

## **CALL TO ORDER**

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on August 18, 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; Tim Clapper, John Curtis, Jim Gress, 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**

Shaffer moved and Hines seconded to approve the 7/21/14 minutes. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes.

## **GUESTS**

Guests included Donna Carver from the Sentinel, Brian Zerman, Greg Young, Steve Hart, Andrew and Laura Wick, Gary Joiner, Alison Hirt, and Crystal Millisor.

Mr. Joiner, representing the Ohio Public Entity Consortium presented a health insurance plan that would match the benefits of the current United Health Care package. The Self Insured program, under the ERISA regulations, would exclude the 2.5% tax normally charged under Fully Insured plans. Rogers questioned the network of facilities and doctors. Joiner explained that Medical Mutual is the preferred provider. The negative aspect is that the Village would be locked into the program for three years. Hines reported the school had previously been in a self-insured group and had a bad experience. OPEC would manage the Health Reimbursement, Flexible Spending Accounts and Cobra accounts.

The Mayor reported that Keith Strait was scheduled to attend Council and requested that the Village deny water service to a resident who had previously left a delinquent bill that the property was required to pay.

Donna Carver spoke for Mike Matuch who was also on the agenda. The Whitetail Warriors is a project to help wounded military personnel enjoy hunting. A local "Family, Fun, Food & Foam" fund raiser hopes to raise \$10,000.00 for the project.

Mr. Hart, former member of Council, presented photos of his daughter and her dog after being bitten by a pit bull dog. The injuries to both the daughter and the dog happened during three separate incidents two weeks ago. He stated the pit bull has been removed from the friend's home and placed in a rescue facility.

Laura and Andrew Wick as well as residents, Donna Carver and Alison Hirt, all spoke again in favor of repealing the current breed-specific legislation prohibiting Pit Bull Terriers within the Village. They recommended strict leash and tethering laws, spaying and neutering requirements and they noted the responsibility of the owner and the difficulty and cost of enforcing the ordinance.

## **POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN**

Chief Zerman reminded Council that school started early this year on 8/12/14. The County Fair begins on 8/25/14 so motorists should be watching for pedestrians and children walking or on bicycles.

## **FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG**

Chief Young reported 32 responses, including 2 false alarms, 13 vehicle accidents, 3 illegals burns, 4 mutual aid calls, and 3 burned food. A report of smoke in the sky was the result of a resident burning trash in their fire place.

## **COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **STREETS-JIM GRESS**

The committee met on 8/11/14 and reviewed a quote of \$12,000.00 from Poggemeyer Design Group for a street survey of the W. Marion St./W. High St. intersection. The committee discussed options to help alleviate the traffic problems.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 9/8/14.

**FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES**

The committee will schedule a meeting after the County Fair next week.

**FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER**

The committee met prior to Council and recommended that the Personnel Policy requiring drug testing be consistent for all new employees, including summer recreation personnel.

Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to authorize Mayor Porter to sign a Fee Agreement with Worker's Compensation specialists, Attorneys Lee M. Smith & Associates from Columbus, for an ongoing BWC claim. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Hines yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes.

**UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER**

The committee met on 8/5/14 and held an in-depth discussion of implementing a storm water utility rate. The committee suggested a fee of \$2.00-\$3.00 per month. Currently storm sewer repairs and maintenance are funded from the General Fund.

The committee visited the WWTP to check the solar panels that should be installed within the next six to eight weeks.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:30 PM on 9/22/14.

**VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE**

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:30 PM on 8/28/14 to focus on the construction and/or annexation of the future Ag-Credit building on US 42 south of the Fairgrounds. Rogers explained that the location of the building will not require annexation. Kline stated the company does wish to annex.

Lubrication Specialists will relocate at the I-71 & SR 95 interchange. Kline reiterated that it is imperative to keep current and future businesses within the Village.

**CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS**

The committee met on 8/4/14 and discussed Chapter 505.14 of the Codified Ordinances prohibiting Pit Bull Terriers. Curtis noted a strong difference of opinion between members of the committee and the Council but stressed that the regulations must protect the residents as well as keep the cost of enforcement within means. Gress noted that because only two residents have been charged since the ordinance went into effect in 1987, the current legislation is working. He noted that the current vicious animal legislation comes into effect only after two or three attacks. The laws prohibiting Pit Bull Terriers is pro-active in keeping the animals from coming into the Village. Carver continued to argue that other breeds can be a greater danger. Mayor Porter ended the discussion and explained that the committee will continue to review the highly debated issue.

**ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS**

Rogers reported normal maintenance and operations at the WWTP and WTP. Corrective measures in testing have remedied the sludge problems at the WWTP.

Orchard Dr. sanitary sewer project is nearing completion.

The problems, the result of incorrect installation of a manhole near 100 E. North St., have been corrected.

Two problems were repaired along the south side of Grant St. near Hickory Ln.

Rogers addressed the request from a resident who has difficulty entering and leaving the swimming pool. The cost, safety and efficiency of steps into the pool are all factors that have been considered.

The 5-K Dash at Dusk was again a success with over 200 runners.

Poggemeyer engineers will begin soil boring next week for the OPWC Storm Sewer Rail Crossing and Ditch Restoration project.

Brownfield Grant paperwork has been completed and accepted.

The Council discussed the demolition of the house and garage located at 125 N. Rich St. Chief Young reported the mold in the residence caused breathing difficulty for firefighters.

**MAYOR- MIKE PORTER**

Mayor Porter reported he will attend a meeting on 8/19/14 with Senator Burke in Marysville to oppose passage of HB5 that would have a negative effect on local government' income tax revenue.

The Mayor and several Council members attended a meeting with ODNR representatives at the State Lakes Park. Proposed improvements for the park included, flush restrooms, showers, updating two shelters and new signage and improvements of the trails. Dredging 10 feet from the bottom of the lake and two new dams are planned for the park.

**SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER**

No report.

**CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN**

Clapper moved and Gress seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$266,778.77. Roll call; Clapper yes, Gress yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hines yes. Shaffer moved and Kline seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 8-18-14. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes. Hines moved and Gress seconded to approve the Real Estate Tax Assessment for delinquent water bills. Roll call; Hines yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes. Mermann reported revenue of approximately \$4,000.00 was included in the recent real estate tax payment for blight assessment and delinquent utility bills.

Kline moved and Hines seconded to suspend the rules for the reading of Ordinance 1703. Roll call; Kline yes, Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Gress yes, Clapper yes. Shaffer moved and Gress seconded to approve the supplemental appropriation ordinance. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Gress yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes. Ordinance 1704 was presented for the first reading. Shaffer moved and Curtis seconded to pass the temporary parking ordinance to the second reading. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes, Hines yes, Clapper yes, Gress yes.

YTD Fund Report was included in the packets.

**OTHER**

Shaffer reported a group of concerned citizens are looking for individuals who would organize and volunteer to save the historic buildings in the downtown area.

Clapper reported a state-wide survey showed the Village utility rates are within the middle range.

Curtis moved and Hines seconded to adjourn at 9:00 PM.

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Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

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Mike Porter, Mayor

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Dan Rogers, Administrator