

SPECIAL MEETING

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING:

Council met at 6:00 PM on January 18, 2016 to review the fiscal operations of the Village of Mt. Gilead, Ohio.

Mayor Porter administered the Oath of Office to John Oyster.

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on January 18, 2016.

INVOCATION

Carver offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; Donna Carver, Tim Clapper, Kay Hines, John Oyster, Chris Sherbourne, Keith Strait. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Todd Brininger, Administrator Dan Rogers, Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann and Fiscal Officer Asst. Cathy Davis were present.

MINUTES

The 1-4-16 minutes were amended to report that Fire Engine 15 repairs have not been completed. Hines moved and Strait seconded to approve the minutes as amended. Roll call; Hines yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes.

GUESTS

Guests included, Brian Zerman and Greg Young. Alberta Stojkovic from the Sentinel arrived at 7:30 PM.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported criminal charges may be filed against residents responsible for a fire at the downtown building on the northwest corner of N. Main St./W. High St. The historical old building houses several businesses including the Cornerstone Restaurant. The fire was the result of grow-lights on an upper floor used to enhance the growth of the illegal plants.

Minor repairs are keeping 2 cruisers out of service for a short period of time.

A Danville, Ohio Police Officer was killed today by a suspect now housed at the Morrow County Jail. Zerman expressed sympathy for the family of the officer who was shot without provocation outside the Municipal Building in Danville. Hines requested the Village send a card expressing the condolences of our community to the Village of Danville.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported 12 responses between 1/5/16 and 1/18/16. Young expressed appreciation to Chief Zerman and Capitan Underwood for assistance at the structure fire downtown today. He stated the damage would have been much more extensive if the fire had not been contained so quickly.

Landscaping boulders caused major damage to the Rescue 11 vehicle while firefighters were attempting to navigate the narrow drive to a house fire on 1/14/16. Young estimated the damage at approximately \$30,000.00. The insurance company was notified but have not communicated back with Chief Young.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-KEITH STRAIT

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

The committee met on 1-11-16 with Chief Young. The following inventory of vehicles was reported: Engine 10 is a 1981 Ford with 40,000 miles; Engine 15 is a 1995 pumper with 25,600

miles; B-17 is a 1977 Ford with 34,000 miles; Tower 18 is a 1986 Sutphen with 63,000 miles; T14 is a 1990 International Tanker with 31,000 miles. Hines commended the department for the well-maintained vehicles and equipment. Young reported the purchase of a vehicle could be necessary within another year but is checking on good used vehicles rather than the very costly new equipment.

Hines moved and Sherbourne seconded to approve the appointment of Kevin Phillips and Tobias Cook to part-time Fire Fighters. Roll call; Hines yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes, Strait yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes.

Hines reported she and Chief Young will schedule a meeting with Edison Mayor Ackerman and Safety Committee Council member Feustel to clarify the misunderstandings of the proposed 2017 Fire Protection Contract. As reported in a recent news article, the Edison Council questioned if the number of calls to the Village warranted an increase in the cost to the Village. Currently, Canaan Township, Franklin Township and Gilead Township all pay an annual 2.5 mills, Mt. Gilead residents pay 4.00 mills while Edison continues to pay only 1.5 mills but still has the benefit of the excellent ISO rating that keeps the residents' home-owners insurance at a minimum. Council agreed the economic benefits should be stressed to the Edison Council as well as the residents along with the protection afforded the Village.

Seven-day staffing began on 1/1/16.

The committee is scheduled to meet with Chief Zerman on 1/25/16 at 7:00 PM to discuss the proposed purchase of a new cruiser.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-TIM CLAPPER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 2/1/16.

UTILITIES-JOHN OYSTER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 2/3/16 at the Fire Station.

LONG RANGE PLANNING-TIM CLAPPER

No report.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DONNA CARVER

Carver reported she will invite the new Morrow County Development Director, Shane Farnsworth to meet with Council. A copy of his resume` was given to Council.

The committee will meet the third Thursday of each month beginning on 2/18/16 at 7:00 PM.

CODES & REGULATIONS-CHRIS SHERBOURNE

Sherbourne reported reviewing the information from the previous committee. The proposed viscous animal legislation will be reviewed.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 7:00 PM on 2/22/16.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers explained the WTP and WWTP daily testing and maintenance. LED lights, with a life-expectancy of 10 years, are being tested in the WWTP fixtures.

A written assurance from Vaughan Engineering was requested to ensure the vibration within the pump will stop and will not cause permanent problems.

The solar panels at the WWTP were explained. Only the WWTP can benefit from the reduced rate.

Clapper moved and Oyster seconded to approve Ours Excavating for the Issue I Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Project at \$283,315.90. Rogers explained the total cost of the relining project, which will repair some the oldest lines within the Village is estimated at \$480,000.00. Roll call; Clapper yes, Oyster yes, Hines yes, Carver yes, Sherbourne yes, Strait yes.

No problems were reported at the WTP. Kessler is expected to provide a cost estimation for the Water Towers. All five pumps have been rebuilt and cleaned. Well 2 is scheduled to be rebuilt in 2017.

Repairs are being completed on the Leaf Machine.

The pool has begun losing water again. The cause and possible remedy will continue to be researched.

An employment ad has been placed in the Sentinel. Applications will be accepted until 1/22/16.

The Vactor Jetter truck should be ready in February.

Clapper moved and Strait seconded to approve Brian L. Shook Electric to replace the traffic signals at SR 61 and US 42 (N. Main St./Union St. intersection) at a cost of \$9,500.00. Roll call; Clapper yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Hines yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes.

The ODNR sanitary sewer line project will be along the south side of SR 95 along the golf course. The Village will pay for the engineering. The project will extend the sanitary sewer line further east which will allow for future hook-ups for residents east of the State Park.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Porter invited Council to attend the United Way Valentine Dinner at the Cardinal Center.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Clapper moved and Sherbourne seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$115,424.89. Roll call; Clapper yes, Sherbourne yes, Strait yes, Hines yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes.

Hines moved and Strait seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1737. Roll call; Hines yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes. Hines moved and Carver seconded to adopt the supplemental appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Hines yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes.

Hines moved and Sherbourne seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 1-18-16. Roll call; Hines yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes, Strait yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes. Carver moved and Strait seconded to adopt the transfer of funds resolution. Roll call; Hines yes, Strait yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes.

The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Rogers presented a sample "Application for Water/Sewer Service" along with a "Water/Sewer Rules and Regulations" summary. The brief explanation for new utility customers is an effort to eliminate any confusion concerning the payment of the monthly bills. Rogers cited some inaccuracies Ms. Salisbury's report to Council on 1/4/16. Strait agreed several errors were included in the report but requested the Utility committee be allowed to meet to discuss the report and the proposed "Application" before the information is made public.

Mermann explained the Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependents Fund Board. Sherbourne and Strait volunteered to serve on the 2016 Board. Sherbourne offered to serve as Chairman and Strait agreed to serve the Board as Secretary.

Hine moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:20 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator