

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on May 4, 2015.

INVOCATION

Curtis 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, Steve Hart, 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

Clapper moved and Shaffer seconded to approve the 4/20/15 minutes with two minor corrections and the correction that Council did not “approve” the proposed Pine Lake Golf Course liquor license transfer but did not oppose the transfer. Roll call; Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Donna Carver from the Sentinel, Brian Zerman, Greg Young and Gilead Township Trustees: Clyde Columber, David Lewis and Harry Arnold.

JOINT MEETING WITH GILEAD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES

Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to adjourn the Regular Meeting. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Hines yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes.

Hines moved and Kline seconded to call the Joint Meeting to order. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes. Hines moved and Kline seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 5-4-15. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes. Hart moved and Hines seconded to adopt the Union Cemeteries Resolution. Lewis stated the Trustees are requesting support for an additional one-half mill tax levy. Council questioned how the funds would be expended, the number of “union cemeteries” and the current Gilead Township Road Levy that taxes the Village residents but does not benefit the Village. Columber stated the Roads Levy funds can only be used for roads and bridges; those funds cannot be used for cemeteries and noted the cost increases for trees, roads and mowing at the cemeteries. Lewis explained the levy, which would generate an additional \$45,000.00 annually, would fund upkeep of the numerous cemeteries with 75% of the money going to Rivercliff Cemeteries. Roll call; Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes.

Kline nominated Kay Hines to serve an additional 3-year term on the Union Cemetery Board, beginning 1/1/16 until 12/31/18. Curtis seconded the nomination. Roll call; Kline yes, Curtis yes, Hines abstained, Columber yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Arnold yes, Lewis yes. Kline moved and Clapper seconded to adjourn the Joint Meeting. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Arnold yes, Columber yes, Lewis yes.

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

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported a total of 178 calls for service during the month of April which included 21 reports, 7 accidents, 58 charges and 4 felonies.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported a total of 14 calls in the past two weeks which included 3 EMS calls, 1 burned food, 2 illegal burns, 3 vehicle accidents and 3 mutual aid calls.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee met on 4/30/15 and discussed problems with the south traffic signal. The report noted the light is too low to allow trucks to travel unobstructed. The recommended proposal will be included in the Administrator's report.
Curtis reported the committee compared 3 price quotes for a replacement mower.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

The committee met on 4/29/15 with Chief Young. Hines moved and Curtis seconded to approve the appointment of Drew Shirk to the Fire Department. She stated Shirk will need to complete the appropriate training. Roll call; Hines yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes.

The 109 responses to date in 2015 were as follows: 34% in Mt. Gilead, 4% in Edison, 22% in Franklin Twp., 8% in Canaan Twp., and 28% were mutual aid.

Hines moved and Kline seconded to approve the transfer of \$75,000.00 from the Fire Fund to the Fire Equipment Reserve Fund. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes.

Five suits of Turn-Out Gear at an approximate cost of \$12,000.00-\$13,000.00 will be ordered in July. Tower 18 repairs are expected to cost approximately \$14,000.00. Both expenses were budgeted.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 5/21/15.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

The written minutes were included in the Council packets.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 5/18/15.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

No report.

LONG RANGE PLANNING-TIM CLAPPER

The committee met prior to Council. Mayor Porter alerted the Board of Elections that the Clerk-Treasurer position will no longer be an elected position. The appropriate Ordinance will go into effect on 5/20/15. A job description and necessary advertising will be reviewed by the Finance & Personnel committee.

The committee is considering the continuation of Mayor's Court following the future retirement of the current Clerk. Solicitor Griffith offered to work with the committee. Griffith and Chief Zerman noted a number of the benefits to the Village of hearing cases in the Mayor's Court rather than being transferred to the Municipal County Court. Griffith explained that as many as 20 cases could be heard in one session of Mayor's Court as compared to one case in Municipal Court. Chief Zerman stated that eliminating Mayor's Court would require all cases be heard in the County Court despite the expense which is an advantage especially for Village residents. Clapper stated the expenses and revenue as well as the benefits would be reviewed.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 on 6/6/15.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

Kline reported he would attend the sale of the former HPM building on 5/8/15.

CODES & REGULATIONS-STEVE HART

Hart presented the proposed "Good Neighbor Standards" ordinance. The Ordinance will be presented for the first reading on 5/18/15.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported normal operations at the WTP and WWTP.

Results of the Issue I application are expected in June.

A major sanitary sewer problem was resolved with the placement of "inspector manholes" in the Northwood Subdivision. Four similar problems will be addressed within the area along with one on S. Delaware St.

Two employees will be attending testing this week; one for the Water II license and the other for the Waste Water II license.

The Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP) accounting has been approved for the HPM Phase I and II Brownfield Grant.

Two resolutions will be presented tonight, one for the NatureWorks Grant and one for the CDBG Grant.

The pool preparations are under way.

Rogers explained the necessary repairs for the south traffic light. The current poles supporting the lights were not designed for two lights and both have been seriously damaged by age. The repair costs include all new LED lights, PVC heads, all electrical work and moving the computer box and electrical to the new NW pole. Clapper moved and Curtis seconded to proceed with the repair project at a cost of \$21,500.00 to be taken from the State Highway Fund. Roll call; Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes.

Clapper moved and Curtis seconded to approve the purchase of the Exmark X-series mower from Miller Lawn & Power at a cost of \$7,070.00. Roll call; Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

The Mayor reported Arbor Day is scheduled for 5/8/15.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Resolution 4-20-15 was presented for the second reading. Curtis moved and Kline seconded to pass the recreation levy resolution to the third reading. Roll call; Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes.

Hines moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 5-4-15 A. Roll call; Hines yes, Hart yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes. Kline moved and Hines seconded to adopt the Indigent Defense resolution. Roll call; Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes.

Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 5-4-15 B. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes. Clapper moved and Hart seconded to adopt the CDBG resolution. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes.

Hart moved and Hines seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 5-4-15 C. Roll call; Hart yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes. Hines moved and Hart seconded to adopt the paving resolution. Roll call; Hines yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Kline yes.

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 5-4-15 D. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes. Clapper moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the NatureWorks Grant resolution. Roll call; Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes.

Shaffer moved and Hart seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1719. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hart yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes. Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to adopt the supplemental appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

Ordinance 1720 was presented for the first reading. Clapper moved and Hart seconded to pass the sewer rate ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Clapper yes, Hart yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis no, Shaffer yes.

The YTD Fund Report was included in the Council packets.

OTHER

Shaffer reported complaints that the sign on the former First Knox Bank should be removed. "First Knox Bank" panels were removed from the sign when the building was donated to the Historical Society leaving only the unattractive shell of the sign. Shaffer reported the Chamber of Commerce is requesting the barriers be moved closer to the Monument during the July Sweet Corn Festival. Rogers stated accommodating the request would create a safety hazard and refused to allow the additional area.

Curtis moved and Kline seconded to adjourn at 8:30 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator