

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on January 20, 2014.

INVOCATION

Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; Tim Clapper, John Curtis, Jim Gress, Kay Hines, Ed Kline, Emily Shaffer. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Tod Bringer, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Gress seconded to approve the 1/6/14 minutes with the correction that Council will meet on the third Monday of July and August. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman, Greg Young, and Randa Wagner and Donna Carver from the Sentinel.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman presented the names of Andrew Litteral and Anthony Cable to serve as Auxiliary Officers. Following a brief discussion, Hines moved and Gress seconded to approve both officers to serve as Auxiliary without pay. Roll call; Hines yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported 9 responses, including 4 vehicle accidents, 1 sprinkler alarm at the school and 1 garage/barn fire.

Council discussed the Gilead Township Fire Protection Agreement for 1/1/2014-12/31/18. The signed five-year contract was mailed on 11/18/13 for the Trustees' signature but to date the Agreement has not been signed nor returned. Hines expressed concern that the contract expired on 1/31/13. Currently the Township does not have a fire protection contract with the Village. Chief Young stated the Solicitors of both the Village and the Township need to help settle whatever differences exist between the two entities.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JIM GRESS

The committee met to discuss the Gilead Township Road & Streets levy recently renewed by the voters. The committee will continue to review the options open to the Village to share the benefits of the levy since the Village residents contribute to the revenue.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

The committee met on 1/13/14 with Chief Young and Franklin Township Trustees. Hines reported the Trustees were aware of the importance of the discussion and were receptive to considering an increase in the Fire Protection Contract. Currently the Township pays \$10,980.00 annually. The committee supported the Trustees' request to allow enough time to discuss and prepare a Fire Levy for the voter's approval. A 1.7 mill levy would generate \$61,73.00; a 2 mill levy would generate \$70,541.00; 2.5 mill levy would generate \$88,177.00. Kline endorsed the Trustees' willingness to work with the committee

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and briefly discussed the current health insurance package. The current plan will continue at no additional cost until 1/1/16. The committee will work with the Utilities Committee to develop a storm water revenue stream.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee met prior to the Finance & Personnel meeting and considered adding a storm water cost to the utility bills.

Solar Planet terms of agreement continue to change causing concern that the economic benefits may not be as great as originally expected.

The committee discussed the late fee and disconnect policy/procedure for past due utility bills.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

The committee met on 1/16/14 and reviewed the structure and function of the committee with new member Gress.

Kline requested the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award notice be included in the Spring Newsletter.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 2/3/14.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Parts for the Gorman Rupp 8” suction pumps and the Vaughn Chopper pump have been ordered at the WWTP.

The Issue I Round 27 Orchard Lane project bid opening is scheduled for 2/4/14.

Rinehart-Walters-Danner Insurance Co. will review the WTP repair cost quotes this week.

Despite the extreme cold weather and snow, the salt supply is sufficient for the next few weeks. Eighty ton of road salt has already been used this season.

Roger reported he is continuing to work with the SME on the assessment grant for distressed properties within the Village.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter stated that Council would need to appoint a member of Council to serve on the Union Cemetery Board in place of retired Councilman Steve Hart. Kline moved and Clapper seconded to appoint Hines to serve the unexpired three-year term, which began 1/1/13 and ends 1/1/16. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Shaffer yes.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$158,287.87. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

Hines moved and Kline seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1694. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes. Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to adopt the annual appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Gress yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Hines and Kline both again expressed concern that the Village does not currently have a fire protection contract with Gilead Township. The discussion focused on the Trustee’s reluctance to sign the contract because of recent discussions about the Township road and streets levy, which are two unrelated issues, and at what point does the Village discontinue to offer fire protection without a contract? Solicitor Brininger advised that the old contract expired on 12/31/13 and currently Mt. Gilead Village does not have a signed contract to provide fire protection to Gilead Township. Following an in-depth discussion, Kline moved to authorize the Solicitor to write a letter to the Township Trustees advising that without a signed contract the Village will cease to respond to fire calls outside the Village in Gilead Township after 1/31/14. Hines seconded the motion. Roll call; Kline yes, Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes. Council agreed a copy of the letter would be mailed by certified mail to each of the three Trustees and the Prosecutor; a Police Officer should hand-deliver the letter to the Township Fiscal Officer at his home.

Gress moved and Clapper seconded to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

_____ Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treas. _____ Mike Porter, Mayor
_____ Dan Roger, Administrator

