

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on July 20, 2015.

## **INVOCATION**

Hines 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, Steve Hart, 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 6/22/15 minutes as presented. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Hart yes, Clapper yes.

## **GUESTS**

Guests included Donna Carver from the Sentinel, Steve Dempsey, Brian Zerman and Greg Young.

## **POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN**

Chief Zerman reported a total of 200 calls for service during June, which included 52 charges, 6 felonies and 31 reports.

The Family Dollar Store, located on W. Marion Rd. was robbed at gunpoint on 7/13/15.

A theft of items valued at \$650.00 was reported stolen from the Kroger Store on 7/11/15; the suspect was apprehended and the merchandise was recovered.

On 7/14/15 a mother of three small children, ages 2, 3, and 5, reported her children missing from the yard on W. Marion St. where they had been playing. Chief Zerman reported a Code Red call alerted residents of the emergency; neighbors, EMS staff, Fire Fighters, employees from the Village and the County Sheriff's office immediately covered the area in a coordinated effort to locate the children. The children were returned safely when it was discovered a friend had taken the children with her but did not make that fact clear to the mother.

Part time Officer George Conger served his last day with the Department on 7/13/15.

Testing of approximately 10 applicants is scheduled for 7/25/15.

## **FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG**

Chief Young reported a total of 14 responses since 6/22/15, which included 2 EMS assists, 2 vehicles accidents, 1 burned food report, 1 barn fire and 2 alarm malfunctions. The Department assisted in the missing children incident, sending available Fire Fighters to the scene to help search the area.

## **COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **STREETS-JOHN CURTIS**

Curtis was excused.

### **FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES**

The committee met with Chief Zerman on 7/23/15 and discussed the 2015 Budget, including salaries, holidays, longevity and especially overtime. Hines explained that with the expected resignation of Officer Gifford, and the resent resignations of Detective Foley and Officer Conger, the overtime will be much greater than anticipated but cannot be avoided.

Hines reported Officer Belcher is performing well in her training.

Officer applications are due by 7/24/15 with testing scheduled for 7/25/15. Back-ground checks will be completed before the final recommendation is presented to Council.

#### **FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER**

The committee met prior to Council and discussed the lengthy BWC claim that finally appears to be nearing an end for the Village, almost two years after the original injury which occurred on 9/11/13.

The committee discussed establishing a practice to follow until the Personnel Policy is amended to address certain inconsistencies.

The Mayor and the Clerk explained that despite the best efforts of the Ohio Municipal League and most local government officials to stop the drastic changes, the Local Income Tax regulations, outlined in ORC 718 (HB 5), will go into effect in 2016. Porter explained the current Village Ordinance will need to be repealed and the new Ordinance adopted by January 1, 2016. Income Tax Returns, taxing years prior to and including 2015, will be taxed under the current regulations. Mermann stated the complex legislation was addressed in a three-day seminar sponsored by the OML on 7/8/15-7/10/15. The changes expected to be the most costly for the Village are the Net Operating Loss (NOL) five-year-carryover and the Occasional Entrance provision. Centralized collection of the tax by the State is still a threat.

Clapper moved and Kline seconded to authorize the Administrator to advertise for the Fiscal Officer position beginning 8/1/15. The ads will be posted through various state-wide web-sites as well as in the Sentinel. Roll call; Clapper yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes.

#### **UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER**

Clapper requested paving repairs needed on the WTP drive leading past his residence.

#### **LONG RANGE PLANNING-TIM CLAPPER**

The committee met on 6/29/15 to discuss the expected retirements over the next 5-10 years. The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 7/27/15.

#### **VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE**

Kline briefly highlighted the CIC minutes. Potential interest has been reported on the former Core building located on Douglas St.

Poggemeyer will review the CRA agreement to include the property surrounding the County jail.

#### **CODES & REGULATIONS-STEVE HART**

The committee met on 7/9/15 and discussed the proposed vicious animal legislation.

Hart reported the committee will consider zoning changes that will differentiate between the business district at the intersection of W. Marion St./W. Marion Rd. and W. High St. and the more "historic" downtown area,

The committee is scheduled to meet at the Cornerstone Restaurant at 8:00 AM on 7/30/15.

#### **ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS**

Rogers reported heavy use during the past year has caused problems to two of the three 8" WTP pumps. Repairs are estimated at \$4,000.00.

Heavy rains are also being blamed for NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) violations. The new permit will reflect the new E. coli limits.

A major storm water repair will be completed in the 12" tiles between the Presbyterian Church on N. Cherry St. and residents south of the church. Several options are being considered.

The CSX Rail Crossing project will be rebid on 8/4/15. All fees to the CSX have been paid.

Sanitary Sewer Re-Line project engineering is nearing completion. Rogers stated he hopes to bid the first of August.

Vactor Jetter repairs are continuing, the clutch will be installed along with two new thrust bearings.

Cold patching continues as time and weather allow.

#### **MAYOR- MIKE PORTER**

No report.

#### **SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER**

Griffith briefly reviewed the Resignation of Employment Agreement and Release signed by former Officer Dustin G. Gifford. Kline moved and Clapper seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 7/20/15. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes.

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to adopt the resolution authorizing the Mayor's signature on the Resignation of Employment Agreement and Release. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hart yes, Hines yes, Kline yes.

**CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN**

Following a brief discussion, Hart moved and Shaffer seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Kline yes.  
The YTD Report was included in the Council packets.

**OTHER**

Shaffer reported the Annual Sweet Corn Festival was well attended but noted the Chamber of Commerce should be reminded next year to clean the area following the annual event. Rogers agreed the stipulation to clean up next year should be in the planning. Kline expressed appreciation to Rogers for his work at the festival.  
Shaffer stated she has received requests that the Village use more de-icing salt during the winter months and less grit on the streets. Rogers reported the cost of salt is still too expensive to use salt exclusively.  
Hine moved and Hart seconded to adjourn at 7:50 PM.

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Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Porter, Mayor

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Dan Rogers, Administrator