

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 6:00 pm on January 7, 2008.

INVOCATION

Curtis offered the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Porter led the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL

The following answered roll call; John Curtis, Steve Hart, Darrell Levings, Emily Shaffer, Keith Strait, and Betty Williams. The Clerk declared a quorum.

MINUTES

Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to approve the minutes with the corrected expiration date for the Dr. Nathan Tucker award. Roll call: Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes, Levings yes.

REORGANIZATION OF COUNCIL

Curtis nominated and Shaffer seconded the nomination of Steve Hart for 2008 President Pro Tempore. Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to close the nominations. Roll call to close the nominations; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes. Roll call for the nomination; Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Strait yes, Hart yes.

Curtis moved and Levings seconded to continue the regular council meeting schedule of the first and third Monday of each month at 7:00 pm. Roll call; Curtis yes, Levings yes, Williams yes, Hart yes, Strait yes, Shaffer yes.

Williams moved and Strait seconded to retain the current Council Rules of Procedure. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Shaffer moved and Strait seconded to appoint Griffith & Brininger as Solicitors. The contract was approved in December; Shaffer withdrew the motion and Strait withdrew the second.

GUESTS

Guests included Don Staiger, Jennifer Wallis, and Brian Zerman.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported on the 12/27/07 accident involving Sgt. Cronenwett and the 2006 cruiser. Office Cronenwett suffered a strained wrist and returned to work following treatment at the Hospital. The driver of the second vehicle was cited for failure to yield and the Village insurance (Hylant Administrative Services) coordinated the financial settlement between Western Reserve and State Farm Insurance to replace the cruiser and equipment. The cruiser was appraised to be a total loss. Zerman explained the damages and the insurance evaluation of the parts, vehicle and equipment. A total of \$10,975.00 was offered to replace the cruiser and additional funds will replace and install the equipment. Council agreed a new cruiser should be ordered as soon as possible to avoid the usual delay of delivery but disagreed with the settlement for the cruiser. Solicitor Griffith agreed to write to the insurance company to negotiate the settlement and advised that the check coming from Western Reserve be held until the final agreement. Williams moved to approve \$30,000.00 for the cruiser and equipment. Strait seconded the motion. Zerman clarified that the equipment from the 2002 cruiser would help outfit the new cruiser. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes.

The 2007 year-end report will be presented at a future meeting.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger presented the December report, with a total of 427 responses for the year. The year-end report will be available as soon as it is completed with a breakdown of location, address and type of each call.

The Department is compliant with FEMA regulations with the successful completion of the NIMS (National Incident Management System) requirements. Griffith will review the regulations to determine any additional requirements for the Village.

All seven firefighters enrolled the Instructor's Class have passed the course, qualifying for grant funds reimbursement. Federal grant funds have purchased complete turn-out gear for each of the firefighters, including new helmets and boots. Porter expressed appreciation to the Chief for his dedication in applying for the various grant funds. Photos of the new equipment will be placed on the web-site.

The Flying Horse Farms, east of the village on SR 95 will be open in less than 2 years.

A delay is expected in the delivery of the Rescue 11, putting the delivery date back to March. Staiger reported that 2 fire fighters would fly to S. Dakota in February to inspect the new equipment.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

No report.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

A meeting was scheduled with the Chief Staiger for 6:00 pm on 1/15/08.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

Hart reported that the committees from 2007 would continue into 2008 with few changes.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams requested a meeting following the 1/21/08 Council meeting.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee will meet at 6:00 pm on 2/4/08 to review the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award nominations.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

No report.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Rogers reported on the success of the new WWTP. Employee McKirgin reported the water leaving the facility tested one on the best in the state.

The salt storage bins at the Water Plant is being emptied to allow for repairs.

A major water leak was repaired on Park Ave.

A mail box on Orchard Drive was replaced after our snow plow damaged it. 150 tons of salt has been used in the removal of ice and snow this season.

The web-site advising residents how to report street-light outages has reduced the number of calls to the office.

Rogers reported he has received numerous applications from the ad he placed in the paper. He stated he will narrow the list down to 3 or 4 applicants following interviews, then bring his recommendations to Finance and Personnel and Council. Council questioned the qualifications, including education and licenses, listed in the ad. Rogers stated he has several employees including department supervisors who are nearing retirement age within the next 5-6 years.

Licenses or degrees would be a plus but may not be necessary for the day-to-day work. He would like to hire someone with management capability. Hart requested that a copy of the ad be included in the Council's packet.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Porter reported he preformed a wedding ceremony on his first day in office. He expressed appreciation for the support and welcome he has received at the beginning of his term in office.

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

Griffith reported he would continue to meet with the office staff on Tuesday mornings.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

Strait moved and Hart seconded to approve payment of the bills. Roll call; Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Shaffer moved and Williams seconded to suspend the rules for Ordinance 1593. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes. Williams moved and Strait seconded to adopt the 2008 Appropriation Ordinance. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes.

Williams moved and Shaffer seconded to appoint John Curtis and Keith Strait to the 2008 Volunteer Fire Fighters Dependents Fund Board. Roll call; Williams yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

OTHER

Rogers explained that he has been unable to address a resident's complaint about the unsolicited papers from the Marion Star. The papers are "delivered" each week by tossing them into residents' driveways where they quickly become litter for each resident to pick up.

Williams requested that Solicitor Griffith attend a meeting of the Rivercliff Cemetery Board on 1/9/08 to discuss the cemetery tax levy with the Board, Gilead Township Trustees and their legal representative. Griffith agreed to represent the Village in the on-going discussion about the union cemetery.

Strait moved and Curtis seconded to adjourn at 7:05 pm.

