

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:00 PM on September 8, 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, Kay Hines, Ed Kline, Emily Shaffer. Steve Hart was excused. The Clerk declared a quorum. Mayor Mike Porter, Solicitor Matt Griffith, Administrator Dan Rogers and Clerk-Treasurer Sue Mermann were present.

MINUTES

Kline moved and Clapper seconded to approve the 8/17/15 minutes with the correction that the parts from one WWTP pump will be kept in reserve. Roll call; Kline yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Hines yes, Curtis yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Donna Carver from the Sentinel, Judy Graham and Greg Young. Mrs. Graham, current owner of Mike Graham Insurance, located at 17 W. High St., is selling the Agency to Insurance Agent Steve Watts. The Agency is planning an Open House/Christmas event to be held on Wednesday, December 9 to welcome Mr. Watts and Agents Dan Downs and Curtis Ruhl. The event will feature refreshments, Santa Claus and live reindeer in the parking lot. They are requesting the northwest parking lot be closed from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Shaffer offered to invite the downtown merchants and churches to combine their Christmas events with the plans. Council noted the closing of the parking lot will not conflict with the Corner Stone Restaurant which closes at 2:00 PM on Wednesdays. Hines moved and Shaffer seconded to permit the closing of the parking lot in front of the Agency from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM on December 9, 2015. Roll call; Hines yes, Shaffer yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Clapper yes.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman was excused.

FIRE CHIEF-GREG YOUNG

Chief Young reported a busy past two weeks with 31 responses, including 5 vehicle accidents, 5 alarm malfunctions, 10 mutual aid and EMS calls, 1 field fire, 1 illegal burn and 2 gas leaks.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-JOHN CURTIS

Curtis reported the Rich St. paving is completed. Administrator Rogers will request a meeting as needed.

FIRE & POLICE-KAY HINES

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 9/17/15 with Chief Young at the Fire Station.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 9/21/15.

UTILITIES-TIM CLAPPER

No report. Rogers reported there is no need to schedule a meeting.

LONG RANGE PLANNING-TIM CLAPPER

The committee met on 8/20/15. Clapper reported an expected \$190,000.00 additional income tax revenue beginning in 2016 from the change in reciprocity. The committee discussed several options for the additional funding, including building up the General Fund, street repairs, filling open positions in staffing, and possible wage increases.

The committee is scheduled to meet at 6:00 PM on 9/10/15.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-ED KLINE

No report.

CODES & REGULATIONS-STEVE HART

Hart was excused.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported problems with the UV systems and the Septage Receiving billing system at the WWTP have been resolved.

The east salt tank clean-out has been completed at the WTP. Winter preparations have begun.

Quotes will be considered for the needed Station 19 roof repairs. Rogers stated the maintenance now could assure the roof an additional 10 years.

Draining the pool began this week. The job of locating the continuing leak will be a priority, Mid-Ohio Paving completed Rich St., the South St. hill, an area behind the Fire Station, and the Water Plant.

Riley Contracting will begin the CSX project on 10/5/15. The entire project is expected to be completed within 3 weeks.

The County has submitted the CDBG application to Columbus. David Belford offered a large piece of playground equipment to the Village for the new playground. Unfortunately, the piece was too large to move and Rogers stated he could not accept the offer.

Council discussed setting aside funds to replace the 1984 Vector Jetter. The truck is a valuable asset for both the Water and Sewer Departments.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter reported the Tree Board, along with the Headwaters Board, has scheduled to begin the long awaited work on an Arboretum at the Headwaters at 8:20 AM on 9/23/15, the fall equinox.

A resident has issued complaints of vehicles parked on lawns, against Ordinance 1706, passed on 11/20/14.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded to approve payment of the bills in the amount of \$101,255.26. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes.

Resolution 9-8-15 was not presented. The Acceptance of Rates and Taxes was not available from the County Auditor.

Shaffer moved and Clapper seconded, to suspend the rules for the reading of Resolution 9-8-15 A. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Clapper yes, Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes. Hines moved and Kline seconded to adopt the Real Estate Tax Assessment for Blight resolution as an emergency. Roll call; Hines yes, Kline yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Clapper yes.

Hines moved and Clapper seconded to approve the Appropriation Transfer. Roll call; Hines yes, Clapper yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Kline yes.

The YTD Fund Report, showing an unexpended balance of \$6,009,058.33 for all funds, was included in the Council packets.

Mermann urged Council to consider attending the October OML Conference. The 3-day event consists of workshops as well as social activities which could prove helpful in the future when Council is responsible for the duties of the future Fiscal Officer.

Council approved the wording from the Board of Elections for the upcoming Recreation Levy.

OTHER

Hines explained the Gilead Township Cemetery Tax Levy. Funds from the .50 mill levy would be collected and disbursed by the Gilead Township Trustees without the Board's input. To date, the ballot language has not been made available to the Union Cemetery Board. Griffith stated he would review the Union Cemetery Board Agreement for the distribution of tax funding wording.

Hines stated she often stops to express her appreciation to the employees who work to keep the Village clean and attractive. Although they are paid for their work, the personal greeting and words of thanks are appreciated by all the employees.

Ms. Carver expressed frustration that trucks delivering supplies to the Oxygen Store on N. Cherry St. have completely blocked traffic not only on N. Cherry St. but also around the corner east all the way up to and around the Monument. She stated the Oxygen Store owners fear the concrete drive would be damaged by the delivery trucks if allowed to drive closer to the store.

Hines moved and Clapper seconded to adjourn at 7:45 PM.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator