

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on February 2, 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, 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 1/19/15 minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Donna Carver from the Sentinel, Brian Zerman, Greg Young, Westview Drive residents; Mike and Donna Dorsten, Susie Counts, Jim Patterson and Ric Watkins. Mrs. Dorsten stated that after speaking with Pat Davies, Director of Operations, Morrow County Commissioners, the neighbors of the Westview Drive area have strong concerns about the upcoming sale of the former HPM/Taylor Trucking site on W. Marion Rd. and requested that Council reconsider a "Good Neighbor" ordinance for the protection of the environment and especially the area neighboring the site. The group originally brought the request to Council in May of 2014. Mr. Patterson assured Council that the neighborhood is not opposed to new industry and that the HPM plant was never a problem. Mr. Dorsten requested that the Council be "pro-active" and work together with any new business to bring new business to the area and still protect the surrounding area. The group briefly discussed the location of several oil wells still located on the property. The Code & Regulations committee offered to review a sample ordinance and present a draft to Council for review.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported a total of 181 calls for service during the month of January, including 9 domestic problems, 19 reports, 13 accidents, 30 charges, and 6 felonies.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported a total of 8 responses in the past two weeks, with only one accident and 2 mutual aid calls.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

Hines reported the committee met on 1/22/15 with Chief Young and Chief Zerman. Chief Young reported repairs and maintenance on Rescue-11 and repairs amounting to approximately \$14,000.00 planned for Tower 18. Hine requested that the Clerk and Chief prepare an ordinance for proposed wage increases for Fire Fighters. Wages are with a certain range depending on training, schooling and dedication.

Hines reported that \$40,000.00 was cut from the 2015 Police Budget leaving the department \$14,225.40 short of meeting the 2015 payroll. Hines stated that Chief Zerman was not consulted about the budget and was not aware of the drastic cuts until after the adoption of the Budget. She urged that Chief Zerman should have an active role in Department's budget. Chief Zerman stated the 2014 payroll was \$295,000.00 while the 2015 budget is \$281,000.00. Even dismissing vacations, overtime and holidays, the base payroll budget for the department would need to be \$295,000.00. Clapper stated that the Police budget is one half of the General Fund budget and there "is no more money to give the department". He recommended the Chief meet with Mayor Porter to "work it out".

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 on 2/16/15.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee scheduled a meeting for 6:30 PM on 2/12/15.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

Kline reported he would attend the upcoming sale on 2/6/15 of the former HPM/Taylor Trucking site on W. Marion Rd.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee scheduled a meeting on 2/3/15 at 6:00 PM.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Normal operations and maintenance were reported at the WWTP and the WTP.

A boil-order was issued to the Grant St. and Catalpa Ln. residents following a mainline leak and repair. Snow removal from streets and parking lots has allowed little time or equipment for clearing the sidewalks. Rogers stated the sidewalks are the last to be cleared following the heavy snowfalls. Parking tickets have been issued to residents when vehicles remain parked on the "Snow Emergency Streets".

Streets have been treated with a combination of grit with brine. Rogers reported no damage to the village truck following a minor accident on the icy driveway at the Street Department, however, the 2007 Ford will be put back into service and the 2008 Ford will be sold at the upcoming auction.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter extended an invitation to Council to attend an evening reception with the State Senators and Representatives on 3/18/15.

Morrow County Commissioner Tom Whiston arrived and reported on the growth and development within the County. He stated the three Permissive License Tax levies will generate approximately \$8,000.00-\$9,000.00 annually for the Village. The Village will receive \$2.50 for each \$15.00 collected. Proposed improvements at an approximate cost of \$12,000,000.00 have been planned for the State Lakes Park.

Whiston stated he was not aware the Village receives no funding from the Gilead Township Roads Levy that generates approximately \$100,000.00 annually for the Township. Although the tax is levied against the residents of the Village as well as the Township, only the Township benefits from the levy.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Solicitor Griffith requested that Council go into Executive Session to discuss an employee's ongoing BWC claim.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Clapper moved and Shaffer seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hines yes.

Kline moved and Clapper seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 2-2-15. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis no. Kline moved and Clapper seconded to adopt the real estate tax purchase resolution. Roll call: Kline yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes.

Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1713. Roll call; Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to adopt the codification ordinance. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes.

Ordinance 1714 was presented for the first reading. Kline moved and Clapper seconded to pass the ordinance to rescind the .50% income tax reciprocity to the seconded reading. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis no, Hines yes, Shaffer yes.

Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1715. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes. Clapper moved and Hines seconded to adopt the sale of property ordinance. Roll call: Clapper yes, Hine yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes.

Mermann reminded Council the meeting times for both Council and Committees needs to be published.

OTHER

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

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

OTHER

Kline moved and Clapper seconded to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator