

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Kline 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, Kay Hines, Ed Kline, Emily Shaffer. Steve Hart was excused. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the 9/21/15 minutes as presented. Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes.

GUESTS

Donna Carver from the Sentinel invited Council to the Historical Society Sidewalk Sale/ Omelet Breakfast at the Seniors on Center this Saturday, 10/10/15, from 8:00 AM until 10:00 AM. The event will feature chefs Mayor Porter and Morrow County Treasurer Griffith, a tour of the Morrow County Historical Society Museum and a raffle drawing.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused. The written report noted 192 calls for service which included 63 charges, 6 accidents, 4 felonies, 10 domestic disturbances, and 24 reports.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young was excused.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis briefly highlighted the 9/28/15 minutes. Parts of Cherry Street, North Street, Vine Street, Meadow Drive, and Lee Street are included in the Round 30 Issue I Paving Grant application. The cost of the approximate 2 miles of paving is estimated between \$344,000.00 and \$316,000.00, of which the Village would be responsible for 26%.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

The committee will schedule a meeting with Chief Young to review the 2016 Fire Protection Contracts with the Village of Edison and Canaan Township.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

On 9/22/15 and 9/24/15 the committee interviewed six candidates for the Fiscal Officer position. The committee and the Mayor then interviewed the three finalists and eliminated only one candidate. Shaffer requested that Council go into Executive Session to consider the appointment/employment of a public employee.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee met to consider the purchase of a 2000 Vactor Jetter Truck. Clapper explained the funding for the potential purchase could come from the Water Replacement & Improvement Fund (\$60,000.00), Sewer Capital Improvement Fund (\$60,000.00), and the Street Equipment Reserve Fund (\$27,444.00). Clapper moved and Kline seconded to proceed with the process to purchase the 2010 Vactor Jetter Truck at a cost not to exceed \$147,444.00. Roll call; Clapper yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes.

LONG RANGE PLANNING-TIM CLAPPER

The committee met on 9/10/15 and prioritized six possible allocations of the expected additional income tax revenue in 2016. Clapper requested suggestions for the list which began with street paving and included employee wage increases, hiring another street employee, replenish the General Fund and purchase road salt.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

Kline reported the committee has not scheduled a meeting.

The new owners of the former CORE building on Douglas St. are in the process of hiring 3 employees; 10-15 employees could be hired later.

Porter offered to serve as Chairperson at the up-coming CIC meeting.

CODES & REGULATIONS-STEVE HART

Hart was excused.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported a series of errors in the construction of the recently built County Dog Shelter on Young Ave. within the Village.

1. Chapter 1155.03 or the Codified Ordinance "expressly prohibits Kennels"; Chapter 1166.01 (64) defines a Kennel as "Any structure or premises in which four or more dogs over four months of age are kept."
2. Young Avenue has not been accepted as a dedicated street with the Village.

In order to correct the problems created by the errors,

1. The term "for profit" could define a Kennel more clearly,
2. Ordinance 1728, accepting Young Avenue, will be presented for the first reading later in this meeting; the Plat needs to be recorded allowing the final adoption of Ordinance 1728 after the third reading.

Rogers reported a more accurate means of measuring sludge hauling from the WWTP is being considered. Final cost of the removal of sludge was \$24,196.36.

An accident involving a Village vehicle went unreported when a truck backed into a resident's mower recently. The cost of repairs to the mower, estimated at approximately \$700.00, will be paid by the Village, the employee was reprimanded as required in the Personnel Policy.

A meeting at the WTP with Poggemeyer Design Group addressed the upgrade of the electrical system and the process components. Clapper requested an opportunity to review the scope of the work required. A budget for the plant upgrades and engineering costs will be reviewed. Emergency repairs, including the roof and four over-head doors have been completed on the Fire Station. Barring any storm damage, the roof repairs should extend the life of the roof by ten more years.

Rogers reported the CSX/Ditch cleanout project is nearing completion.

Extensive research has continued at the pool to locate the leak that has plagued the facility for several years. Smoking and pressure techniques have failed to identify the problem. Rogers reported the stainless steel seams may require sealing before the problem is resolved.

The 2016 Issue I application was delivered on 10/2/15.

The CDBG application was approved; the restroom at the new playground on Cherry St. will be planned for the spring of 2016. The ODNr grant would allow the completion of the Shelter House and Playground equipment.

Rogers stated a meeting with the Contractor, ODNr Consultant, and Mt. Gilead State Park Manager to discuss the proposed improvements at the Park left several questions but few answers concerning the sanitary sewer upgrades. Rogers stressed that he will not expend Village funds in order to save the State funds.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

No report.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Clapper moved and Hines seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$98,278.48. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer abstained. Kline moved and Hines seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 10-5-15. Roll call; Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes. Hines moved and Kline seconded to adopt the real estate tax assessment for delinquent water bills resolution. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes. Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1727. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes. Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the Supplemental Appropriation ordinance. Ordinance 1728 was presented for the first reading. Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to pass the ordinance accepting Young Ave. as a designated street to the second reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes. The YTD Fund Report showing a current overall balance of \$5,943,507.88 was included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Shaffer reported the Mt. Gilead Merchants have agreed participate in both the 12/4/15 Inter-Church Council Christmas celebration and the 12/9/15 Christmas celebration planned by Graham Insurance. Rogers agreed every effort would be used to have the downtown area decorated for Christmas by 12/4/15. Kline reported between 40 and 50 persons attended a meeting with Bob Socher, developer of the Villas At Whetstone condos planned to be built on TR 145 within the Village. Eight Sisters Bakery will continue their downtown storefront location but will move the operations to the SR 95/ I71 area. Hines requested that the Mayor pass on Council’s appreciation to the employees for the job that they do so well every day. Clapper moved and Hines seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment/employment of a public employee. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to reconvene the Regular Council meeting. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hines yes. Mayor Porter, Solicitor Griffith, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann, and Administrator Rogers were present during Executive Session. Shaffer stated Council discussed the appointment/employment of a public employee while in Executive Session. Clapper moved and Curtis seconded to appoint Cathy Davis to the Fiscal Officer position at an annual salary of \$42,000.00. Roll call; Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes. Curtis moved and Hines seconded to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator