

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on January 5, 2015.

## **INVOCATION**

Hines 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 Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

## **MINUTES**

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to approve the 12/15/14 minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes.

## **GUESTS**

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

## **ANNUAL COUNCIL REORGANIZATION**

Clapper moved and Hines seconded to appoint Shaffer Council President Pro Tempore for the coming year. Kline moved and Gress seconded to close the nominations. Roll call to close the nominations; Kline yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Shaffer abstained. Roll call for the election of the President Pro Tempore; Clapper yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Shaffer abstained, Curtis yes, Gress yes. Shaffer moved, Hines seconded to continue to meet on the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 PM; to meet the third Monday only in July and August, and to meet on the second Tuesday in September (9/8/15) rather than the first Monday, which would be Labor Day. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Kline yes. Shaffer moved, Hines seconded to adopt the Council Rules of Procedure with no changes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Kline moved and Curtis seconded, to retain Attorneys Griffith & Brininger as Village Solicitors. Roll call; Kline yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes.

## **POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN**

No report.

## **FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG**

Chief Young reported a total of 297 responses in 2014, which is the least number of responses in the past five years. Eighteen responses in the past two weeks were reported.

## **COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **STREETS-JIM GRESS**

The committee met briefly prior to Council. Gress reported he was unable to attend.

### **FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES**

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 1/6/15 with Chief Young.

### **FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER**

The committee met on 12/18/14 to discuss the 2015 Budget. An additional \$20,000.00 was cut from the Police salaries. Michelle Snodgrass was approved to begin full-time in the office on 7/1/15. The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 1/19/15.

### **UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER**

No report.

### **VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE**

No report.

### **CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS**

No report.

### **ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS**

Rogers reported normal operations and maintenance at the WTP and WWTP and Street Department. Potholes have been filled as weather and time allows. A minor water leak on W. High St. was detected.

Christmas decorations have been stored.

A breakdown of the septage receiving was included in the Council packets.

The CSX continues to delay the beginning the Storm Sewer Rail Crossing and Ditch project.

Kline moved and Gress seconded to authorize the title search and to proceed to acquire by donation the property being offered by James Grogg and located on Douglas St. adjacent to the Water Tower.

Following a brief discussion the roll call was taken: Kline yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes.

#### **MAYOR- MIKE PORTER**

The Mayor reviewed the 2014 Mayor's Court/Building Permit annual report. Council agreed the report could be included in the Council packets on a semi-annual schedule.

Kline regretfully moved and Curtis seconded to accept the resignation of Jim Gress from Council. Gress stated he has accepted a position that will not allow his attendance at the evening meetings. Roll call; Kline yes, Curtis yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Gress yes. Council expressed appreciation to Gress for serving and for his contribution to the Village.

A Public Notice will be posted in the Sentinel the weeks of 1/12/15 and 1/19/15 for applicants to serve out the term. Applications and/or resumes will be accepted at the office until 1/28/15 and will be included in the Council packets. A Special Meeting to interview applicants is scheduled for 2/2/15 at 6:00 PM.

The Mayor presented for discussion the option to rescind the .50% reciprocity credit for income tax paid to another municipality when a resident works outside the Village. Rogers stated the additional tax would net \$240,000.00 annually. Council discussed the increasing costs and the recent cuts of local funds from the State. Municipalities, libraries and schools across the state are finding it necessary to increase taxes in order to pay for services formerly paid with funding from the State. Curtis stated that while he understands the financial situation he would not support the motion to create a new tax or reduce the credits. Clapper moved and Kline seconded to authorize an ordinance to rescind the .50% reciprocity credit. Roll call; Clapper yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis no, Shaffer yes, Gress yes. The Finance & Personnel committee review and recommend the proposed ordinance.

#### **SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER**

No report.

#### **CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN**

Clapper moved and Gress seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$492,211.51. Roll call; Clapper yes, Gress yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hines yes.

Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 1-5-15. Roll call; Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes. Gress moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment resolution. Roll call: Gress yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1709 was presented for the third reading. Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to adopt the ordinance for the sale of property. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes.

Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1712. Roll call; Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Clapper moved and Kline seconded to adopt the 2015 Appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Clapper yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes.

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to appoint Curtis and Kline to serve on the 2015 Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependents' Fund Board. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes.

Gress moved and Kline seconded to approve the ninety-nine year lease with the Mt. Gilead School beginning 1/1/2015. The Lease Agreement leases the property "commonly identified and used as the park and playground space situated at the southernmost edge" of the school property. Roll call; Gress yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes.

The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

#### **OTHER**

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss an employee's ongoing BWC claim. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Kline yes. Littler Mendelson Attorney Mike Short, Mayor Porter, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann, Solicitor Griffith, Administrator Rogers, and Chief Zerman attended the Executive Session.

Clapper moved and Gress seconded to return to the Regular Meeting. Roll call; Clapper yes, Gress yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes. Shaffer stated the Council discussed an employee's ongoing BWC claim while in Executive Session.

Curtis moved and Gress seconded to adjourn at 9:35 PM.

