

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on March 7, 2016.

**INVOCATION**

Oyster offered the Invocation.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL**

The following members of Council answered roll call; Donna Carver, Tim Clapper, Kay Hines, John Oyster, Christopher Sherbourne, Keith Strait. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers, Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann and Fiscal Officer Asst. Cathy Davis were present.

**MINUTES**

Carver moved and Oyster seconded to approve the 2/15/16 minutes. Roll call; Carver yes, Oyster yes, Hines yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes.

**GUESTS**

Guests included Zach Jones from the Sentinel and Greg Young.

**POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN**

Chief Zerman was excused. Eleven accidents, 172 calls for service, 30 reports and 4 felonies were included on the written report.

**FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG**

Chief Young reported a normal/average month of 13 responses. The 2005 E-One Fire Truck, listed at \$159,000.00 was purchased at \$155,000.00. The vehicle, purchased new in 2005 at \$430,000.00, is the most sophisticated fire equipment in the area. It will be in service in town and will be used for rescue until it has been fully equipped. It will then become the standard truck for all responses. Hines commended and expressed appreciation to Chief Young for his careful attention to the Fire Fund Budget and for securing the best price and also the best equipment possible for the Village.

Chief Young, Mayor Porter and Hines will meet tomorrow, 3/8/16 at 7:00 PM, with the Edison Safety Committee to discuss the 2017 and future Fire Protection Contracts.

**COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS****STREETS-KEITH STRAIT**

No report.

**FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES**

The committee met on 2/17/16 with Chief Zerman and authorized the ad for a new Officer to replace Officer Rinker. Three applications have been submitted for the position. Hines reported the department is currently operating with only 5 full time Officers.

The committee is scheduled to meet on 3/28/16 at 7:00 PM with Chief Young.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL-TIM CLAPPER**

The committee met prior to the Council meeting. The Clerk-Treasurer responded today to an objection to the 2015 decision to rescind the 1/2 percent credit for the income tax paid to another municipality.

The revised Investment Policy with the change from Clerk-Treasurer to Fiscal Officer was presented. Clapper moved and Sherbourne seconded to approve the new policy. Roll call; Clapper yes, Sherbourne yes, Strait yes, Hines yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes. Required Bonds for Village Officials are current.

The most recent BWC employee has returned to work doing light-duty.

The committee reviewed the Administrator's request to revise the Personnel Policy for employees who wish to return to work full time after retirement. Rogers explained that recent issues have shown that full time supervision and leadership is a necessity for the services department. Solicitor Griffith offered to review the ORC so that the Village language is in compliance with State requirements. Clapper moved and Hines seconded to approve the proposed changes to Section 23 of the Personnel Policy. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hines yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 4/4/16.

**UTILITIES-JOHN OYSTER**

The committee met with the office staff on 3/2/16 to consider changes to the utility billing system. New residents are now asked to sign a verification that they have been informed and are aware of certain billing/payment requirements. The office is currently accepting Master Card, Visa, and Discover cards for utility, Mayor's Court, and income tax payments. The committee will continue to monitor the results of the changes. The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 4/25/16.

**LONG RANGE PLANNING-TIM CLAPPER**

The committee is scheduled to meet on 3/28/16 at 6:00 PM and will continue to meet thereafter on the third Monday of each month prior to Council.

**VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-DONNA CARVER**

The committee met on 2/18/16. A written report highlighting several developments within the Village was briefly reviewed. The proposed May opening for the restaurant opening in the former Hatfield' located on S. and the Medical Center also located on S. Main St. in the former Snyder Funeral Home, are awaiting the necessary permits before completing the renovations. Chief Young stated a number of permits for both facilities must be in place before opening.

County Development Director Farnsworth has been invited to attend a committee meeting and/or a Council meeting.

**CODES & REGULATIONS-CHRIS SHERBOURNE**

The committee met on 2/22/16 at 7:00 PM. Ordinance 1741 repealing the Pit-Bull dog regulations will be presented for the first reading tonight. The second part of the legislation, the vicious animal ordinance, will be reviewed before being presented to Council.

**ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS**

Rogers reported normal operations, testing and maintenance at the WWTP & WTP.

The services department is learning to operate the recently purchased Vactor Jetter which has replaced the 1984 truck. Repairs will be completed on the older vehicle before it is sold.

The Sanitary Sewer Rehabilitation Phase I materials have been ordered, the paperwork completed and OPWC has authorized the beginning of the project.

Engineering on the Mt. Gilead State Park/SR 95 E project is completed and submitted to ODNR.

Pittsburg Tank submitted a quote of \$45,000.00 for painting the interior of both water towers. Rogers stated he would submit the project for Issue I funding.

Funding has been released for the Fort Gilead restroom facility.

Further investigation will begin as weather allows to locate the continual leak at the pool. Rogers reported he now expects the problem to be a broken line outside the pool near a return line to the filter pit.

A huge price increase for Mosquito Spray will make spraying very costly this summer. The 30-gallon spray, priced at \$2,500.00 five years ago, is now priced at \$6,130.00

**MAYOR- MIKE PORTER**

The Mayor presented a Proclamation recognizing April 2 National Autism Day and April as Autism Recognition Month.

**SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER**

No report.

**CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN**

Clapper moved and Strait seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$272,240.25. Roll call; Clapper yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Hines yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes.

Ordinance 1738 was presented for the third reading. Clapper moved and Hines seconded to adopt the Fiscal Officer's residency ordinance. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hines yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes.

Ordinance 1741 was presented for the first reading. Carver moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass the ordinance repealing the Pit Bull restriction to the second reading. Roll call; Carver yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes Oyster yes, Strait yes.

Ordinance 1742 presented for the first reading. Strait moved and Sherbourne seconded to pass the Water Regulations ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes.

Hines moved and Oyster seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1743. Hines yes, Oyster yes, Carver yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes. Hines moved and Carver seconded to adopt the Codification ordinance. Roll call; Hines yes, Carver yes, Oyster yes, Strait yes, Sherbourne yes, Clapper yes.

The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

**OTHER**

Council agreed to monitor the 2016 revenue before making a contribution to the Annual Trash Bash.

Hines reported on the Ohio Municipal League Conference for newly elected Council members.

Porter stated three Ohio communities will decide at the election next Tuesday if they will disband because they are no longer fiscally able to continue as a governmental entity. Four "Meet the Candidates" meetings were well attended throughout the County prior to the election on 3/15/16.

Hines moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

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Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

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Michael S. Porter, Mayor

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Dan Rogers, Administrator