

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on May 19, 2014.

INVOCATION

Gress 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, Jim Gress, Kay Hines, Ed Kline, Emily Shaffer. John Curtis was 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 Hines seconded to approve the 5/5/14 minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes.

Shaffer moved and Gress seconded to approve the 5/13/14 Special Meeting minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Kline abstained, Clapper yes.

JOINT MEETING WITH GILEAD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Hines moved and Kline seconded to recess the Regular Meeting. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes.

Shaffer moved and Gress seconded to call the Joint Meeting to order. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes.

Kline moved and Hines seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 5-19-14. Roll call; Kline, yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes. Columber moved and Gress seconded to adopt the Union Cemeteries Resolution. Roll call; Columber yes, Gress yes, Arnold yes, Lewis yes, Kline, yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes.

Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to appoint Kay Hines to serve the unexpired term of Steve Hart until 12/31/15 on the Union Cemeteries Board. Roll call Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Hines abstained, Clapper yes, Gress yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes. Shaffer moved and Gress seconded to appoint Edison resident Ruth Davis to serve the unexpired term of Penny Lewis on the Board until 12/31/14. Roll call; Columber yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Arnold yes, Kline yes, Lewis yes. Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to appoint Davis to serve on the Board until 12/31/17. Roll call; Columber yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Arnold yes, Gress yes, Kline yes, Lewis yes.

Gress moved and Hines seconded to adjourn the Joint Meeting. Roll call; Gress yes, Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes.

Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to reconvene the Regular Council Meeting. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Brian Zerman and his sons Brock and Ryan, , Donna Carver from the Sentinel, Gavin Graham, Greg Young, Trustees Harry Arnold, Clyde Columber, & Dave Lewis, Gilead Township Fiscal Clerk Ric Lyle, County Prosecutor and Gilead Township Solicitor Charles Howland, Westview Dr. residents Mike & Donna Dorsten, Susie Counts, Susan Spencer, Jim Patterson, and Rick Watkins

Mrs. Dorsten spoke for the Westview Drive residents with a number of issues to bring to Council's attention. The first was the future of the former HPM/Taylor Industries building located on W. Marion Rd. Rumors that the abandoned building may soon be sold to a business that could have a negative effect on the area have the neighbors concerned and asking for stricter regulations for a prospective buyer. Council reminded the group that the site is zoned Industrial and they cannot make a code so strict to deter future businesses. Prosecutor Howland assured the group that the County is aware of the rumors as well as the concerns and that he also lives in the area. He stated that the building has deteriorated to the extent that repair costs would deter potential buyers, however, the rail spur at the rear of the property could be an advantage to a company looking to locate in the area. Demolition of the building for the steel content may be the best the County and the Village can expect. The second issue for the group

was the increase in the traffic, both motorists and pedestrians, and the number of motorists who speed. Chief Zerman assured the residents that Westview Drive is not unique in that problem. Traffic tickets are issued in every part of the Village, on every street. He offered to have an Officer on duty park in a driveway beginning tonight. Additional speed limit signs will be placed along the street. The third concern was the overgrown bushes/shrubs near the south end of the street. The property owners have allowed the bushes to grow to obstruct traffic in the west lane. Motorists traveling south are moving into the north-bound lane to avoid scratching their vehicles, making an additional hazard on the narrow street. Rogers offered to review the legislation regulating the problem.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported the 2014 Cruiser has been ordered.

Repairs amounting to approximately \$800.00 are needed for the 2010 Cruiser following a minor accident on 5/15/14.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported 12 responses during the past 2 weeks including, 3 vehicle accidents, 1 EMS Assist, 1 illegal burn, 1 burned food report from the S. Delaware apartment complex. The Station roof will soon require repairs or replacement.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JIM GRESS

Gress highlighted the minutes from the 5/12/14 committee meeting. Three topics were discussed. The committee is waiting for a response from Attorney Jennifer Burnaugh addressing the Gilead Township Road & Streets tax levy nor have the Township Trustees responded to the question of an equitable split or any option at all for the Village residents who are taxed for the roads and streets but receive no compensation for the tax.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

Hines expressed her appreciation for the visit from Sgt. Cronenwett and Segar, the K-9 officer, at the Tomorrow Center in Edison.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 on 5/22/14.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

Shaffer reported the committee met prior to Council. The committee will review the expenses and revenues following the completion of the second quarter.

The committee reviewed the Worker's Compensation case of an Officer who has been on light-duty since his injury on 9/11/13.

Two employees, Felder and McKirgan, have announced their early retirement from the WWTP.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

A meeting will be scheduled before the end of the month.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

The committee is scheduled to meet at 7:00 PM on 5/20/14 to discuss the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award nominations.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis was excused.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal maintenance and operation at both the WTP and WWTP. Sludge hauling from the WWTP will begin in June. Employee Foltz has been learning the day-to-day operation of the WWTP. Foltz has his Waste Water I license but needs the hours to become certified. MCF will act as Operator of Record until those requirements are satisfied.

Orchard Dr. sanitary sewer project is scheduled to begin 6/1/14.

Rogers reported the pool renovations will not be completed in time for the Memorial Day opening. The opening is scheduled for 6/6/14. The pool-house has been given a thorough cleaning, renovation and painting.

The Morrow County Health Department is working to condemn a residence located on W. High St. after finding sewage was running onto the ground. Rogers reported the problem was the

result of the property owner who dug up the sanitary line, caused extensive damage to the line and did nothing to repair or report the problem. He stated the house is infested with cock roaches and is no longer fit for human habitation.
Cold patching continues as weather allows.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

No report.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Following a brief discussion, Gress moved and Clapper seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$86,690.42. Roll call; Gress yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Hines yes.

Kline moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 5-19-14 A. Roll call; Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes. Shaffer moved and Gress seconded to adopt the Indigent Defense resolution. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes.

Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 5-19-14 B. Roll call; Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes. Hines moved and Kline seconded to adopt the resolution to purchase a 2014 Police cruiser. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes.

OTHER

Two more property issues were brought to Council's attention. The Westview Dr. residents stated that the ditch that runs through the area has become so overgrown with brush that trees 3-4 feet tall are now growing in the ditch. Rogers stated the ditch belongs to the County, the Village does not own the ditch nor do we have a Right-of-Way. The Village's previous attempts to help clear the ditch were met with opposition. An elderly resident on S. Main St. has repeatedly requested the removal of a dead tree located in the old Presbyterian Cemetery. Trustee Columber reported that attempts to remove the tree have been met with opposition from Judge McClelland, also a S. Main St. resident. Judge McClelland had previously requested the tree remain until the ground was frozen and would cause less damage to his lawn. Columber offered to contact Judge McClelland again to schedule a time to remove the tree. Clapper moved and Hine seconded to adjourn at 8:05 PM

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator