

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Special Meeting to order at 5:15 PM on December 21, 2015.

INVOCATION

Curtis 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, Steve Hart, Ed Kline. The Clerk declared a quorum. Kay Hines was excused and Emily Shaffer tendered her resignation from Council on 12/8/15. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers, Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann and Fiscal Officer Asst. Cathy Davis were present.

Mayor Porter noted the resignations of the following: Emily Shaffer resigned from Council, Ed Kline is no longer a resident of the Village and must resign his position, and OPERS regulations mandates the resignation of Steve Hart. Council must now fill three Council positions.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to go into Executive Session to conduct interviews for the appointment of public officials. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes. Mayor Porter, Solicitor Griffith, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann, Cathy Davis, and Council-elect Carver were present during Executive Session. Clapper moved and Hart seconded to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes. Clapper stated Council conducted interviews and discussed the appointment of public officials while in Executive Session.

MINUTES

Kline moved and Curtis seconded to approve the 12-7-15 minutes. Roll call; Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Alberta Stojkovic from the Sentinel, Council-elect Donna Carver, Brian Zerman and Greg Young.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported former part time officer George Conger is again available to work part time. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to appoint Conger to the part time status pending a review by the Mayor and the Clerk-Treasurer concerning an unemployment issue. Currently the department employs seven part time officers.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported six responses from 12/8/15 until 12/21/15 which included a field fire, one illegal burn, three vehicle accidents and one mutual aid call.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-JOHN CURTIS**

Curtis reported 100 tons of deicing road salt have been delivered.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

Hines was excused.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL

Clapper reported the committee met on 12/14/15 to review the 2016 Budget. Funds are included in the purposed budget for the purchase of a 2016 cruiser.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

No report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING-TIM CLAPPER

No report.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-STEVE HART

The committee met on 12/10/15. The new codification of the ordinances will reflect the change from Clerk-Treasurer to Fiscal Officer.

Council requested that the new Council follow through with the purposed vicious animal regulations, especially following the recent Pit-Bull dog attack on Officer Hinkle.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal operations, maintenance and testing at both the WTP and the WWTP. Bid opening for the sanitary sewer line project is scheduled for 12/30/15 at 11:00 AM. At least three or four bids are expected.

The 2016 Budget is completed. Employee compensation increases are included.

A review of the current Trash/Garbage rates showed the current rates are sufficient for the coming year. Continued maintenance of equipment has allowed the rates to remain the same since 2003.

Loose caulking could be the cause of the on-going loss of water at the pool. Several areas have been re-caulked and the pool is currently holding the water level steady. Rogers reported as much as 5,000-6,000 gallons of water were lost per day during the summer months.

Cherry St. pot-holes are being repaired.

The Dollar Tree renovations have begun, opening is scheduled for April 2016.

Snow plows are ready for the winter months.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter presented Resolutions 12-21-15, 12-21-15 A, 12-21-15 B, and 12-21-15 C. Clapper moved and Hart seconded to adopt the Resolutions of Commendation for retiring Council members Kline, Hart, Curtis and Shaffer. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes. Mayor Porter expressed his appreciation to the retiring Council members.

Clapper moved and Hart seconded to approve the 2016 contract with Solicitors Griffith and Bringer at \$33,580.00 annually. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes.

Clapper moved and Curtis seconded to approve the 2016 contract with Mayor's Court Magistrate David Stamolis at \$5,500.00 annually. Roll call; Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hart yes.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Clapper moved and Hart seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$181,409.55. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes.

Hart moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1733. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the supplemental appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes.

Kline moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1734. Roll call; Kline yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes. Clapper moved and Hart seconded to adopt the wages ordinance. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes.

Kline moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1735. Roll call; Kline yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the Annual Appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes.

Curtis moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 12-21-15 D. Roll call; Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes. Hart moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the Transfer resolution. Roll call; Hart yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Kline no.

Curtis moved and Hart seconded to approve the Appropriation Transfers. Roll call; Curtis yes, Hart yes, Kline yes, Clapper.

Hart moved and Clapper seconded to approve the carry-over of employee's vacation hours.

YTD Fund Report showing an overall balance of \$6,186,040.16 was included in the Council packets

OTHER

Clapper moved and Kline seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment of public officials. Roll call; Clapper yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes. Mayor Porter, Solicitor Griffith, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann, Administrator Rogers, Cathy Davis, Council-elect Carver were present during Executive Session. Clapper moved and Kline seconded to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Roll call;

Clapper yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes. Clapper stated Council discussed the appointment of public officials while in Executive Session. Kline moved and Curtis seconded to appoint Christopher Sherbourne to the four-year term beginning 1/1/16 through 12/31/19. Roll call; Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes. Clapper moved and Hart seconded to appoint John Oyster to the two-year term beginning 1/1/16 through 12/31/17. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes.

Council considered the offer of Curtis to fill the third position on Council if needed. Seven candidates were interviewed, one with prior experience on Council. Curtis moved and Hart seconded to appoint Keith Strait to the two-year term beginning 1/1/16 through 12/13/17. Roll call; Curtis yes, Hart yes, Kline no, Clapper no. Mayor Porter broke the tie vote with a yes vote.

With wishes for a Merry Christmas, Hart moved and Kline seconded to adjourn at 8:15 PM.