

CALL TO ORDER

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

INVOCATION

Hines 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

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to approve the 2-17-14 minutes with the correction that Clapper abstained from the approval of the minutes and it was mistakenly reported that the Prosecutor recommended rather than suggested that a portion of the Road & Street levy be shared with the Village. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Auxiliary Officer Anthony Cable, Ohio Edison District Manager Dan DeVille, Brian Zerman, Greg Young, and Donna Carver from the Sentinel. Chief Zerman introduced and Council welcomed newly appointed Auxiliary Officer Cable.

Mr. DeVille reported the electrical problems, repairs and system status during the continued extreme cold weather and commended the employees who have worked throughout the winter weather. He explained that designing, replacing and maintaining some street lights with decorative pole lamps in the downtown area would be the responsibility of the Village. Ohio Edison does have a colonial style pole lamp but not the more attractive ones that some Villages prefer. He answered questions concerning de-regulation and the closing of several Ohio power plants which will cause a significant increase in electricity costs in 2015. The power plants, no longer US EPA compliant, are scheduled for closing over the next two years.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

No report.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported a total of 7 responses in the past two weeks, including 2 vehicles accidents, 2 fire alarms, 2 mutual aid calls and 1 structure fires. The 1995 Pumper 15 is in Columbus for mechanical repairs.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JIM GRESS

The 2/11/14 minutes were reviewed focusing on the topics listed. Council approved the draft letter from Solicitor Griffith to the Morrow County Prosecutor in reference to the Gilead Township Road Levy requesting 48.3% of the Township Roads and Streets levy. The committee will begin discussions on where the proposed revenue would be deposited.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

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

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 3/17/14.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

Clapper reported Attorney James Barney approved the Solar Plant agreement/guarantee to the committee's satisfaction. Clapper moved and Gress seconded to move forward with the solar energy project for the Waste Water Treatment Plant. Roll call; Clapper yes, Gress yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Hines yes.

The committee will continue to review the utility collection legislation with consideration to the procedure and time lines for disconnection notices.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 3/20/14. The Dr. Nathan Tucker Award will be discussed.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported discussions with Gorman Rupp concerning the raw pump problems at the WWTP.

Residents will receive letters and a March Public Hearing will be scheduled for the Orchard Drive Sanitary Sewer Project.

The railroad crossing and ditch restoration project to correct Northwood flooding will be funded by Issue I Round 28. The notification was included in the Council packets.

Street sewer problems, aggravated by abandoned alleys with no manholes allowing cleanout, were reported.

Bid opening for the Municipal Pool restoration project is scheduled for 3/11/14. Rogers reported he would like to receive at least two bids.

Cold patching is continuing as weather allows. The extreme winter weather has caused pot holes throughout the Village.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor appointed Jim Gress to the CIC Board.

Two applicants are being considered to serve on the Recreation Board. Only Village resident applicants are eligible for appointment by the Mayor. Residents outside the Village are appointed by the School Superintendent. The Board meets the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM.

The Mayor announced that March is DD Awareness Month. He met with the Self-Advocates group and Community Partners who work to promote the Whetstone Levy. The original 7 mill levy has been reduced over the years to approximately 1.5 mills causing drastic cuts to programs for residents throughout the County. Kline expressed appreciation that the County Commissioners are actively supporting the upcoming levy.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Ordinance 1696 was presented for the first reading. Clapper moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the compensation ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes.

Ordinance 1697 was presented for the first reading. Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to pass the Traffic Control Map ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes.

Ordinance 1698 was presented for the first reading. Kline moved and Curtis seconded to move parking ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Gress yes.

OTHER

Hines reported several residents have expressed concern that an individual carrying a gun has been frequenting the local McDonalds restaurant.

Gress expressed his appreciation to Council and Administrator Rogers for their work for the community and has received positive feedback from family as well as residents.

Hines moved and Gress seconded to adjourn at 8:00 PM.

