

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on February 3, 2014.

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; John Curtis, Jim Gress, Kay Hines, Ed Kline, Emily Shaffer. The Clerk declared a quorum. Tim Clapper was excused. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Gress moved and Kline seconded to approve the 1/20/14 minutes with the correction that the Gilead Township Fire Protection contract expired on 12/31/13. Roll call; Gress yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman, Greg Young, Clayton Warrick, William McEldowney and Donna Carver and Randa Wagner from the Sentinel.

Mr. Warrick, an E. Center St. resident, requested that the two handicapped parking spaces on E. Center St. just east of S. Vine St. be moved east two spaces. His request stems from a request from the Trinity Methodist Church Trustees who have requested that he not block the E. Center St. rear entrance to the church. Mr. & Mrs. Warrick have three small children and very limited parking. Moving the handicapped spaces would not eliminate any church parking and would allow Mr. Warrick space in front of his residence. Administrator Rogers offered to look into the request. Mr. Warrick stated his landlord has requested the removal of three trees in the tree lawn on E. Center St.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 237 calls for service, 39 reports, 9 accidents, 99 charges and 4 felonies for the month of January. Kline requested that Auxiliary Officers Andrew Litteral and Anthony Cable be introduced to Council.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported 12 responses since 1-20-14, including 5 vehicle accidents, 4 mutual aid calls, and 1 sprinkler alarm check.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JIM GRESS

A meeting with Gilead Township Fiscal Officer Lyle will be scheduled.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 3/11/14.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee will meet the third Monday of each month at 6:00 PM. The next meeting will be on 2-17-14.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

Clapper was excused. Gress reported the committee held an informative meeting with Solar Planet representatives. The committee felt the project would be beneficial for the Village, the school and the community. The cost for power at the WWTP would never be higher than the total cost from Ohio Edison

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

The committee will meet on the second Thursday of each month. Council was encouraged to meet with the CIC on 2-10-14.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee met prior to Council and discussed parking regulations on W. Union St., S. Rich St., and E. Center St. The committee will meet on the third Thursday of every-other month beginning in March.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the normal maintenance at the WWTP.

Issue I Round 27 bid opening is scheduled for 11:00 AM tomorrow 2/4/14 with Poggemeyer Design Group.

Stegal Construction is scheduled to begin the emergency repairs at the WTP tomorrow with completion expected within 7-10 days.

The extreme cold weather is causing pot-holes throughout the Village. To date 175 tons of safety salt have been applied to the streets.

The assessment grant for distressed properties application will be submitted next week.

Rogers reported he is working with Lubrication Specialties to obtain a new certificate of occupancy for the former News Color Press building. The architect can do an inspection certifying that the building has not been altered for its original design. Rogers and Chief Young explained the hazardous material and reported the company has been cooperative. Chief Young reported that there were 2500 gallons of material that is 99.5% diesel fuel.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

On February 1, 2014, the Mayor granted Fire Chief Young permission to respond to emergencies within Gilead Township through 2/7/14 without a signed Fire Protection contract with the Township. The Chief stated the Trustees have assured him they will sign the contract at their regular meeting on 2/6/14 and return the signed contract to the Clerk’s office the next day. After contacting a few Council members, the Mayor authorized the Fire Department to respond to any emergencies within Gilead Township through 2/7/14. A written e-mail from the Township Fiscal Officer was forwarded to the Mayor with the promise that the signed contract would be forthcoming. Shaffer questioned how Council could vote unanimously on 1/20/14 to stop fire protection to the Township after 2/1/4 without a signed contract and have that decision changed after the fact. The Mayor stated he felt there was a moral obligation to the people of the Township to provide fire protection. Gress stated he supported the decision to insure that Council did everything possible to avert a tragedy; the Trustees were given an extra 30 days after the expiration date of 12/31/13 to make the right decision, a Police Officer delivered a written notification and letters were mailed by certified mail to the Trustees of the expiration of service on 2/1/14 and then another 6-day extension of service was granted. Chief Young offered to attend the Thursday night meeting with the Trustees and to return the signed contract to the office on 2/7/14. After a lengthy and in-depth discussion, all of Council, the press, the Mayor, and the Solicitor concurred that the residents of Gilead Township should be made aware of the irresponsibility of the Township Trustees. Randa Wagner stated she would also attend the Township meeting on 2/6/14.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$43,699.92. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Gress yes, Curtis yes.

Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1695. Roll call; Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes. Kline moved and Hines seconded to adopt the supplemental appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Kline yes, Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Curtis yes.

Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 2-3-14. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes. Hines moved and Curtis seconded to adopt the transfer of funds resolution. Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes. The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Kline moved and Curtis seconded to adjourn at 8:25 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator