

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on April 21, 2014.

INVOCATION

Shaffer offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Mayor led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following members of Council answered roll call; Jim Gress, Kay Hines, Ed Kline, Emily Shaffer. Tim Clapper and John Curtis were excused. 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 Kline seconded to approve the 4/7/14 minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Gress yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Gavin Graham, Brian Zerman, Greg Young, and Donna Carver from the Sentinel. Mr. Graham is interested in local government, he was present to observe a Council meeting.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

No report.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported a total of 15 responses during the last two weeks, including 5 vehicle accidents, 2 illegal burns, 2 grass fires, and 2 smoke scares. Twenty-two Firefighters will complete the current firefighter training class with the final test this Wednesday.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**STREETS-JIM GRESS**

Gress reported the committee will continue to meet with the Gilead Township Trustees and the Prosecutors to discuss the Township Road & Street levy.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

The committee met with Chief Zerman on 4/15/14 and discussed the purchase of a 2015 Ford SUV at \$36,946.00 or a 2014 Dodge Charger cruiser at \$33,821.00. Chief Zerman reported the all-wheel drive SUV may be better on ice or snow; the Dodge would be more mileage efficient. The Charger could be ready for delivery by August or September, the SUV may not be ready until October or November. Some equipment, including the light-bar, console and cage would have to be replaced. Following the discussion, Hines moved and Kline seconded to proceed with the purchase of the 2014 Dodge Charger at \$33,821.00.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 5/13/14.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and reviewed minutes from the 4/10/14 special meeting. At the request of a concerned resident, the committee examined the 2013-2014 times sheets and payroll records. Shaffer reported no irregularities were found in the review.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 5/19/14.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

Clapper was excused.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

The 4/15/14 meeting was cancelled. Kline reported the Fort Gilead playground has been an item of discussion by the Mt. Gilead Board of Education. The area, extensively damaged over the years by vandals, has long been a concern for the school as well as the Village. The playground, designed, paid for, and built by local volunteers, has now become a place where residents are reluctant to allow their children to play.

The committee is considering prices and designs for decorative lighting in the downtown fountain park area.

The CIC is meeting with potential developers for the former HPM site. Kline stated the rail-spur located behind the plant increases the value of the property.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis was excused.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Normal maintenance and operation were reported at both the WTP and WWTP.

Rogers estimated the repairs for the Vactor-Jetter to be between \$20,000.00 and \$25,000.00. The equipment is used on a daily basis.

A major water leak was detected at the condos located at 287 W. High St. Rogers reported the Village did not inspect or oversee the installation of the system when the condos were built approximately 10-15 years ago. Rogers stated he will allow two weeks for repairs to be completed by the property owners before service is discontinued.

Astro Pool has begun the extensive pool renovations; Council was encouraged to visit the area while the renovations are in progress. The pool is scheduled to open on the Memorial Day weekend.

Orchard Drive sanitary sewer project is scheduled to begin on 5/1/14.

The extreme winter weather caused deterioration of streets and catch basins, repairs continue as time and weather allows.

Seven letters were mailed to the residents whose property is considered to be a blight. Rogers reported he personally visited several of the most severe cases. Residents who refuse to comply will be cited into Mayor's Court.

Rogers reported that with the number of projects scheduled, and two employees off on medical leave, the mowing would not be a priority this summer. The soccer fields and other areas will be mowed less often than in previous years.

The Wayside Garden Club began spring clean-up in the downtown fountain park area on 4/18/14.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reported Arbor Day at the Library is scheduled for 4/25/14 and at the School for 5/9/14.

A call from a former resident requested that the Council reconsider the "no parking" regulations on S. Cherry St. from W. Marion St. to South St. Included with the request was the complaint that another property on the street should be better maintained; another neighbor received a new sidewalk after the removal of a tree; and a problem with the water bills.

Administrator Rogers answered that S. Cherry St. is too narrow to allow parking, particularly during the winter months when residents disregard the snow emergency restrictions; the 'blight' problems are being addressed throughout the Village; the neighbor replaced the sidewalk in front of his home; and the water bill has already been resolved.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Following a brief discussion, Gress moved and Shaffer seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Gress, yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Hines yes.

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