

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on February 16, 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, Kay Hines, Ed Kline, Emily Shaffer. John Curtis was excused. 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 2/2/15 Special Meeting minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes. Kline moved and Hines seconded to approve the 2/2/15 Regular Meeting minutes with the corrections of the name for the Mt. Gilead State Park and Curtis voted yes to suspend the rules and voted no on Resolution 2-2-15. Roll call; Kline yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes.

## **GUESTS**

Guests included Donna Carver from the Sentinel, Kit St. Clair and Paul Kemp from the Mt. Gilead Baseball Board, Police Captain Kenneth Underwood, Police Sergeant Thomas Cronenwett, Officer Adam Lakey, Officer Brett Rinker, Police Chief Brian Zerman, Olen Jackson, Aron Fraizer, and Fire Chief Greg Young. Mr. Kemp and St. Clair reported the availability of a \$27,000.00 Ronald McDonald Grant to be used for the improvements and developments of Village-owned ball fields.

## **POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN**

Chief Zerman reported the Officers met with the Finance & Personnel Committee prior to the Council meeting to discuss the drastic cuts to the Police 2015 Budget. Following a lengthy discussion Clapper stated the Chief should make the necessary decisions to balance the budget. Zerman requested a meeting with the Fire & Police Committee to discuss services and/or personnel the Council would like to keep. The committee scheduled a meeting for 6:00 PM on 2/19/15.

## **FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG**

Fourteen responses were answered since 2/2/15, including 6 vehicles accidents, 2 mutual aid calls, 3 EMS assists and 1 vehicle fire.

## **COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **STREETS-**

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

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 2/19/15. Ordinance 1716 was recommended for the first reading. Kline moved and Hines seconded to pass the Firefighters compensation ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Kline yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes. Sgt. Cronenwett issued an invitation to Council members to accompany an officer during a shift to become acquainted with the situations, decisions and the number of calls the officers face every day. Hines offered to accompany an on-duty officer.

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

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 3/16/15.

The committee met prior to the Council meeting. Members of Council rated the seven candidates who applied for the vacant Council position on a 1-7 point system. Steve Hart received the best rating, Aron Fraizer was second. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to appoint Steve Hart to the position of Councilman. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Kline yes.

The committee will plan a review of the Personnel Policy. A Long Range Planning Committee consisting of Kline, Shaffer and Clapper will be organized to consider the successors of retiring employees. Clapper agreed to chair the committee.

#### **UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER**

The committee is scheduled to meet on 2/23/15 at 6:30 PM.

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

Kline reported no bids were offered for the former HPM/Taylor Trucking building on 2/6/15. The second auction is scheduled for 2/20/15. If there are no bids at that time, the third and final auction will be the Auditor's auction. The two Edison baseball fields, which are actually a part of the Village of Mt. Gilead, were sold for a total of \$23,000.00. The purchaser offered the property to Mt. Gilead for \$20,000.00. A resolution authorizing the purchase will be presented on 3/2/15.

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

Solicitor Griffith has reviewed the proposed vicious animal ordinance and the "Good Neighbor" ordinance. The committee will meet to make a final review of the vicious animal legislation before presenting the completed ordinance to Council. Griffith reported the "Good Neighbor" regulation would be difficult to enforce. The committee agreed to meet with Griffith to discuss the enforceability of the proposed ordinance.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS**

Rogers reported normal operations and maintenance at both the WTP and the WWTP, other than a minor bacteria problems at the WWTP, caused by the severe cold.

Issue I application has been submitted for funding.

A mainline water leak at 504 W. High St. was repaired but left a pothole along the side of the street. Traffic cones alerted motorists of the hazard and most motorists avoided the pot hole. However, several motorists ignored, or drove over, the cones and reported some damage to their vehicles. The complaints were reported to the Rinehart-Walters-Danner Insurance.

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

Snow removal and cold patching continues as the severe winter weather continues.

Salvation Army will locate a store within the Village.

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

Porter reported the agreement between the Village and James Grogg, who has offered to donate a property located on Tower Lane, included payment of the 2014 real estate taxes. Kline moved and Clapper seconded to approve payment of the taxes in the amount \$105.66 plus the penalties and interest for late payment. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes.

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

Griffith requested the Council go into Executive Session to discuss an employee's ongoing Worker's Compensation claim.

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

Clapper moved and Hines seconded to approve the bills in the amount of \$93,419.16. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes.

Kline moved and Clapper seconded to pass Resolution 2-16-15, a resolution authorizing an ODNR Grant application to the second reading. Roll call: Kline yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes.

Hines moved and Clapper seconded to pass Resolution 2-16-15 A, a resolution for the purchase of property, to the second reading. Roll call: Hines yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes.

Ordinance 1714 was presented for the second reading. Clapper moved and Kline seconded to pass the Income Tax Reciprocity ordinance to the third reading. Roll call; Clapper yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes.

#### **OTHER**

Clapper moved and Hines seconded to go into Executive Session to discuss an employee's ongoing BWC claim. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Kline yes. Mayor Porter, Clerk-Treasurer Mermann, Solicitor Griffith, and Chief Zerman attended Executive Session. Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to reconvene the Regular Meeting. Shaffer stated the Council discussed an employee's ongoing BWC claim.

#### **OTHER**

Clapper moved and Kline seconded to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM.

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Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Porter, Mayor

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Dan Rogers, Administrator