

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Special Meeting to order at 7:30 PM on May 13, 2014.

INVOCATION

The Mayor 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, Emily Shaffer. Ed Kline was excused. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present. County Commissioner Thomas Whiston joined the Council at 8:00 PM.

PURPOSE OF THE MEETING

The Mayor stated the purpose of the meeting was to consider an email correspondence from Morrow County Development Agent Patricia Davies requesting a written offer from the Village for the Lubrication Specialties expansion project. Because of certain location restrictions, the company, which deals with hazardous materials and currently located in the former News Color Press building on Neal Ave., will need to relocate and would like to remain within the County. According to Davies, several locations are being considered; the former CORE building on Douglas St., the Home Road location, and the SR 95/I71 interchange. The advantages and disadvantages of each location were discussed. Clapper reported that the company is expanding into the world-wide market and has indicated the former HPM building on Douglas St. across from the CORE building is enough of a blight to discourage his locating in that area. Rogers reported the owner of the former HPM building has been notified that the site must be cleaned; broken windows, weeds and the deteriorating building are negatively affecting the sale of the CORE building. Extending the water and sewer service to the Home Road location, with possible tap fee reductions or offers and a possible road extension were part of the discussion. Various tax abatements, including an income tax, TIFs (Tax Increment Financing), and the CRA were discussed. Curtis noted that any incentive would also need to benefit the Village with potential jobs and future tax revenue.

Whiston joined the in-depth discussion and assured Council of the County’s intent to attract potential businesses to the area but indicated there has been no definite indication of the Lubrication Specialties plans or expectations. A TIF or JEDD (Joint Economic Development District) would be considered. Clapper stated the company will make a business decision for his business once the written proposals are in place. Providing water and sewer to the Home Road location could attract future business to the area. Clapper moved and Gress seconded to proceed with the Home Road water and sewer services extension to the Home Road corporation limits with the time frame at the Village Administrator’s discretion. Roll call; Clapper yes, Gress yes, Curtis yes, Hines yes, Shaffer yes. The written offer would be presented to the County.

Curtis moved and Hines seconded to adjourn at 8:55 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator