

Call to Order

The Regular Session of Council was called to order by Vice Mayor Mike McKeehan. The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call

Roll Call was completed by Clerk of Council. The following members were present.

Terry Erwin – P

Judy Neal – P

Rebecca Isaacs-Niemesh – P

William Thompson – P

Mike McKeehan – P

Paul Zorn – P

Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

Council reviewed the minutes of the previous meetings. Motion by Councilwoman Neal to approve the minutes of the April meeting with necessary corrections on page 2, Ordinance for Highlawn Avenue; second by Councilman Erwin. All yea.

Vice-Mayor McKeehan reported a profit was realized by the circus of \$500 per Mr. Yorkie Bryant.

Committee Reports from Village Officials

Beautification Committee – Councilman Thompson reported plans were submitted to the Zoning Inspector, Jesse McKeehan. He advised ODOT requires a permit. Thompson stated he made sketches, incorporated their changes and transformed them into formal plans; he advised he was waiting for a permit. Erwin stated it will look very nice. Thompson described the lumber and materials on hand and progress to date. Neal asked if the project would be completed this year; Thompson advised per Jesse McKeehan, it would take about 7 to 14 days for the permit approval. He stated the Village insurance carrier must sign off on the permit. Zorn asked to serve as a volunteer. Fiscal Officer Kathie Koehler stated they may be concerned about liability. Discussion followed.

Thompson stated he met with a student regarding the project; the student indicated spots need to be filled in order to do the artwork properly. He advised Troy Cain was ready to pressurize the wall. Thompson also stated a resident approached him regarding a handicap residential parking space. Thompson stated he previously forwarded an email regarding same. McKeehan asked Police Chief Kilburn how the issue was approached in the past. Terry Erwin mentioned Mrs. Hobbs wanted a space. Kilburn advised signs were removed quite some time ago and he wasn't aware of any recent requests. He stated people were beginning to place traffic cones where they wanted to reserve a parking space on Main Street. Discussion followed. Councilwoman Isaacs-Niemesh asked how many parking spaces were present. John Poe responded. Neal asked if the State had a formula, giving the percentage of spaces that must be marked handicap. Thompson stated he would provide the name and number for the resident on Main Street requesting the parking space.

Street Committee – Councilman Zorn advised he did some checking on the wording for a dangerous intersection. ODOT will get back with him following their meeting. He stated Test or Counter Strips would be installed within two weeks.

Neighborhood Watch – Zorn reported on the recent Cyber Bullying Class. He stated one additional Council member attended. He advised he planned to offer the class again on July 13, 2012 at the Masonic Lodge. T. Erwin stated the lights on Main Street seem to help in keeping crime down in the area. Zorn advised residents are doing a good job keeping watch in their neighborhoods.

Zorn reported a grant is available for solar panels and he would provide the information. Neal requested he discuss the crossing in front of Family Dollar at ODOT the meeting.

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Health, Education & Welfare Committee – Isaacs-Niemesh reported the committee recommends the Premium Saver Plan with employees keeping the current plan and raising the deductible to \$5,000, which would be covered by the second card. In this instance, the cost will go up \$2.00. She advised most items would remain the same; the Village would realize a savings guaranteed for 12 months. The co-pay for the doctor's visit is up \$10 and a specialist would be \$50 co-pay. The out-of-pocket cost would drop from \$2,000 to \$950. Isaacs-Niemesh asked if the Village currently offered an incentive for employees who don't use the plan or would consider doing so in the future. A handout/illustration was provided. Discussion followed.

Motion by Zorn; Second by Neal to accept the proposed insurance plan. All yea.

Police Committee – Neal gave the floor to Kilburn. Kilburn reported his cruiser was out of warranty and out of repair. The dealer's service department was unable to repair the vehicle and recommended it be retired. Kilburn admitted the cruiser did not run well over 45 MPH. He advised he previously checked on a used car replacement for \$19K. A new car would cost \$23K and the trade-in for the existing cruiser would be \$6,000. Kilburn stated there is one new 2012 cruiser available in Ohio; it is black. He suggested wrapping the doors only in white. The 2006 cruiser has 71,980 miles. T. Erwin asked if the new vehicle had the same coil pack. Kilburn replied no; he advised the new car proposed is a Chevy Tahoe. Kilburn stated he would retrofit the equipment from the existing car. Zorn asked if the Village would get more on Gov Deals for the current cruiser. Thompson stated there is a police cruiser on the Village property that citizens may inquire about. Erwin advised that cruiser was currently listed on Gov Deals. Neal asked if the funds were appropriated for purchase. Erwin stated the Comprehensive Plan is not in effect right now and was where the funds would be drawn. Koehler stated she would move \$4,500 in interest and principal. Solicitor Oda advised a State Bid vehicle could be handled by majority vote. Thompson stated it was a matter of public safety.

Motion by Zorn to purchase a new police cruiser; second by T. Erwin. All yea.

Chief Kilburn reported the Village had a new methane lab. Discussion followed. He also reported the cruisers are sitting at Route 22 and 3 in Hamilton Township as a response to a request for help during the construction project. He stated Officer Landrum provided assistance several times. Discussion followed. Neal stated she directed traffic and was glad to help. She reported a resident asked about the grass cutting in the green space at the Woodlands. Chief Kilburn reported Jesse McKeehan was working on that issue.

Parks Committee – Terry Erwin reported Duke Energy will help with Phegley Park. He stated Duke Energy is donating \$1000; he is seeking other donations. Erwin also discussed the proposal submitted by Jesse McKeehan for the larger permit fees. Koehler explained the previous fees. She stated with higher permit fees, the zoning inspector's portion of the fee would be higher, such as a Planned Unit Development (PUD). Oda stated zoning compensation is set by Ordinance or Resolution; he asked to review the information before action was taken. Isaacs-Niemesh stated she would like to table it for a month. Vice Mayor McKeehan stated the matter would be tabled until the next month. Neal stated Jesse McKeehan was doing a good job.

Ordinances/Resolutions

Oda stated a Resolution was needed for adjustments to budgeted line items. McKeehan advised the first group was increases/decreases of line items and the second group was for engineering, moving \$3,000 to that line and taking care of a phone equipment fee.

Motion by Neal to suspend the rules and waive three readings of Resolution #7-12; second by Councilman Erwin. All yea. Motion by Neal to adopt Resolution #7-12, approving adjustments to line items; second by Erwin. All yea.

Approval of Disbursements

Disbursements were distributed by Koehler. Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to pay the bills; second by Neal. All ye.

Standard Bank Reconciliation Reports by Fund and Fund Summary were provided from April 1, 2012 to May 7, 2012.

Koehler discussed Village stock. She advised \$4,552.08 was available from an old stock dividend from the health insurance company. Neal requested clarification. Koehler stated Steve Wagner, Financial Advisor, recommended the Village cash it in. Isaacs-Niemesh asked about the interest. Zorn stated a fund could be set up for the Village's third well; Neal agreed. McKeehan suggested it be cashed in for the dividends; he recommended the money be placed in the General Fund. Koehler discussed other funds, perhaps Capital. Council was in agreement funds be placed in the General Fund. Koehler stated she would draw up a letter and take it to the bank.

The Vice Mayor discussed the Thompson Street water run-off problem. Following the hard rain, he stated he viewed the situation and it was worse than expected. He referenced prior conversations with Council and plans to have the engineering firm look into the problem. Zorn asked if there was a mud slide. McKeehan responded a lot of debris run off was present. He stated previously storm sewers were placed above the area where the problem exists. Mike McKeehan advised he spoke with a Salem Township Trustee who will visit the area with him to discuss options and solutions. Discussion followed. Terry Erwin advised the Mayor was at a meeting that evening regarding the issue. McKeehan suggested Council discuss this with the engineer, Shawn Campbell.

Public Forum

A question was raised regarding the Comprehensive Plan for the Village. Poe asked why it was being delayed for a year and when the decision was made to do so. McKeehan stated funds are why we are postponing it at this time. Isaacs-Niemesh stated the Village has a few unexpected expenses. Koehler stated we will reassess our budget dollars. Poe expressed his concern regarding the Comprehensive Plan being delayed and stated how important it was. McKeehan stated he believed it was important. Poe also complimented Jesse McKeehan stating he was a professional and conducted himself in that manner.

Koehler discussed a line item of the budget and possibility of moving some additional funds. She referred to the Fund Summary. Mrs. Poe stated the stock interest discussed could be used for the Comprehensive Plan in 2012. Zorn asked if Council could bring the plan up for discussion the following month.

Earlene Christensen, a new Village resident, asked Council to improve the signage entering Morrow; she stated the sign is crooked. She stated Morrow is a wonderful community. T. Erwin advised he would like to see it improved and landscaped. McKeehan stated trees were removed previously. Terry Erwin stated there was no landscaping. Thompson advised he realized it while looking at the map and previously referred it to the Parks Committee. Erwin advised he would get right on it. Neal added the flagpole in front of the Municipal Building was broken recently and Mike Hannah went to the lumber company right away and got what he needed to take care of it.

Adjournment

Motion by Isaacs-Niemesh to adjourn; second by Neal. All ye.

Kathie Koehler, Fiscal Officer

Mike Erwin, Mayor