

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Porter called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 PM on February 4, 2008.

INVOCATION

Levings 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

Williams moved and Levings seconded to approve the minutes of the 1/21/08 Public Hearing. Roll call: Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer abstained, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Strait abstained. Hart moved and Levings seconded to approve the 1/21/08 regular Council minutes with the addition of the vote of approval for the bills presented. Roll call: Hart yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Williams yes, Curtis yes, Strait yes.

GUESTS

Guests included Tri-Rivers Superintendent Chuck Speelman, County Health Department Administrator Pam Besseck, Don Staiger, Jennifer Wallis, and Brian Zerman. Mr. Speelman presented information concerning the upcoming 1 mill permanent improvement tax levy. Of the 49 career centers in the state, Tri-Rivers was rated first for job placement and will be the first career center in the nation to offer LPN/RN training. Speelman highlighted the student and adult training programs available at the facility and issued an invitation to the 2/13/08 Public Forum at the High School.

Ms. Besseck gave an update of the Health Department's activities. The District Advisory Council is scheduled to meet on 3/20/08 and the Trash-bash is 4/19/08. Budget cuts in the last few years have necessitated cutting the staff from 25 employees to 15. State mandated programs continue to increase while funding decreases. To reduce costs, the newsletter has been discontinued; updates and the financial report are available on the website. Besseck urged Council to support the upcoming operational levy in March.

POLICE CHIEF-BRIAN ZERMAN

Chief Zerman reported 226 calls, 43 reports, 6 accidents and 75 charges filed in January. Curtis commended the officers following a recent call for service at a local business.

FIRE CHIEF-DON STAIGER

Chief Staiger presented his 2007 End of the Year Report and comparison from previous years. An increase in serious traffic accidents has resulted in a surprising increase in Med-Flight transports. A meeting with the representative from Rosenbaur gave the Chief an opportunity to express his dissatisfaction over the delay of delivery of the 2008 Rescue 11. The vehicle will be at least 83 days late. The contract "estimated" a 325-day delivery which the Representative stated allows for any delay. Staiger stated the explanation was not acceptable and noted that the first payment of \$144,237.00, of the \$352,000.00 purchase price, was paid on September 18, 2007. Staiger reported he would meet with Trustees from Franklin Twp., Gilead Twp., and Canaan Twp. to address any concerns.

COMMITTEES & RECOMMENDATIONS

STREETS-DARRELL LEVINGS

A meeting is scheduled for 2/13/08 at 6:00 PM.

FIRE & POLICE-KEITH STRAIT

The meeting scheduled for 2/11/08 was cancelled.

FINANCE & PERSONNEL-STEVE HART

The committee will meet prior to Council at 6:00 PM on 2/18/08.

UTILITIES-BETTY WILLIAMS

Williams presented the minutes of the 2/21/08 meeting. The committee will meet following Council on 2/18/08.

VILLAGE DEVELOPMENT & ZONING-EMILY SHAFFER

The committee met prior to Council and recommended Brian Vail and Dr. William Taylor to be the first recipients of the Dr. Nathan Tucker Award of Excellence. Shaffer moved and Levings seconded t o

approve the nomination. Roll call; Shaffer yes, Levings yes, Williams yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes, Hart yes. The announcement will be made public and the two will each receive a plaque at a Chamber Luncheon. Solicitor Griffith recommended that the Downtown Review Board, that was disbanded in December, be re-convened to allow time to establish regulations and guidelines for the new board. Council discussed at length the original board and the need to expand the regulations to include not just the downtown area but the entire village. Griffith explained that since there is an ordinance regulating the board, the new policy should be in place before the old board is disbanded. Hart moved and Williams seconded to re-convene the Downtown Review Board. Roll call; Hart yes, Williams yes, Levings yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Curtis yes. Mayor Porter agreed to appoint Jim Fleeson to the board to replace Joe Hupfer. The next meeting will be held at 6:00 PM on 3/3/08.

CODES & REGULATIONS-JOHN CURTIS

The committee will meet at 7:00 PM on 2/19/08. The Mayor requested that the committee address several conflicting issues within the Codified Ordinances.

ADMINISTRATOR-DAN ROGERS

Chemicals have been purchased and the septage receiving facility is now operating. Rogers explained the high electric usage at the WWTP and the efforts to reduce the costs. The new tools for the WWTP have been purchased and marked to ensure they do not come up missing.

Weather is delaying the cleaning and repairs of the east storage tank at the Water Plant.

Work is scheduled at the High School to service 2 building and the athletic fields.

The replacement of the Cedar St. water line between Vine St. and Bank St. is ready to begin. Williams moved and Hart seconded to authorize the purchase of equipment and parts at a cost of \$15,863.28 for the proposed project. Roll call; Williams yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Strait yes, Levings yes.

Cold patching continues as needed.

An ordinance will be presented to Council for approval of the disposal/sale of equipment at the upcoming consignment auction. Rogers reported that he may put a minimum-bid restriction on the equipment because it may bring a better price if it is sold as scrap.

MAYOR- MIKE PORTER

Mayor Porter presented copies of the State of The Village report for 2007 and reported a smooth transition to his position as Mayor.

Council approved the appointments of Cindy Hershner to the Zoning Board, Don Hines to the Planning Commission, Tom Griffith and Tim Butcher to the Tree Board. Levings agreed to serve on the CIC Board

SOLICITORS-GRIFFITH & BRININGER

No report.

CLERK-TREASURER-SUE MERMANN

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

Ordinance 1594 was read for the first time. Williams moved and Strait seconded to pass the Supplemental Appropriation ordinance to the 2nd reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

Ordinance 1595 was read for the first time. Hart moved and Strait seconded to pass the WODA property zoning ordinance to the 2nd reading. Roll call; Williams yes, Strait yes, Hart yes, Curtis yes, Shaffer yes, Levings yes.

An expense account #602.555.52300 and a revenue account #602.000.42563 have been established for the septage receiving.

Julian & Grube independent auditors will begin the 2006/2007 audit on 2/25/08.

The Public Records Policy posters are displayed at the Services Department, Water & Sewer Plants, Fire Department, Police Department, and Municipal Office in compliance with HB9 regulations. Copies of the policy have been distributed to employees and the training attendance certificates are expected from the Attorney General's office.

Curtis moved and Strait seconded to adjourn at 8:20 pm.

Sue Mermann, Clerk-Treasurer

Mike Porter, Mayor

Dan Rogers, Administrator