

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 pm on March 17, 2014.

INVOCATION

Clapper 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, Jim Gress, 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

Kline moved and Gress seconded to approve the 3/3/14 minutes with the addition of the committee meeting for the Codes Committee was set for 4/7/14 at 6:00 PM. Roll call; Kline yes, Gress yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman, Greg Young, Donna Carver from the Sentinel and Patricia Davies, Director of Operations, Morrow County Board of Commissioners. Mrs. Davies shared the 2013 Morrow County Development Newsletter Annual Report and the most recent "Morrow County Visitor's Guide", distributed and paid for by the local businesses. Her in-depth report included the Economic Development Progress in 2013 and highlighted four areas of interest: "Attraction of New Businesses thru Development Strategies" "Business Retention & Expansion" "Business Creation thru Entrepreneurialism" and "Building our Civic Infrastructure thru Collaboration and Innovation". She credited MODE/Columbus 2020 for attracting businesses into the State of Ohio. The proposed new business, Lubrication Specialties, was discussed briefly. Chief Young reported the hazardous material problems and commended the owners for their complete cooperation in locating within the Village. Mrs. Davies presented postcards announcing her campaign for Morrow County Auditor.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

No report.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported 9 responses, including 3 vehicles accidents, 1 fire alarm, 1 broken electric pole, 2 EMS assists, and 1 burned food report.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JIM GRESS

Gress reported a letter requesting a portion of the Gilead Township Roads & Streets levy revenue was delivered by Solicitor Griffith to the Morrow County Prosecutor. The next meeting is scheduled for 4/1/14 at 6:00 PM.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

The committee met on 3/11/14 with Chief Zerman. Officer Gifford continues to work light-duty while recovering from a BWC injury on 9/11/13. Hines reported Officer John Hicks has resigned as of 3/28/14. Mayor Porter and Chief Zerman interviewed two applicants to fill the vacant position. Both applicants are well qualified and have worked with the Department part time. Chief Zerman explained the impact on the 2014 budget; the new officer will earn \$2.36 per hour less than Hicks, and the employer's share of the health insurance will net a savings of \$456.25 per month because Rinker is single while Hicks has a child on his policy. Zerman recommended the Village hire Officer Brett Rinker. Hines supported Officer Rinker who has pursued additional schooling and training at his own expense. Hines moved and Kline seconded to hire Officer Rinker as full time officer. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes.

Zerman reported that according to State Wide Ford the time to order a 2014 cruiser has expired, orders for the 2015 vehicles only are currently being accepted. Council compared the purchase of a new cruiser; Dodge \$21,394.00,

Ford SUV \$24,965.00, Ford Sedan \$22,177.00, Charger \$29,991.00. The Police Equipment Reserve currently has a balance \$22,141.93 with an additional \$15,000.00 transfer budgeted.

Hines reported Engine 15 has been repaired and returned to service. Long-time Firefighter Paul Kemp has retired from the Department.

The committee will continue to meet with Franklin Township Trustees for changes to the Fire Protection Contract ending 12/31/14. The next meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on 5/13/14.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and discussed several issues. The Personnel Policy will be reviewed for three amendments; the insurance for returning retirees, the pre-employment drug testing and an IRS reimbursement for meals requirement.

2013/2014 OPER’s changes for Council members will be reviewed.

The committee scheduled a special meeting to review certain time sheets on 4/3/14 following a letter from an anonymous concerned citizen.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:30 PM on 3/25/14 to review the utility billing; late fees and disconnect notice procedures and time frames.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 3/20/14.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 4/7/14.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported the WWTP pump repairs are completed. Solar Planet paperwork has been completed and will be returned this week.

A Public Hearing was held for Orchard Drive residents concerning the projected sanitary sewer project, scheduled to begin 5/1/14.

Rogers explained the recent sanitary sewer problems that are the result of dead-end lines throughout the Village. Lines were cleaned on Hickory Lane, on W. High St. at the Vail Realty property, and on W. Marion St.

Bid opening for the proposed Pool repairs was held on 3/11/14. Kline moved and Clapper seconded to award the contract to Astro Pool Company for a bid of \$166,160.00. Following a brief discussion, roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes. Rogers reported a request that the installation of a handicap-chair be considered.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reported Tree City is scheduled for 4/17/14.

Hearing no objections or suggestions, Porter appointed resident Rob Tromm to the Recreation Board.

Ken Cook has moved from the Village and has resigned from the Board of Zoning Appeals.

The Ohio Mayor’s Conference is scheduled for 6/11/14-6/13/14 in Marietta, Ohio.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to pass Ordinance 1696 to the third reading, Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes.

Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to pass Ordinance 1697 to the third reading, Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes.

Shaffer moved and Gress seconded to pass Ordinance 1698 to the third reading, Roll call; Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes.

Kline moved and Gress seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1699. Roll call; Kline yes, Gress yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes. Hines moved and Kline seconded to adopt the wage ordinance as an emergency. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes.

The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

The Spring Newsletter will be mailed this week.

OTHER

Hines moved and Gress seconded to adjourn at 8:40 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator

