer Wallis from the Sentinel. Mr. Cheney, V.P. of Certified Oil Company requested that Council allow the transfer of a C-1 Liquor Permit (beer & wine carry out only) from a previous Certified Oil station to the local Certified Oil station located at 197 S. Main St. He stressed the company's diligence in training employees and maintaining strict regulations in tobacco and liquor sales at all their locations. Because the station is located close to the school, Mr. Cheney assured Council that he has the Gilead Christian School Superintendent's approval to transfer the permit to the local business site with no objections from the school authorities. Hart moved and Strait seconded to allow the transfer of the C-1 Liquor Permit with no objections. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Mr. Hickman addressed Council promoting Renewable Energy; solar, solar-thermal, and wind. He noted areas within the community that would benefit from the alternative energy source, including the WWTP and Water Plant. Mr. Hickman reported he is working with Pat Davies, Morrow County Economic Director to promote the program within the county.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

The next meeting is scheduled for 10/29/08.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee met on 10/14/08 and discussed personnel matters. Strait requested that Council move into Executive Session at the conclusion of regular council meeting.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed preparing and adopting a NIMS (National Incident Management System) policy in compliance with federal requirements. Hart requested that Council discuss pending litigation in Executive Session later this evening.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee met on 10/6/08 and discussed the outstanding water tap fee for the property located at 551 E. High St. Despite numerous letters and efforts to collect the fee, after a lengthy discussion, it is the recommendation of the committee that the tap be reduced to \$750.00. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to reduce the tap fee to \$750.00. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Williams no, Levings yes, Curtis yes.

Williams explained the Red Flag legislation requiring utility companies to adopt a policy protecting consumers from identity theft. The OML sample policy will be reviewed and adapted by the next meeting.

The odor on Town St. has been eliminated without determining the source.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. on 11/3/08.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis was excused.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers was excused, in his written report he noted a savings of \$1,525.00 in sludge hauling costs. Additional information has been submitted to the OEPA for final certification of the WWTP.

The salt storage for the water softeners has been restarted and the west tank will be emptied for repairs.

Cold patching of streets continues as needed.

Terra Valley has submitted the contract for the interceptor project. Poggemeyer Design Group will draft the final contracts prior to the project's starting date.

Issue I project is expected to be funded.

Storm cleanup following the 9/15/08 windstorm has been completed.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

No report.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Williams moved and Strait seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

Ordinance 1605 was presented for the first reading. Levings moved and Strait seconded to pass the ordinance to vacate an alley to the second reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

Ordinance 1606 was presented for the second reading. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the ordinance to transfer funds to the third reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1607 was presented for the second reading. Levings moved and Williams seconded to pass the ordinance to transfer funds to the third reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1608 was presented for the first reading. Strait moved and Hart seconded to pass the ordinance to amend the income tax regulations to the second reading. Council compared the current requirements vs. the proposed changes that would encompass not only the owner/President of a company but also the payroll employee in charge of reporting the company's employee withholding tax. Griffith explained that some companies, including LLC organizations sometimes do not have a President or particular officer making it difficult to accomplish Council's desired goal of holding someone within the company personally responsible for reporting and paying the income tax. Griffith offered to review the proposed changes to include language that could hold the top officers responsible without penalizing a payroll employee. Roll call for the first reading: Strait yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

OTHER

Hart moved and Strait seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes.

Hart moved and Williams seconded to reconvene regular Council. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes. Hart reported that Council discussed pending withholding income tax litigation while in Executive Session.

Strait moved and Shaffer seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss a personnel complaint. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Levings yes.

Hart moved and Strait seconded to reconvene regular Council. Hart reported that Council discussed a complaint involving Village employees.

Council requested that the Streets Committee again review the downtown parking with possible time changes on certain streets.

Williams moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on November 3, 2008.

INVOCATION

Mayor Porter offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

The minutes of the 10/20/08 meeting will be presented for approval on 11/17/08.

GUESTS

Guests included Jennifer Wallis, Brian Zerman, Richard Hickman and John Powell.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 233 calls for service, 42 reports, 12 felonies and 5 accidents during the month on October. Zerman will meet with the Fire & Police Committee on 11/11/08 at 6:00 p.m.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS**

The committee met on 10/29/08 and discussed the pool deck repairs. A State Inspector contacted the Village and halted the work, stating that a Permit is required to do replacement work as they consider it structural work and that the reinforcing needed to have a grounding grid.

The committee discussed replacing the 1994 Dump Truck with a 2008 Ford 450 diesel with dump bed at a cost of \$37,229.20 plus 425 dock fee.

The committee also looked at the E. Union St. parking and the lighting options of Douglas St.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee will meet on 11/11/08 with Chief Zerman.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 p.m. on 11/17/08.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee is scheduled to meet following Council on 11/17/08.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and discussed the next Dr. Nathan Tucker award.

Possible options were considered for the now-vacant Pamida store located on W. Marion Rd.

The committee will meet prior to Council on 1/5/09.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis was excused.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported no problems at either the Water Plant or WWTP.

Repairs on the Vector Truck have been completed.

The pre-construction meeting for Phase 2 of the Interceptor Line is scheduled for 11/7/08.

Rogers instructed the Contractor to order materials and to supply drawings for approval. Issue I project is expected to be funded.

President Bush has issued the disaster declaration for parts of Ohio following the 9/15/08 windstorm.

The new computer network server is in place, along with the anti-virus.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to award the water-softening salt contract to Cargill Salt at \$96.90 per ton. Two other bids were accepted; North American at \$105.48 and Morton Salt at \$115.72. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Strait yes.

Rogers reported that according to the realtor, the property located at 181 W. Marion St. has been purchased. The pro-rated property tax will be forwarded along with the deed. The property was purchased through HUD at a cost of \$1.00 will be turned over to the non-profit organization Habitat for Humanity.

Leaf pick-up has begun in the Village.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported he has been in contact with Rosemary Levings, working through the Small Business Administration, to secure customer-service training for employees. Mayor Porter stated that he felt employees could benefit from the customer skills program.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Solicitor Griffith reported the Red Flag regulations have been postponed until May 2009, when a policy will be adopted.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Williams moved and Hart seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1605 was presented for the 2nd reading. Levings moved and Strait seconded to pass the ordinance to vacate an alley to the 3rd reading. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

Ordinance 1606 was presented for the 3rd reading. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the transfer of funds ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1607 was presented for the 3rd reading. Williams moved and Strait seconded to adopt the transfer of funds ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes.

Ordinance 1608, an ordinance amending the income tax collection regulations was pulled for further review.

The Clerk expressed appreciation to the employees of the Village who worked together for the past two weeks following an emergency in her family.

Williams moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 7:19 p.m.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on November 17, 2008.

INVOCATION

Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to approve the 10/20/08 minutes with two corrections. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis abstained, Strait yes. Williams moved and Hart seconded to approve the 11/3/08 minutes with one correction. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis abstained

GUESTS

Guests included Erin Kely and her two daughters, Howard Whiston, Brian Zerman, Don Staiger, John Powell, and Tom Harden. Richard Hickman distributed additional information on the Renewable Energy program. Rogers reported that he has met with Mr. Hickman to discuss how the program could benefit the Village.

Mrs. Kely presented information on the 3rd Annual Morrow County Christmas Festival scheduled for December 13th in Mt. Gilead. The festival will feature a parade that will meet at the Cherry St. School at noon and travel from Union St. then south on Main St. and disperse at the Main St. and Marion St. intersection. The State Championship Frozen Turkey Bowling, a live reindeer display, free movies and pictures with Santa, entertainment, free horse-drawn sleigh rides, and ice sculpting will be featured, concluding with the tree lighting and carols at 6:00 p.m. Levings moved and Strait seconded to grant the request to close S. Cherry St. from High St. to Marion St. and W. Center St. from Main St. to S. Cherry St. and the alley/parking lot between W. High St. and W. Center St. for the afternoon. Main St. will remain open except for the parade; vendors will be located in the Senior on Center building. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes.

Mr. Harden, Morrow County Commissioner-elect expressed appreciation to members of Council for their support in his recent election campaign and promised his co-operation and communication between the Village and the County.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported an accident causing minor damage to the 2004 Cruiser. No injuries were reported; repairs will be completed by McCreary's Body Shop.

Strait recommended the purchase of a Dell laptop Computer Voice-Stress Analyzer, a voice-activated lie detector at a cost of \$8,895.00, including training. The County would send a deputy to complete the training along with Captain Underwood, bringing the cost for the Village to \$7,500.00. The instrument, more reliable than a polygraph, requires a certified operator. Test results are currently admitted into court in three states, including Ohio. Harden also endorsed the investigative tool, which is used exclusively by the military. Strait moved and Levings seconded to approve the purchase and training and to take the funds from the Education & Enforcement Fund and Law Enforcement Trust Fund in 2009. Roll call; Strait yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger reported 369 calls for the year setting the projection for 2008 at 418 calls.

Thirteen firefighters have completed the first and second 36-Hour Training class. Firefighters have expressed interest in 36-120 Class.

The sale of the 1985 Rescue 11 was discussed. Ads will be placed in the Ohio Fire Chief magazine as well as the newspaper.

Inclement weather kept down the attendance at the 10/4/08 Open House.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

A meeting will be scheduled for January.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee met on 11/11/08 with Chief Zerman.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed the preliminary 2009 Budget.

Only one bid was received for the 5-year depository despite ads and letters sent to all local banks. Hart moved and Williams seconded to award the contract to First Federal Bank of Ohio at 1.25% with an annually yield of 1.26%. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will meet following Council on 1/19/09.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer offered to place the ads for the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award for 2009 in The Sentinel and the Morrow County Compass since no newsletter will be sent out before the end of the year.

The committee will meet in December to discuss a request from the Wayside Garden Club for the 2009 summer season.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Mayor Porter requested that the committee meet to decide the language for the amended downtown parking.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported that Poggemeyer Design Group is working to determine the on-going problem of a discrepancy in the influent and effluent numbers at the WWTP. The effluent way is being cleared of debris, trees, limbs, etc.

Three water hydrants in critical areas have been replaced and one located on S. Main St. will be rebuilt.

Pre-construction meeting for Phase II interceptor line was held, equipment and materials have been ordered and work is scheduled to begin in December.

Mt. Gilead's storm-drain project was not awarded the Issue II funds. The Small Government group will be contacted for possible funding for the SR 95 storm drain project. Rogers answered Mr. Harden's question that the neither the county nor the state will be involved in the project and that the Hospital and Village will share the cost after the grant funds. ODOT will not contribute to the project.

Total cost of the 9/15/08 Hurricane Ike windstorm was \$76,702.00. FEMA reimbursement will be \$57,526.71. DKMM will be reimbursed 75% of the \$6,400.00 cost of grinding the debris.

Leaf pickup will continue until 11/26/08 despite the early snow this week.

The new server is in place; set up was completed by internet allowing more efficient setup and no cost for the Village.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported that Mayor's Court Magistrate Brent Yager was elected to the office of Marion County Prosecutor, leaving a vacancy in Village Mayor's Court. Two attorneys have applied for the position, Dave Stamolis who is currently acting as our Prosecutor and former Solicitor Don Wick. Griffith stated that, if necessary, the Mayor could act as Magistrate in January until Attorney Stamolis completes his training. Council recommended that the Mayor interview both candidates.

An invitation was extended to attend the Flying Horse Farm Foundation forum scheduled for 11/24/08 at 7:00 p.m. at the High School. \$9,000,000.00 has been raised for the project, planned to begin construction in early spring 2009 on SR 95 E.

Sympathy was extended to Chesterville Mayor Taylor following the death of her husband this week.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Solicitor Griffith requested that Council move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation at the end of the regular meeting.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Williams moved and Curtis seconded to approve the bills as presented. Roll call; Williams yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1605 was presented for the third reading. Levings moved and Strait seconded to adopt the ordinance to vacate the alley between Bank St. and North St. as requested by petition. Roll call; Levings yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Council and Chief Zerman approved the renewal of the liquor permits within the Village for 2009.

OTHER

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss pending legislation. Roll call; Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes.

Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to reconvene the regular meeting. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Hart reported that Council discussed litigation for delinquent withholding taxes.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn Council at 8:20 p.m.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:10 PM on December 1, 2008.

INVOCATION

Levings offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Guests included Jennifer Wallis from the Sentinel, Charles Gould, and Howard Whiston. Mr. Gould spoke to Council of his retirement from the Village Services Department. Charlie began his employment with the Village on May 21, 1985 and plans to retire on December 31, 2008. He expressed his appreciation to the Village and spoke briefly of his experiences through the past 23 ½ years. Council members and downtown businessman and Pharmacist Whiston extended their heart-felt appreciation, congratulations and best wishes for a happy retirement. Mayor Porter recognized Charlie as a valued employee and invited Council to attend the annual employee's Christmas dinner where Charlie will receive an official letter of appreciation.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

The committee will schedule a meeting in January.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee met earlier today with Chief Staiger and Franklin Township Trustees to discuss the fire-protection contract. It was recommended to extend the 2-year levy and to maintain the current rates until the renewal of the Township 3-year fire levy.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met prior to Council and discussed the appropriations/budget for 2009. The committee will meet at 6:00 pm on 12/8/08 to finalize the 2009 budget.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

The committee will schedule a meeting in January.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 pm on 1/5/09.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee has several proposed ordinance changes that will be presented for Council approval on 12/15/08.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Administrator Rogers was excused. The written report was reviewed briefly.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported he has interviewed 2 candidates and has appointed David Stamolis to the Mayor’s Court Magistrate position. He cited Mr. Stamolis’ positive working relationship with both the Police and the Mayor’s Court Clerk. Solicitor Brininger noted that, according to the Ohio Supreme Court and the OML, Mr. Stamolis could sit for the January court dates, if his Magistrate training is completed within 60 days.

The Mayor and Administrator met with representatives from Discount Drug Mart to discuss a long-term lease of the former Pamida building on W. Marion Rd. The store, described as a “mini Wal-Mart” offers a variety of merchandise, including beer and wine. The company officials have requested a letter from the Village Council approving the liquor license. The Mayor explained that the State Liquor Commission would approve the license because the facility would create jobs within the community. Brininger advised that Council would need to register “no objection” for the beer and wine license for the Liquor Commission. Williams moved and Strait seconded to register no objection to the liquor license for the Discount Drug Mart proposed for 525 W. Marion Rd. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis no, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Following a brief discussion, Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to approve a one year contract with Attorney David Stamolis to serve as Mayor’s Court Magistrate at \$5,200.00 annually. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Curtis abstained, Strait yes, Hart yes.

GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Brininger advised that Council go into Executive Session following regular Council meeting to discuss pending litigation involving delinquent withholding taxes.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the payment of the bills presented. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Resolution 12-1-08 was presented. Hart moved and Levings seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Levings yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the transfer of funds resolution. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Contracts to be renewed in January include all four fire-protection contracts, Magistrate contract, Ohio Edison, and health and dental insurance.

OTHER

Williams moved and Strait seconded to move into Executive Session. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to reconvene regular Council meeting. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. The Mayor reported that Council discussed the pending complaint against Taylor’s Industrial Services/HPM for delinquent withholding taxes. On November 5, 2008, the Sentinel reported that Taylor’s Industrial Services/HPM has applied for a loan through the Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) and that the loan will not be dispersed until all the taxes have been satisfied. The Clerk reported that she has been in contact with ODOD concerning the Village’s outstanding withholding taxes.

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

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on December 15, 2008.

INVOCATION

Hart offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

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

MINUTES

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

GUESTS

Guest included Jennifer Wallis, Brian Zerman and Howard Whiston.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported the 2008 Year-End Report would be presented at the 1-19-09 meeting. Officer Bill Foley has been released from Riverside Hospital after suffering heart attack on 12-10-08. Foley complained of chest pains while on duty on 12-9-08 but did not seek medical attention until the next morning. His return to work date is pending; a full recovery is expected.

Strait moved to approve the requested carry-over vacation hours for the following full time officers: Cronenwett 32 hours, Foley 40 hours, Gifford 32 hours, Meftah 16 hours, Underwood 25 hours and Zerman 11 hours. Shaffer seconded the motion. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger arrived at 7:45 p.m. He reported 390 responses for the year.

Two brokers, interested in the '85 Rescue 11, have recommended a sale price from \$20,000.00 to \$27,000.00. One company has offered to advertise the vehicle at no cost but will charge 7% of the sale price if it sells; the cost could be added on to the sale price. Chief Staiger is checking with the Ohio Fire Chief's Association to gauge interest in the vehicle. Ordinance 1600 to sell the vehicle was passed on 9-2-08. Final sale will be by bid following all the proper advertising. Final repairs on the new Rescue 11 will be completed this week.

A \$500.00 training grant application has been submitted.

Firefighters from First Consolidated, Elm Valley and Centerburg have expressed interest in the 100-hour transition classes that will take firefighters from the 36-hour to the 120-hour training and includes 8 hours of drivers training.

Strait moved and Williams seconded to approve the 2-year contracts with Franklin Twp, Canaan Twp, and Gilead Twp. and a 1-year contract with Edison. Roll call; Strait yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes.

The 2009 budget includes the cost of repairing the concrete floor on the southwest corner of the fire station.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

Levings was excused.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The committee will schedule a meeting after the first of the year.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee met at 7:30 p.m. on 12-8-08 and prior to Council tonight to discuss the 2009 Budget. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to approve the proposed 2009 Budget/Appropriations. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes.

The committee will recommend the Solicitor's contract on 1-5-09.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams reported that \$26,689.30 was collected for septage receiving in 2008. The committee will meet following Council on 1-19-09.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported that the Nathan Tucker Award application deadline for 2009 will be extended until January or February. The committee will meet at 6:00 p.m. on 1-5-09.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee has scheduled a meeting for 6:00 p.m. on 1-21-09.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported no major problems at the WWTP or Water Plant. A water leak on W. Union St. was repaired and the jetter will be cleaning trouble spots this week, including Baker St. Cold patch continues as needed.

New server is set in; final work with Henschen and CMI is expected to be completed by the end of January.

The "security" measures to the building were discussed in the Street Committee. Proposed work is to combine all the office staff into one area and to move the Council Chamber into the east end of the building, currently occupied by the Utility/Tax offices. One entrance would serve visitors, whether for taxes, utilities or Mayor's Court. Rogers explained the storage areas and counter spaces, rewiring and telephone line placement. Strait moved to approve \$14,000.00 for the improvements. Shaffer seconded the motion. Roll call; Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Williams yes.

Transportation Grant project is scheduled to go out for bid in early 2009. The project will include the new stop lights at the monument, along with the area improvements.

Two Discount Drug Mart representatives met with Rogers to discuss the renovations of the former Pamida Store building on W. Marion Rd. Approximately 25,000 feet will be used for the new facility, leaving approximately 9,000 square feet for another store front next to the current Show Place store.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported a successful 3rd Annual Christmas Festival on 12-13-08, despite the very cold weather. The festival featured the popular parade, free horse-drawn sleigh rides, live reindeer display, crafts, ice sculpting, and tree lighting. Main Street was kept open during the festivities.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith requested that Council go into Executive Session at the end of the regular meeting to discuss pending litigation.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Resolution 12-15-08 was introduced. Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Transfer of Funds resolution. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1608 was introduced. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Strait yes. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Appropriation Supplemental ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1609 was introduced. Hart moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules. Roll call; Hart yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes. Williams moved and Strait seconded to adopt the Wages/Salaries ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Williams moved and Hart seconded to approve the Appropriation Transfer. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes.

Strait moved and Hart seconded to approve the following carry-over vacations: Bret Cox 40 hours, Mell Felder 40 hours, Mike Fry 40 hours, Steve McKirgan 40 hours, Kathy Richards 11 hours, Dan Rogers 40 hours, Kit St. Clair 20 hours, Robin St. Clair 31 hours. Roll call; Strait yes, Hart yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to appoint Keith Strait and John Curtis to join fire fighters Dennis Sterling and Joseph Coil to serve on the Volunteer Fire Fighter's Dependents Fund Board for 2009. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

OTHER

Council expressed sympathy to the family of former Councilman Lowell Ashbrook.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to move into Executive Session to discuss pending litigation against the Village. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes.

Williams moved and Strait seconded to go back into regular meeting. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes. Hart reported that Council discussed pending litigation against the Village while in Executive Session.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn Council at 8:50 p.m.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator